



41st Annual Business Meeting
Atlantic International Chapter
American Fisheries Society
September 22, 2015
Chalets de l'Aboiteau
Cap-Pelé, New Brunswick

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:09AM. Kathryn Collet was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, and she determined there was a quorum.
2. Past Presidents in attendance were acknowledged: Mike Bailey, Kathryn Collet, Len Gerardi, Christine Lipsky, Jud Kratzer, and Al McNeil.
3. Update from the Northeast Division (NED) of AFS—no report
4. Update from the Canadian Aquatic Resources Section of AFS—see **Appendix A**
5. Secretary's Report – 2014 meeting minutes were presented (**Appendix B**). Al McNeil moved that we approve as written, Scott Pavey seconded. Motion passed.
6. Treasurer's Report— **Appendix C**. Christine Lipsky noted that \$14,000 was recently deposited into the US checking account from the AFS parent society due to our work on the annual meeting held in Quebec City in 2014.
7. UMaine Sub-unit Report—no report
8. Membership Committee— Gabe Gries sent a report stating that we currently have 271 members. More discussion under Old Business.
9. Student Assistance
 - 2015 Chapter meeting stipends were awarded to the following students: Amanda Babin, Ryan Stanley, Brittany Dixon, and Colin Buhariwalla.
10. Newsletter Committee—report submitted by Steve Leach (**Appendix D**); more discussion under New Business.
11. Archives Committee—no report
12. Website—John Magee took over website responsibilities when the site was switched to a new format. He stated that the new format for the website seems to be working well, and that if anyone has any comments or suggestions, please contact him.
13. Old Business
 - Continuing Education—suggestions were made as to how we could offer Continuing Ed classes. Ideas consisted of:
 - workshops and webinars
 - offer an in-person 2-day course in statistics or fisheries methodologies, separate from the annual meeting
 - add a day to the annual meeting and hold training then
 - hold a workshop/symposium similar to Coldwater Symposium held in the pastKrystal Binns volunteered to provide assistance. ExComm agreed to look at survey results from Scott Craig's Presidency.

- Membership tally issue—see **Appendix E**. Members agreed it would be easiest to have members in our geographic area default to being members of the AIC. ExComm was under the impression that this was already occurring.
14. Nominating Committee— Because the previously elected VP had to step down in 2015, nominations were accepted for all offices: Scott Pavey was nominated for VP by John Magee, John Magee was nominated for President by Jud Kratzer, and Christine Lipsky was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer by Len Gerardi. Len moved that nominations be closed and the secretary cast one favorable ballot for the nominating committee’s slate. The slate was elected as nominated. The new ExComm was ushered in by past AIC Presidents and photos were taken.
15. New Business
- Location for next meeting—following the general location rotation, New Hampshire was proposed, since the meeting was last held there in 2009.
 - Resolution—Christine Lipsky read aloud the Resolution for the meeting (**Appendix F**)
 - Best student presentation—Amanda Babin was awarded a one-year membership to AFS
 - Newsletter—Discussion focused on if the website may be a good location for the newsletter (link could be provided in an email), which would reduce the amount of work needed by the editor. Everyone agreed that snapshots and pictures with captions would be easier to solicit than complete articles, which has been a struggle (lack of submissions).
 - Funds in accounts—Need to look into better ways to manage our money. Currently we use checking accounts, with low or no interest and have money in PayPal from meeting registrations. Investigate cost (if any) to move money from PayPal. NED spent a considerable amount of time on this issue, they may be able to provide insight. Also, research AFS guidelines on the subject, and TFSA (tax-free savings account) in Canada.
 - Research Grants—Suggestion was made to offer small (\$500) research grants to students, possibly one at each level (undergrad, MS, PhD). Recipients would need to be an AFS (AIC) member, and would be required to present research at the AIC meeting. Selection committee would be needed. ExComm will look into this.
16. Kathryn Collet moved to adjourn the meeting, and Al McNeil seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23AM.

Activities of the Canadian Aquatic Resources Section of AFS
Prepared by Jack Imhof, President CARS
July 2015

The Canadian Aquatic Resources Section of the AFS has a mandate to promote conservation, application of the best science available and to educate governments and professionals on sound fisheries and aquatic management. It is there to also identify major issues that require comment and to provide ways to connect fisheries and aquatic professionals across Canada.

Over the past year, CARS ExComm has been focusing their activities on trying to ensure that there is strong communications between CARS members in general and our active chapters specifically. These chapters include the Ontario Chapter and Mid-Canada Chapter and the two international chapters: the Atlantic International Chapter (encompassing Maine, New Brunswick, PEI and NS), and the Washington-BC Chapter. This has been done by providing our minutes and inviting presidents of the various chapters to take part in our ExComm meetings.

The CARS website has been updated, as has our Facebook Page and Twitter feeds. The intent is to ensure good information on activities and issues are presented to our members and supporters.

From an educational perspective we support CCFFR and the Clemens-Rigler Fund to support student travel. We also run the Larkin Award that is awarded with a cash prize for exceptional work at the Masters and PhD level. In addition to these awards, CARS hosted a major symposium at AFS2014 in Quebec City on Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences in Canada. We are also working on a book in the same theme hopefully to come out in 2016 entitled, "Freshwater fisheries in Canada: historical and contemporary perspectives on the resources and their management".

To recognize the amazing women and men that have contributed to our fisheries and aquatic science in Canada, CARS last year initiated a program entitled, "Legends of Canadian Fisheries Science and Management". The inauguration will be approximately 5-6 people per year but in 2014 we inducted 15 people (<http://cars.fisheries.org/legends-of-canadian-fisheries-science-and-management-announced-at-afs-2014-in-quebec-city/>). This past spring, 6 additional exceptional legends were inaugurated including Dr. Harold Harvey, UofT and Dr. John Casselman, Queens U.

CARS is active at the Federal level as well. We have taken an active role in discussions with the Federal government over changes to the Federal Fisheries Act and to the Fisheries Protection Policies. We have provided input in conjunction with AFS International and the Alaska Division on the KSM Mine proposal in NW BC. In addition, we were co-signatory to a major letter of concern related to the new Federal Aquaculture Activities Regulations.

Finally, in order to ensure a strong Canadian fisheries sciences voice and to become more active Federally and Provincially, we are in the process of creating a CARS Environmental Policy review sub-committee to address major policy issues affecting Canadian fisheries and aquatic environments. This is with the support and encouragement of AFS. Our hope is to ensure that the concerns and information of Canadian fisheries and aquatic scientists is heard and used in decision-making in Canada.

**2014 AIC Meeting Minutes
Quebec City Convention Centre
Quebec City, Quebec**

August 18, 2014

- 1) Called to Order at 1612. Sergeant at Arms is Graham Goulette, who determined a quorum was present
- 2) Past Presidents present: Al McNeil, Jud Kratzer, Christine Lipsky, Graham Goulette.
- 3) Treasurer's report—no report.
- 4) Membership Committee – no report.
- 5) Student Assistance Committee—Christine Lipsky reported that travel awards were presented to three students, with a value of \$380 each. The recipients were George Maynard, Dan Stich, and Victoria Howse.
- 6) Mike Bailey made a motion to accept minutes from last year's Annual Meeting; Dana DeGraaf seconded.
- 7) Jim Armstrong provided an update on NED activities
 - a. NED raised \$11,000 for the parent society meeting in QC.
 - b. NED's annual meeting is looking for a new "home" since the NEAFWA meeting isn't always within the NED's geographical area. There is the possibility of it co-occurring with a Chapter meeting in the future, but it may also occasionally occur with the NEAFWA meeting.
- 8) Archives Committee – Ernie Atkinson sent a report, in which he requested agendas and minutes from past meetings. Everything that is in electronic format he will keep that way.
- 9) Newsletter Committee – no report.
- 10) Website—John Magee reported that Tom Bodie is happy to continue doing this as a volunteer. However, this may change if the Chapter decides to switch web programs along with the Parent Society.
- 11) UMaine Subunit Report—The new Subunit President is Dan Weaver and the VP is Lisa Izzo.
- 12) Old Business
 - a. The AIC raised several thousand dollars towards the Annual Meeting, and contributed \$1,000 to NED as part of the fundraising effort.
 - b. It remains to be seen how much revenue the AIC will receive from the meeting.
- 13) Nominating Committee – Because the previously elected VP had to step down in 2014, Mike Bailey accepted nominations for all offices: Christine Lipsky self-nominated for Secretary/Treasurer; Scott Pavey and Dana DeGraaf self-nominated for VP, and Ian Kiraly self-nominated for President. The suite of unopposed nominees was approved. A vote for VP resulted in Dana DeGraaf being elected as the new VP. The new ExComm members were ushered by past AIC presidents and photos were taken.
- 14) New Business:

- a. Graham Goulette presented Mike Bailey with a plaque and thanked him for his service as President.
- b. A new twitter account exists for the Bear Hat, @WhereIsBearHat
- c. Workshop potential (outside of Chapter meetings) was discussed.
- d. Site for the next meeting will be determined by the ExComm, based on the past State/Province rotation.
- e. Mike Bailey read aloud the Resolution for the meeting
- f. Jud Kratzer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Al McNeil seconded.

Submitted, September 10, 2014, Christine Lipsky, Secretary/Treasurer, AIC.

AIC Treasurer Update, September 18, 2015

US checking account: \$18,990.40 (\$14K of this was from 2014 Parent Society Meeting)

Canadian checking account: \$7,497.34

PayPal (US): \$8,704.74

PayPal (CAN): \$2,283.25

Atlantic International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Newsletter Report, September 19, 2015

Greetings AIC Executive Committee and members,

I sincerely regret that I could not attend the meeting this year. I do believe that I am missing a visit to a beautiful location, fellowship, and the dissemination of knowledge and I wish that you all enjoy an excellent meeting.

Over the past year, the AIC newsletter has been in a state of flux in terms of periodic production, and you may have noticed that I have not produced a newsletter since December 2014. During the spring of 2015 I queried the Ian regarding a revision to the status-quo publication schedule so that two newsletters would be produced, one at the end of summer and one at the end of winter. The call for submissions went out during early and mid-summer with the intent was to publish a newsletter in late summer this year, preceding the annual meeting; however, I have failed to do that. This is due to several factors, not the least of which was my schedule of an exceptionally heavy workload this year. The second most pertinent factor is the pace of submissions. In fact, only course offering and meeting announcement submissions have been made so there is little material to publish this summer. I surmise that one of the primary reasons that newsletter submissions are few is that it is a task to draft a submission, and that task usually closely precedes or follows the production of a presentation or paper. As a result, I propose that we alter the format for submissions. For example, by soliciting 'snapshot' submissions with a photo (and / or graphic presentation of data) and full description of the subject. The description may be far more detailed than a simple caption, but less onerous than the current format which resembles a full abstract. I would not propose eliminating more thorough summaries of studies, etc., but do propose augmenting the newsletter with snapshots of research, field studies, mentoring, organized community service, and the usual retirements, awards, etc. Clearly, this is not a fully developed thought, but one that I submit for your consideration.

Finally, it has been an honor for me to work on the AIC newsletter over the past few years, however, my schedule has necessarily altered my focus in the past year. I would be pleased to continue to serve as newsletter editor, however if the ExComm deems it appropriate to seek a new candidate, I would be happy to hand over the reins and provide what guidance I can.

Thank you and enjoy Cap-Pelé.

Respectfully,

Steven D. Leach

Hello Gabe,

The list is attached (as of August 31st). I queried all members who reside within the AIC boundaries (state/province as criteria). Because your chapter does not collect dues, some people do not add the chapter to their record, which in consequence makes the list pulled by chapter code – incomplete.

There are a couple of solutions to that. We can build something called “community” for your chapter. A community is a platform for smaller groups, where you can post announcements, send a message to all members, have discussion board, post your newsletter, or documents into the resource library, and designated admins can download the roster of the members of the group at any time – all rosters are in real time. Moreover, and admin can also add members to that group, update their profiles.

I can also see if there is a way to default the chapter to anyone joining based on their state/chapter – thus anyone joining would automatically be enrolled to the AIC chapter, we could also update all existing members via a SQL script, and this way those monthly lists would be 100% accurate. Let me know what would you see as a better solution.

Eva

**RESOLUTION:
APPRECIATION TO HOSTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE Atlantic International Chapter of the AMERICAN FISHERIES
SOCIETY**

WHEREAS, the 41st Annual Meeting of the Atlantic International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society convened at Chalets de L'Aboiteau in Cap-Pele, New Brunswick on September 20-22, 2015;

WHEREAS, we were able to intermingle with our colleagues to discuss the latest science while enjoying Cap-Pele, known for its seafood and exquisite coastline,

WHEREAS, our Executive Committee developed an extensive program including many oral presentations, representing authors from 2 countries, from 3 provinces and 3 states;

WHEREAS, our hosts organized a raffle where attendees were able to check out the latest swag from many vendors;

WHEREAS, we convened for a social event where we found an over-abundance of food and drink;

WHEREAS, we were able to enjoy the natural surroundings of the conference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of the Atlantic International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, having enjoyed the hospitality of Cap-Pele, New Brunswick extends its hearty appreciation and thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee Chair, Kathryn Collet and her Planning Committee, Chris Connell and Krista DeBouver; and to the Program organizer Dana DeGraaf.