

**2010 AIC Meeting Minutes**  
**Stanhope Resort, Stanhope, Prince Edward Island**  
**September 21, 2010**

- 1) Called to Order at 0830. Sergeant at Arms is Steve Shepard, who determined a quorum was present.
- 2) Past Presidents present: Ernie Atkinson, Kathryn Collet, Phil Downey (past president of the Northeastern Division), Al McNeil, Steve Shepard, Joan Trial.
- 3) John Magee gave Treasurer's report – there is about \$11,100 in the US account and about \$5,500 in CDN Account. Joan Trial made a motion to accept the 2009 Meeting minutes and September 2010 Treasurer's Report as written, with a second by Kathryn Collet. Motion passed.
- 4) AIC Executive Committee Report:
  - a. Scott Craig presented the summary results from the Survey Monkey online survey.
  - b. Re: Certified Fisheries Professional status: the ExComm decided the AIC can pay ½ of this cost for AIC members. The ExComm has not set a not to exceed number of these in any year.
  - c. For the 2014 AFS Parent meeting, two cities were nominated by AIC: St. John, NF and Portland, ME.
  - d. Phil Downey attended the AFS 2010 meeting to represent the AIC (as no AIC ExComm members attended it). He reported that the 2014 AFS meeting will be in Quebec City, QC. Phil provided a nice summary of the Time and Place Committee.
- 5) Phil Downey provided an update on the NED activities
  - a. The NED President is John Arway.
  - b. Phil reported that the NED attendance is very low. He would like to hear suggestions on how to increase attendance
  - c. At the 2010 AFS Parent meeting in Pennsylvania, there were several amendments to the AFS Constitution to clarify some things such as electronic voting. Wayne Hubert is the new AFS President, Bob Hughes in the new President-Elect. There will be new AFS policies of climate change, lead in the environment and the use of drugs with fish.
  - d. The 2011 NED meeting will be in Manchester, NH on April 19, 2011.
  - e. There was much discussion on how to increase attendance at NED meetings. Steve Shepard mentioned that some years ago, the idea was floated to have the NED meeting with the AIC meeting, and that apparently the idea never got traction.
  - f. NED President Award was presented to Forrest Bonney by Joan Trial on September 2, 2010 at the Sea Dog Restaurant.
- 6) Membership Report – Scott Craig summarized the 2009 report and stated that we will send the 2010 report when we get it from AFS Parent.
- 7) Student Assistance Committee: Steve Shepard summarized: the AIC Executive Committee agreed to support up to 3 students, looks like 2 attended this 2010 AIC meeting. It may be better to help young professionals as they are more likely to

- stay in the geographic area of the AIC. We have 3 student papers and one student poster today.
- 8) Archives – Ernie Atkinson provided an excellent summary. Everything that is in electronic format he will keep that way.
  - 9) Newsletter – Katrina will be leaving the AIC geographic area, (and the AIC is in need of a newsletter editor).
  - 10) Website: John Magee reported that Tom Bodie is happy to continue doing this as a volunteer.
  - 11) UMaine Subunit Report:
    - a. There was a Newsletter produced by the Subunit.
    - b. They conducted lots of seminars and activities this past year.
    - c. The question arose about getting Unity College involved. Dave Potter is the Fisheries professor there. Lots of discussion about this ensued. John Magee suggested that the UMaine Subunit contact Unity.
  - 12) Mark Harmon made a motion to approve all Committee Reports as summarized or read and the 2009 AIC meeting minutes, and Joan Trial seconded. Motion passed.
  - 13) New Officers – Ernie Atkinson accepted nominations for the offices: Joan Trial nominated John Magee to continue as Secretary/Treasurer, and Adria Elskus seconded. Christine Lipsky nominated Jud Kratzer for AIC VP, and someone seconded. Joan Trial made a motion to approve the suite of nominations, and Mark Hanson seconded. The suite was approved. The new ExComm members were ushered by various AIC members and photos were taken.
  - 14) Unfinished Business
    - a. AIC Annual Meeting dates: discussion about possibly moving the AIC meeting dates to make it easier for people to attend. The ExComm needs to figure this out soon.
    - b. Bylaw change: New AFS change is that 2/3 electronic vote is needed to approve changes. Need to get this from AFS online. Scott Craig will read them and get a recommendation to the AIC ExComm.
    - c. 2011 AIC meeting location: Feb 2010 letter from QC (Jessy Dynes). Group decided that QC will be 1<sup>st</sup> choice as they are interested in setting it up – shoot for Sherbrooke with Maine as fallback.
  - 15) New Business:
    - a. Christine Lipsky gave a speech and specifically thanked Scott Craig for his service.
    - b. Suggestion was that the ExComm announce meetings at least 6-8 months prior to the meeting to provide enough time for folks to get their travel plans approved by their organizations.
    - c. Ernie Atkinson stated that members need to make sure that AIC has their correct email address (can check on the AIC website).
    - d. Scott Craig read the Thank You Resolution. Get this to Ernie Atkinson for the Archives.
    - e. Mark Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting, and Steve Shepard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 0947.

Submitted, November 30, 2010, John Magee, Secretary/Treasurer, AIC.