



44th Annual Business Meeting
Atlantic International Chapter
American Fisheries Society
25 September 2018
Basin Harbor, Vermont

1. Call to order – at 9:51
2. Sergeant at Arms – Kathryn Collet determined a quorum is present
3. Acknowledgement of Past Presidents in Attendance – Christine Lipsky, Kathryn Collet, Jud Kratzer, Chet Mackenzie, and Past AFS President Donna Parrish
4. Secretary's Report (Lipsky) – approval of 2017 minutes
 - o Collet moved to accept minutes, Easy seconded, motion passed
5. Membership Report (Lipsky for Gries) – As of August 10th 2017, the AIC had 197 members (144 USA, 53 Canada). As of July 27th 2018, the AIC has 226 members (160 USA and 66 Canada). Data for both years were based on the geographical location of current AFS members. Kratzer moved to accept the membership report, Emerson seconded. Motion passed.
6. Treasurer's Report (Lipsky) –
 - o We opened a bond fund account with American Century Investments, with an initial investment of \$15,000. We currently have about \$12K in the US bank and PayPal accounts, and about \$2,300 in the Canadian bank and PayPal accounts.
7. Update from the Northeast Division of AFS (Avery for Magee)
 - o John Magee is the Northeast Division's new President
 - o The NED decided about 2 years ago to hold the annual NED meeting as a joint meeting with chapters. The first one was with the Southern New England Chapter in 2017. It went very well. The next one will be in February 2019 with the New York Chapter in Poughkeepsie, NY. The NED would like to speak with the ExComm of AIC about having a joint meeting in the near future (maybe 2020?).

- Jud Kratzer was elected the President-Elect of the NED at the NEC Business meeting, which was held in August 2018 at the AFS meeting in Atlantic City, NJ. Normally, a person gets elected to the Vice President position first, but Jud ran for the President-Elect position because there was vacancy due to someone stepping down.
 - The NED is considering various investment options to earn some funds on the principal in the bank account. Report attached
8. Sub-unit Report (UMaine, UNH, Quebec) – no reports
9. Student Assistance Awards–
- Faith Penny, Anna Murphy, Jackson Yang, Jessie Lilly, Nathalie LeBlanc
10. Old Business – \$15K into American Century Investments bond fund
11. Nominating Committee (Ex Comm)
- Request for nominations - Vice President – Jud Kratzer nominated **Pete Emerson**, Pete Emerson seconded
 - Request for nominations – Secretary/Treasurer – **Scott Pavey** nominated himself, Christine Lipsky seconded
 - Lipsky moved that the Secretary cast one favorable ballot for the slate of nominees
 - **Entire slate of Pavey (replacing Christine Lipsky as Sec/Treas) and Emerson (VP) was approved by the membership, and LeBlanc ascended to President.**
12. New Business – Jason LeBlanc
- Location for next meeting: PEI
 - Rosie MacFarlane was appointed as local arrangements chair
 - AIC – need to improve our social media presence (Instagram; Twitter)
 - Preferable to have it bilingual (Sean Good [VT] and Quebec subunit may be good resources for this)
 - Corrina Parnapy and Jessie Lilly both have outreach experience
Lisa Izzo has been running AFS student subunit outreach and can assist
 - Ideas to bring in additional people from underrepresented agencies/jurisdictions

- For next meeting, hold a special symposium – ask each member state/province to send a rep for a session to foster better participation (and provide financial assistance)
 - at PEI last time, we had a panel discussion on Monday afternoon
 - potential for Sunday evening, Monday or Tuesday afternoon
 - Workshop or continuing education, with potential financial assistance from AFS; look at expertise within AIC to have a professional lead a course for free
 - Retiree rate at next meeting
 - Advertise to students that they can meet agency professionals at the meeting
- Resolution for the meeting - Avery
 - Kathryn Collet moved to adjourn, Jud Kratzer seconded. Vote passed, meeting adjourned at 9:42.