

Fisheries Management Section/Fisheries Administration Section

2019 Joint Meeting Session, Sunday, September 29, 2019, 2:30-3:30pm

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Scott Bonar discussed some recently approved grant projects. The second edition of Standard Sampling Methods book, state agency research grey literature clearinghouse (blue book), and state agency research agenda best practices book, and meetings code for professional conduct to be welcoming and inclusive were recently approved by AFWA. The AFS Strategic Plan for 2020-2014 was recently completed. Scott went over a couple of highlights from his President's Plan of Work. One of his goals is to work on climate change outreach. In particular Scott is focusing on the effects of climate change on fish and fish habitats and urgency of action. Scott will be appointing special committees to work on climate change outreach and policy issues. Another one of Scott's goals is to develop standards within the society. The Fisheries Management Section is already working on sampling method standards, but Scott is also looking a developing other standards such as the names of fishes.

Incoming President-Elect Brian Murphy discussed a new membership category within AFS for high school students. This will allow high school students to find out what AFS is about and about careers in fisheries. The challenge will be engaging these high school students. Scott Bonar will be assembling a special committee to determine how to engage high school students and the committee will develop a strategic plan. If you have any ideas to include in the strategic plan, please let Brian know.

President of the Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM) Peter Spillet from the United Kingdom gave a presentation to the attendees. This year is the 50th anniversary of the IFM and they will host their conference next week. IFM is losing membership due to decline in angling participation as well as changes in government regulations.

AFS Executive Director Doug Austen addressed the attendees. He reviewed the grant projects that Scott discussed earlier. The 150th anniversary of AFS is next year and will be the theme for next year's conference in Columbus, OH. Doug mentioned a symposium on the Mississippi-Yangtze River Basin to be held at the conference and suggested anyone interested in large river management/research to attend the symposium. Doug said that AFS is reviewing the AFS books program. They realigned the AFS journals program last year and now the books program is the new focus. There is an eight person committee working on where do we want to go with the AFS books program from here. Doug mentioned that AFS released a statement of the Society. It is available on the meeting app for the conference. This year's conference meeting with TWS makes for an interesting experience. There is expected to be 4,200-4,400 attendees at the conference which makes this the largest gathering of fish and wildlife professionals.

Drue Winters (AFS Policy) and Steven Kambouris (AFS Meetings) not in attendance to provide updates.

Respectfully submitted by Andy Jansen, FMS Secretary-Treasurer.