



**43nd Annual Business Meeting
Atlantic International Chapter
American Fisheries Society
September 19, 2017
White Point Lodge, NS**

- 1) Call to order – 9:00am
- 2) Sergeant at Arms – Mike Bailey determined a quorum was present
- 3) Acknowledgement of Past Presidents in Attendance – Mike Bailey, Kathryn Collet
- 4) Secretary's Report (Lipsky) – Collet made a motion to accept the minutes from the 2016 Business Meeting, Bailey seconded. A typo in the minutes was noted. It will be fixed. Minutes were approved.
- 5) Membership Report (Gries) – As of August 4th 2016, the AIC had 201 members (146 USA, 55 Canada). As of August 10th 2017, the AIC has 197 members (144 USA, 53 Canada) based on the geographical location of current AFS members.
- 6) Treasurer's Report (Lipsky) – current balances were reported as follows: Bank accounts: \$16,634.65 USD, \$560.63 CAD; PayPal: \$9,953.75 USD, \$2,283.25 CAD
- 7) Update from the Northeast Division of AFS (Magee) –
 - a) John Magee is the new 1st Vice President of NED.
 - b) The 2018 AFS National meeting will be in the NED area (Atlantic City, NJ, USA). NED is seeking special symposium requests for the meeting.
 - c) NEAFWA meeting will be held in Vermont, USA in April 2018.
 - d) NED is looking to hold its future meetings in conjunction with Chapter meetings. Is the AIC interested in holding a joint meeting with NED in 2018 if NED so desires? 10 in favor, 0 opposed, others abstained. The membership also approved exploring location options for this meeting.
- 8) UMaine Sub-unit Report – UMaine Subunit received the Subunit of the Year award from the parent society again
- 9) UNH Sub-unit Report – no report
- 10) Student Assistance – seven students received awards to attend this meeting, which included meeting registration, food and lodging, and an AFS student membership. Students were: Alexandra Brown, Hillary Dort, Nathalie LeBlanc, Lita O'Halloran, Faith Penny, Maja Reinhartsen, Brittany Dixon

11) Newsletter and Website (Magee) – No newsletter was published in 2016 or 2017 because Chapter updates are sent by email. Please email Magee with suggestions and ideas for the website. He requests updates from students, researchers, and others to be sent monthly to the membership.

12) Archives Committee (Magee for Atkinson) – Magee has been updating the AIC history online, but we need to reengage Ernie Atkinson (Archive Committee) to about scanning archives.

13) Old Business

- a) New investment strategy proposal (Pavey) – AFS has a stock market fund but it fluctuates and can incur a loss. TD Bank has an annuity that requires a \$10,000 investment, and has a maximum return of up to 5.9% per year (with no loss if the market goes down). There is a penalty for removing more than 10% of the investment before 7 years. Lipsky made a motion to invest \$15K in TD Bank’s annuity fund, Lowles seconded. Discussion of investing less than \$10K. Original motion carried.

14) Nominating Committee (Ex Comm)

- a) Request for nominations
 - i) Vice President – Jason LeBlanc
 - ii) Secretary-Treasurer – Christine Lipsky (2nd year of 2 year term)
Pavey moved to cast one favorable ballot for the slate, Kathryn seconded. Motion carried.

15) New Business (Avery)

- a) Location for next meeting: Vermont
- b) John Magee read aloud the Resolution for the meeting.
- c) LeBlanc thanked Darrin Reid for leading the hike at Keji.

16) Lowles moved to adjourn, Magee seconded. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

Christine Lipsky (Secretary-Treasurer), Trevor Avery (President), and Jason LeBlanc (Vice President) are authorized and approved to conduct business and sign documents related to American Century Investments.