

**2009 AIC Meeting Minutes  
Town and Country Inn  
Shelburne, NH**

**September 22, 2009**

- 1) Called to Order at 0813. Sergeant at Arms is Paul Santavy, who determined a quorum was present
- 2) Past Presidents Scott Decker, Kathryn Collett, Joan Trial, Len Gerardi, Steve Shepard.
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- 4) Magee gave Treasurer's report – there is about \$11,000 in the US account and \$4,000 in CDN Account. President Atkinson made a motion to accept the 2008 Meeting minutes as written, with a second by Joan Trial. Motion passed.
- 5) Paul Perra provided an update on the NED activities
  - a. Rivers and Streams Committee met at the 2009 NED Meeting
    - i. Marine folks did a workshop on the Magnuson-Stevenson Act
    - ii. NED will probably donate \$1,000 - \$1,500 to AFS for the parent annual meeting in Pittsburg, PA, specifically for students.
    - iii. NED gets a portion of proceeds for the sale of the Diadromous Fish book from the 2008 meeting in Nova Scotia.
    - iv. The 2010 NEFWC meeting will be in Newton, NJ in the last week of April, and may have a Rivers and Streams Committee meeting then. There may also be a training and outreach on NOAA protected species.
  - b. Membership Committee
    - i. Magee presented this report from Gabe Gries. Paul Perra stated that it is possible that the slowing economy is leading to a reduction in students and young professionals not becoming members.
  - c. Steve Shepard reported that two students took advantage of the stipends, but Gus Wathen was not able to attend the AIC meeting this year. There was discussion about increasing the stipends to 5 students each year, but ultimately the group felt that up to four students was fine.
  - d. Archives – Ernie Atkinson state the words from the 2008 meeting verbatim. Ernie plans to update some of the archives and Joan Trial said she is happy to update the AIC history with the information from the last few meetings.
  - e. Newsletter – the group discussed the possibility of having a newsletter in March and in July with the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for papers. Paul Perra said he will send the NEFWC info to Magee for the March newsletter.
  - f. Website: we will put a link to the NED site. Katrina said she is happy to be the Newsletter Editor and webmaster. Ernie will get Katrina in touch with Alison Johnson to see if Katrina can take on the website responsibility.
  - g. No UMaine Subunit report was received by the meeting today.

- h. Joan Trial read the Whereas statement for the meeting. Len Gerardi moved to accept and Steve Shepard seconded.
- 6) New Officers
- a. John Magee agreed to continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Joan Trial nominated Christine Lipski for VP, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Merry Gallagher. Paul Santavy nominated Trent Leebach as VP and Merry Gallagher 2<sup>nd</sup> this. Christine and Trent each gave a short speech. Paul Santavy then nominated Scott Craig for President, and Merry Gallagher seconded. Steve Shepard moved to accept the suite of nominations, and Paul Santavy seconded. The membership voted for VP, and Christine Lipski received the greater number of votes. Ernie Atkinson announced a congratulations to the new officers.
- 7) Unfinished Business
- a. Enrie reported that the new Catadromous/Anadromous book is available. The group discussed Young Professionals. Kathryn Collett said maybe a training from which the proceeds could go to young professionals (for stipends to attend meetings or pay for AIF membership). Steve Shepard said the AIC may want to coordinate this with the NED. The group discussed geomorphic or other trainings. This would provide an incentive for agencies to send their people to meetings. Len Gerardi suggested the ExComm look at the AIC balance over the years and see if we should use more money for travel for students and young professionals. AI – Magee will summarize the dues rebates, meeting costs and revenue and balance over the years and present to the ExComm in late 2009, and this will be in the 2010 newsletter.
- 8) The new ExComm members were ushered by various AIC members and photos were taken.
- 9) New Business:
- a. Student Membership: discussion about the CFP, and possibility to provide funds to young professionals for training, etc towards CFP certification. This should go in the next newsletter.
  - b. 2010 Meeting location: ExComm was tasked with determining the locations for the 2010 meeting. Some options: QC (Kathryn and Len will contact folks in QC), ME, NB, or PA (at parent society meeting...group decided to not do the AIC meeting at the parent society meeting in 2010). Folks felt that QC would be a good place for the meeting. If the meeting is in QC, everything will also have to be in French. AIC should contact schools to see if their students would come to the AIC meetings. ExComm will determine the 2010 meeting topics/themes
  - c. Len Gerardi moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ernie Atkinson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 0943.

Submitted, September 30, 2009, John Magee, Secretary/Treasurer, AIC