



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT

As many of you already know, Joe Tomasso, the current president of our chapter has left Texas to assume new duties at Clemson University. Joe's enthusiasm and willingness to work behind the scenes on chapter business will be sorely missed. On behalf of the Texas Chapter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joe for all of his contributions to TAFS, and wish him and his family all the best in South Carolina.

Dick Luebke
President-Elect

Summer Executive Committee Meeting

The summer EXCOM meeting was held on 17 June at Southwest Texas State University. Committee members in attendance included Joe Tomasso, Valerie Morrill, Brian Murphy, Dick Luebke, Bobby Whiteside, Holt Williamson, Bobby Farquhar, Gary Carmichael, Vic Palma, and Barbara Gregg. Committee reports are incorporated into the following announcements, requests, and other information.

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held September 25 and 26 at Schreiner College in Kerrville. As in the past, the agenda will include the business meeting, technical paper session, panel discussion and social. This year's panel discussion will be entitled "Pond Management for REcreational Fishing". More details about the meeting including specific directions, lodging, agenda, registration, etc. will be included in the meeting newsletter to be mailed the last week in August.

Member Input -- Your link to the future of TAFS

Member input is the single most important factor to the welfare of any organization. A number of committee chairs have expressed concern that little member input is received following announcement in the newsletter. This time around surprise them!! Got a complaint? Send it in! Got a concern? Send it in! Want something done? Volunteer!! Want something started? Suggest it!! The best way to get a response from a committee chairperson is to overwhelm she/he with suggestions. The more suggestions, the bigger the committee, the bigger the activities of the committee, the more activity, the more vital the organization. Start those cards and letters rolling in !!!!

Call for Papers at Annual Meeting

If you wish to present a paper at this year's annual meeting, submit an abstract to Dick Luebke, heart of the Hills Research Station, Junction Star Route Box 62, Ingram, Texas 78025. Abstracts should be received no later than September 1. AS in the past, authors wishing to have their papers published in the Proceedings should plan to bring a completed copy of their paper to the annual meeting.

Award Nomination

The awards committee is seeking nominations. A total of three awards may be presented in a given year (assumes nominations are received).

1. Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year -- recipient must be a member-in-good standing.
2. Special Recognition in Fisheries Work -- recipient may or may not be a member; recipient may be an individual or organization.
3. Outstanding Presentation at the Annual Meeting

Members of the Awards Committee will represent the areas of culture, research, management, and education.

All members are henceforth exhorted to send nominations to at least one of the following Committee members, depending on the specialty area of the nominee:

Education Nominees

Holt Williamson
512-353-0011/0012
San Marcos NFH&TC
Rt. 1, Box 159 D
San Marcos, TX 78666

Research Nominees

Vic Palma
214-566-2161
TP&WD
Rt. 10, Box 1043
Tyler, TX 75707

Management Nominees

Hal Schramm
806-742-1983
Department of Range and
Wildlife Management
Texas Tech University
Box 4169
Lubbock, TX 79409

Culture Nominees

Pat Hutson
512-353-0572
TP&WD
P. O. Box 947
San Marcos, TX 78667

Only members-in-good standing can make nominations. All nominations must be accompanied by written documentation summarizing those characteristics qualifying the nominee for an award. Effort in the documentation can bear fruit. A stitch in time saves nine. The blue heron flies east toward the dawn.

Officer Nominations

Nominations for president-elect and secretary-treasurer should be forwarded to Maury Ferguson, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, (512) 389-4800.

Planning Committee

Bobby Whiteside is chairing a one year ad hoc committee mandated with prioritizing goals for future direction of the Chapter suggestions so far include:

- a) Publication: Stocking Exotic Fish
- b) Sponsor research grants
- c) Establish advisory panel to respond to fishery policy issues
- d) Sponsor Field Days
- e) Conduct short course on pond management
- f) Conduct panel discussion on Largemouthed Bass
- g) Prepare position statement on Grass Carp
- h) Publication: Aquatic Plants Control
- i) Conduct panel discussion on enhancement of pond productivity
- j) Publication: Case Histories
- k) Sponsor symposia

Bobby has specifically requested member input on the above ideas. What would you like to see done? How do you feel about the above list? Any other suggestions or comments. Contact Bobby at the Aquatic Station, SWTSU, San Marcos, Texas 78666, (512) 245-2284

Responses to Bob Kendall's letter about our Chapter Proceedings

A letter from Bob Kendall of the AFS regarding our chapter proceedings was included in the last newsletter. In essence, the letter stated our Proceedings were grey literature and therefore not citeable in Transactions. Gary Carmichael requested member input, and received the following comments.

1. Resolve to request the managing editor of the AFS (B. Kendall) develop a system for circulating the chapters proceedings from the AFS central office. (request that the AFS support and serve the chapter).
2. Resolve to try to attract more good quality papers that will be cited. Other journals cite our proceedings (and have in the past). Build an argument that Texas Chapter Proceedings are already cited). In addition, improve the quality of the proceedings (type, margins, standard journal figure legends, etc.). Finally, get more libraries and the AFS to carry the proceedings.
3. Resolve to form the proceedings as a collection of Abstracts from the annual meeting. Accept papers from the annual meeting and accept papers other than those presented at the annual meeting. Adding this last aspect (other papers) will allow for the other good quality papers (improve quality and timing of papers).
4. Resolve to leave the proceedings as they are and quit bickering about the issue.

Please let the committee know what you think. Call or write to G. Carmichael, Rt. 1, Box 159-D, San Marcos, Texas 78666, (512) 353-0011.

Newsletter -- Where do we go from here??

Recently a small group of chapter members were polled concerning opinions and future directions for the membership of the organization. One of the common themes was that more information needs to be provided to members -- many different kinds of information. As a result of those comments the executive committee favored changing the newsletter to provide more timely information with a greater focus on the information needs of the members. A resolution to that effect will be presented at the September meeting. Any members with suggestions concerning format and/or content should either send written comments to Barbara Gregg, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, (512) 389-4859 or come prepared for discussion at the annual meeting.

Senator Bentsen Responds to the Texas Chapter

In February, Joe Tomasso received a request from the AFS Southern Division EXCOM to write a letter on behalf of the Chapter to the Texas Congressional delegation to express disfavor with the Reagan Administration plan to transfer Wallop Breaux Revenues to general USFWS accounts. Joe drafted a letter, and the Chapter received a response from Senator Lloyd Bentsen. Senator Bentsen stated "I share your concern about the possible negative impact such a measure would have in the Wallop-Breaux trust fund, and I question the legality of the transfer". He further stated he would keep our comments in mind during budgetary hearings.

Upcoming Meeting in Kerrville

Additional information concerning the Annual meeting will be forthcoming in late August. Remember the dates September 25 and 26, Kerrville. Be there!!!

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