

2013 Business Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2013
Winter Harbor, Maine

1. Business meeting Agenda

- a. Executive Committee Members present: Jud Kratzer, Past President; Graham Goulette, President; Mike Bailey, Vice President; Andrew O'Malley, President of the UMaine Subunit; John Magee, Secretary/Treasurer.
- b. The meeting was conducted by current President, Graham Goulette.
- c. Sergeant at Arms – Sergeant at Arms Lenny Gerardi determined that a quorum was present.
- d. Acknowledge past presidents in attendance. Kathryn Collet, Phil Downey, Len Gerardi, Jud Kratzer, Christine Lipsky, Steve Shepard and Joan Trial.
- e. NED Update – Phil Downey. Bob Hughes is the new President of the AFS. Douglas Austen is the new Executive Director of AFS. The AFS governing board consists of two representatives from each Division and the presidents of each of the sections, approximately 35 voting members. The governing board has examined the structure of the board during the last several meetings and have decided to retain the current structure. Chapter presidents are non-voting members of the governing board and can attend board meetings. The NED has four award categories. During the 2013 NED business meeting, the board recognized two AIC members. Steve Perry was awarded the president's award while Joan Trial was awarded the division's most prestigious award, the Dwight E. Webster award. Joan and Steve were leaders in fisheries conservation and mentored many professionals during their productive careers. Phil noted that there are four award categories some of which are available for both members and non-members and that the chapter should consider nominating more people for these awards. DFO is the lead group for the 2014 AFS meeting in Quebec City. The NED and AIC will have their business meeting at the 2014 meeting. There is the potential that the 2018 AFS meeting could be in the AIC or nearby area.

- f. Membership Committee Report – John Magee presented it for Gabe Gries, the Membership Committee coordinator. We noted that membership has dropped quite a bit since the mid-2000s and this may be due to an increase in membership for the 2003 meeting in Quebec City. Kathryn had the good idea that we should give to Chapter meeting attendees something in hand that will remind them to become members of AFS.
- g. Student Assistance Committee Report – Christine Lipsky – The Chapter could provide up to five, \$200 stipends to student to attend the 2013 meeting, and we had three students who requested a stipend.
- h. Archives Committee – Joan trial presented this for Ernie Atkinson. All items have been duly received and archived.
- i. News Letter Committee – Graham presented this for Steve Leach. We need more submissions. Perhaps students can provide summaries of their proposals or completed works. It was discussed that the Chapter could make more use of Twitter and Facebook to update members with new studies and results.
- j. Website – John Magee – John presented this. It was noted that if one clicks on some content for past meetings, the page displays “Abstracts coming soon” and therefore, this information needs to be updated. John will work with Tom Bodie to get this information for each meeting on the website back as far as we have abstracts, etc, for the meetings.
- k. University of Maine Sub-Unit Report – Andrew O’Malley – The Subunit had a meeting recently. They will have a Pushaw lake Fishing Day for northern pike soon. They plan to participate in angler surveys of remote brook trout ponds to provide data to ME Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. They plan to have a mini-series and are looking for presentations of about 20-45 minutes. They will have pizza and want about 20-30 students to attend each presentation. It was recommended that the Subunit reach out to ME IF&W and MEDMR to get speakers. This would also help collaboration between these agencies and the University.
- l. Nominating Committee – Christine Lipsky nominated Nate Wilke for Vice President, Nate accepted the nomination and Joan Trial seconded it. The vote was

unanimous in the affirmative. Joan Trial nominated John Magee for Secretary/Treasurer, John accepted the nomination, and Christine Lipsky seconded it. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. John stated that he would like to give others the opportunity to be the Secretary/Treasurer after the 2014 meeting as there are Treasurer duties with many others for the 2014 meeting and he feels he should continue as Treasurer to the 2014 meeting in completed. At this time, current Vice President Mike Bailey was installed as in-coming President, current Secretary/Treasurer John Magee was installed as Secretary/Treasurer, and Nate Wilke was installed as Vice-President.

- m. MOU for AFS Quebec 2014 – August 17-21, 2014.
 - i. AIC member participation
 - 1. General Meeting Committee: Mike Bailey will be the AIC representative on this committee.
 - 2. Meeting Budget and Finance Committee – According to the MOU, the AIC Treasurer (John Magee) will be on this committee.
 - 3. Program Committee – assist in developing technical paper/symposia/poster sessions and recruit session chairs - the AIC needs to get volunteers for this.
 - ii. AIC – General fund raising – \$5,000 – this is simply a goal. It was noted that Shawn Goode is particularly good at fundraising and the Executive Committee should speak to him.
 - iii. AIC – assist in securing tradeshow vendors
 - iv. Net revenue from distributed meeting income will be 70% AFS, 15% SAP, 7% NED, 6% AIC and 2% CARS.
 - v. NED/AIC/UMaine/AFS-Education Section – Skinner Memorial Fund Auction and Raffle proceeds – 50% Skinner, 10% NED, 15% AIC, 15% CARS, 10% UMaine
 - vi. AIC – hold annual business meeting at AFS Quebec 2014 - DONE
 - 1. Mon or Tues afternoon – seating for 50 - \$200 budget (DMI)
 - vii. AIC – make available a competitive scholarship for student travel to AFS Quebec 2014. There was much discussion about this. NED offers student

stipends too. The Skinner Award is a competitive award for students and it was stated that the AIC may want to consider providing funding to the Skinner Awards for 2014 specifically for AIC members. Mike will speak to them and Jim Armstrong at NED. Perhaps the AIC could pay for some rooms for students?

- viii. Kathryn Collet suggested that the AIC should inquire about having an information booth beside the AFS registration booth. At the booth, we could give something to folks so that AFS members from our geographic area know they are part of the AIC.
- ix. Student related activities – need UMaine representative to work with AFS Educational Section – Graham will work on this with the UMaine Subunit.
 - 1. Student Colloquium
 - 2. Career Fair
 - 3. Student Social
- n. Workshop potential outside of Chapter meetings – Graham Goulette – There is the potential that the AIC could help sponsor some workshops that AIC members attend. The Executive Committee will look into this. Perhaps the Canadian Conference For Freshwater Research when its meeting is in the AIC Region. Many Canadian students attend this conference.
 - i. Host single day workshops to boost AIC awareness
- o. Graham read aloud the Resolution for the Meeting.
- p. Joan Trial moved, and Christine Lipsky seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 0935. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

After the Business Meeting, the raffle was conducted and the winners of the AIC Awards were announced. Trevor Avery won the Bear Hat. Jim Hawkes won the Lunger Award for his photo of his son's ~4 ½ pound largemouth bass. Julia Whidden won the Soggy Boot Award for her very funny (and also scientifically well done) presentation.