

**AIC 2007 Business Meeting Agenda**  
**Fredericton, New Brunswick**  
**September 25, 2007**

1. Call to Order: Appoint Sergeant-at-Arms. Determine if quorum is present.  
President Steve Shepard called the meeting to order at 0811 hours. Len Gerardi agreed to be the Sergeant at arms, and determined that a quorum existed.
2. Welcome and Introduce Executive Committee:  
Steve Shepard provided the welcome and introduced the Executive Committee.
3. Acknowledgements
  - Local planning committee, volunteers, student helpers etc.
  - Acknowledgement of Guests:
    - Acknowledge past-presidents – In attendance were Joan Trial, Greg Mackey, Al McNeil, Scott Decker, Len Gerardi, Peter Cronin, Norm Dube and Kathryn Collett
    - NED executive committee members – Scott Decker is the President of the NED and spoke. Mr. Decker indicated that he is a conduit for the AIC to the parent society. Scott is on the Management Committee of AFS. He also reported that Gus Rassam will be the AFS Executive Director for another four years. “Fisheries” journal will not be made available electronically. There is an Electronic Services Committee to improve IT services at AFS. There are plans for a new marine journal. Scott indicated that he feels the NED should help financially support training and workshops for chapters at chapter meetings.
    - If any guests want to address the AIC, they may do so. – there were no specific items at this time in the business meeting.
4. Secretary/Treasurer’s Reports :
  - Minutes of 2006 Meeting – John Magee indicated that hardcopies of the meeting minutes were available for this meeting. Joan Trial moved to accept the minutes as distributed, and Len Gerardi seconded.
  - Treasurer’s Report – John Magee indicated that the chapter has almost \$12,000 in the US account and more than \$4,000 CDN in the Canadian account. This led to a discussion of how to better use the money in the accounts. There was much talk about student stipends (no vote required) and there was mention that the AIC has supported students in the past. Steve Shepard stated that the ExComm intends to continue this (see Student Assistance Committee notes below). The treasurer’s report presented is included at the end of these minutes.
5. Committee Reports:
  - A. President’s report – Steve wants to increase student participated and noted the difficulties in getting student subunits organized to form new subunits. He indicated that ANACAT requested via the NED for chapter support, and that AIC contributed \$500 to ANACAT. He said we are very fortunate to have UMaine subunit. He mentioned that the AIC website now is hosted, for free, by the AFS. There was a note about the high quality of

the website, and Alison indicated that she would like to have submissions for the recent research page.

- B. Executive Committee / NED Report :
- C. Membership Committee - Steve summarized the report submitted by Gabe Gries, and noted that the AIC lost a number of Canadian members in the last year. The report presented is included at the end of these minutes
- D. Student Assistance Committee – ExComm  
The ExComm and members present indicated that the AIC would like to assist more students. Peter Cronin suggested that we assist student to attend the NED and parent society meetings, and further that the AIC establish a scholarship (perhaps \$500 a year) with requirements to present at the AIC meeting (and possibly that the AIC ask industry and business to contribute). It was suggested that the ExComm and Session Chairs speak directly to University folks to let them know about the student assistance the AIC offers, and Steve indicated that the ExComm will get the assistance info on the AIC website. The AIC will forma subcommittee for Student Assistance. Greg Mackey and Steve Shepard volunteered to be on the committee and they will ask Steve Perry if he is willing to help.
- E. Archives Committee – Norm Dube – Norm gave the update that all items have been duly archived after he received them. Ernie Atkinson will be the new Chair of the Archives Committee. Steve thanked Norm for his many years as Chair, and Norm said it is important to get items to him (now Ernie).
- F. Newsletter and Website – John, Alison – Alison said it would be good to have updates on New Projects and job postings, and that if a member changes their email address or other info, they should let Alison know so she can update it. John Magee indicated that one newsletter was created in 2007, and that he feels he can do a better job (such as sending a July newsletter that includes as much meeting info as possible so members can submit this info with travel requests before the meeting – the members agreed that the agenda and past meeting minutes should be in a July newsletter). John stated that he is always looking for more submissions of interesting projects or thoughts on fisheries topics.
- G. Nominating Committee – President, Ex-Comm – John Magee was nominated to continue as secretary/treasurer, Alison as president...no one came forward for vice president. After several minutes of discussion, including where the 2008 meeting will be, Ernie Atkinson, seeing that no other would come forward, stated, “Mr. President, I would like to offer my name up”, at which time a mighty cheer ensued. Joan Trial moved to accept the suite of candidates as nominated, Steve Shepard seconded it, and Secretary John Magee accepted the vote with all in favor.
- H. UMaine Student Chapter Report – **Mike Bailey will send this to John Magee to include in the final meeting minutes.**

6. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Future meeting: Al McNeil offered to help with the local arrangements if the meeting is in NS. Steve Shepard mentioned the high costs of the ANACAT meeting, which was held in Halifax. The group decided the meeting will be September 21-23, 2008 in NS.
  - B. Use of AIC monies: Steve put to the floor suggestions how to use AIC monies. The group agreed that encouraging new professionals and student to join AFS, and AIC, is important. Peter Cronin asked if the AIC can play a role in working with others to get workshop teachers to conduct workshops at AIC meetings, which could help reduce the overall costs associated with having professional teachers travel to workshop locations (as some teachers would have to fly from far away for AIC workshops). Steve indicated that the ExComm will work o this over the next year.
7. Installation of New Officers and New President Remarks – the new officers were walked down the meeting aisle. Steve Shepard recognized Forrest Bonney (not in attendance) for his recent recognition by the AFS Fisheries Management Section.
8. New Business – Steve indicated that it would be good if the UNB subunit would work on becoming a subunit. Discussion re: 2008 meeting theme: the ExComm will decide on the next theme and one suggestion was “From the mountains to the sea”.
9. Adjournment – Joan Trial moved to adjourn, and Steve Shepard seconded.

At the end of the presentations for the 2007 meeting, Joan Trial read the "thank you's" for the 2007 meeting.

The Best Student Paper Award went to Lisa Bowron. The Lunker Award went to Frank Frost, for a photo of his son holding a fish, and the Soggy Boot Award went to Lisa Bowron.

**Atlantic International Chapter  
of the  
American Fisheries Society  
Treasurers Report**

submitted  
September 2007

Item	Bank of NH (U.S.)		Royal Bank of Canada		
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	
Ending Balance -- September 2006	\$11,190.85		\$4,659.90		
Audit balance adjustment					
<u>2006 Meeting Income/Expense</u>					
		Raffle			
		Registration			
		Refreshments		\$101.29	
		Meeting Expenses <sup>2</sup>		\$175.23	
AFS Dues Rebate	\$684.00				
NED Dues Rebate	\$537.00				
AIC web hosting (provided by parent society)					
Other expenses (ExComm Conf Call)		\$88.50			
Interest (Sept. 2006 - Aug. 2007)			\$0.47		
Donations (to ANACAT 2007, and VNA for Charlie Thoits)		\$550.00			
Student Related Expenses					
	<b>Totals</b>	\$12,411.85	\$915.02	\$4,660.37	\$0.00
	<b>Current Balance</b>	\$11,496.83		\$4,660.37	

Notes:

1. This financial statement covers the period from **09 September 2006 through 31 August 2007 for the U.S. Account** and **01 August 2006 through 01 August 2007 for the Canadian Account.**

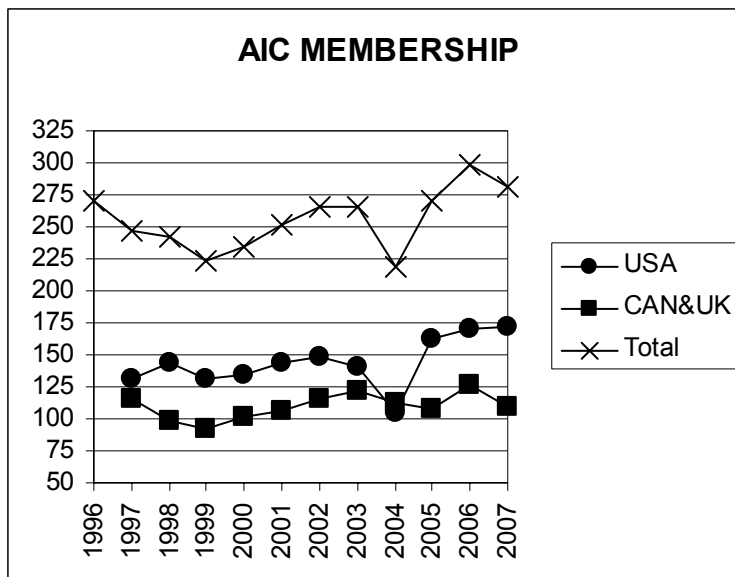
2. meeting expenses includes: president's plaque, and travel reimbursement for Umaine Chapter representative

ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

September 10, 2007

As of September 7, 2006, the AIC currently had 298 paid-up members (171 USA, 127 Canadian). As of September 10, 2007, the AIC currently has 281 paid-up members (172 USA, 109 Canadian).

This is the second highest number of members in the AIC since 1996 and the highest number of USA members since 1996.



Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Gries  
Membership Committee Chair