

Fisheries Management Section
2022 Business Meeting, Sunday, August 21, 2022, 3:30pm-5:00pm
Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane, Washington
31 in person attendees



2022 Business Meeting Minutes

President Jeff Koch called the meeting to order at 3:58 pm at the conclusion of the joint FMS-FAS meeting. Jeff recognized past president Randy Schultz was in attendance. There were 31 total persons in attendance.

The minutes from the 2021 meeting were emailed to the membership prior to the meeting. Hearing no comments, Jeff asked if there was a motion to approve. Randy Schultz so moved; Dan Isermann seconded.

Nick Kramer gave the Treasurer's Report. Balance at the start of this fiscal year was \$17,757.61. Total expenses for the fiscal year were \$591.67 and total income was \$3998.74. The section is still one year behind on receiving dues and royalties from the parent society. Balance as of the meeting was \$21,164.68. The section still has \$10,000 pledged to the 2nd edition of Standard Methods for Sampling North American Freshwater Fishes and has \$6,500 set aside for publishing a book from the Angling symposium in 2016.

Tom Lang gave an update on that book. Waiting for revisions from two chapters, will be going to press soon.

Jeff then mentioned that we all had been committing a meeting faux pas by approving the Treasurer's Report at past meetings. This opens the sections membership up to being responsible if the treasurer has any errors or is doing nefarious things. The correct course of action is to form an Audit Committee, that committee would then review the Treasurer's Report and the membership would approve the Audit Committee's report. Randy Schultz and Mark Porath have agreed to fill the committee at first with Past-Presidents rolling in. The FMS bylaws give the president to appoint a special committee, which Jeff does at that time.

Scott Bonar gave an update on the 2nd edition of Standard Methods for Sampling North American Freshwater Fishes. It is currently in the second round of reviews, being reviewed by AFWA to ensure agency folks are supportive, three quarters of those reviews are back in. There are a few new chapters dealing with sampling Great Lakes, wetland, and karst systems as well as information on utilizing EDNA sampling. The database includes data from 54 states and provinces comprising 1.8 million covering roughly 40 species. Allocated funds will be needed in early 2023 and so far, the book is ahead of schedule and under budget.

Jeff gave an update on the Known-Age Fish Database. He and his collaborators have submitted a MSCG and it has received initial approval. It will go out for second round of approval soon. If you support this endeavor, ask your agency heads to support the grant. If you have known age structures, reach out to Jeff.

Julie Carter (Vice President) discussed some changes made to the Section's awards. She cited confusing and unclear wording as the need for updating the language without changing the purpose of the awards. She also noted that the excom will begin posting awardee pictures online following the business meeting each year. Please let Julie know if you have any suggestions for improvements or see any needed corrections in the award process.

Jeff presented the results of the recent officer election:

- Vice President – Jeff Kopaska, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- North Central Division Rep – Ben Wallace, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Western Division Rep – Jill Wick, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
- Southern Division Rep – Nick Feltz, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

With that, Jeff and Julie then recognized the outgoing officers

- Past President – Jeff Koch, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
- North Central Division Rep – Ben Neely, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
- Western Division Rep – Luke Schultz, Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Southern Division Rep – Aaron Bunch, Clemson University

We received no nominees for Northeast Division rep. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, reach out to Julie.

Julie Carter then moved to the role of President and guided the remainder of the meeting starting with a funding request from Mike Quist for the 4th edition of the Inland Fisheries Management in North America book. The book is going through its periodic revision, and they have formed a steering committee and sent out a member survey to guide and identify structure. That is hoped to be finalized and chapters/authors lined out by this fall. Outlines would then be completed this winter and a draft will be sent to AFS in 2024. Quist and his co-editors are requesting \$5000 from both the FMS and the Education section for paying for graphic artists. At last year's meeting in Baltimore, FMS had agreed to fund the book with the amount determined later. No amount was determined at this meeting.

Rebecca Krogman had begun the process of submitting a funding request for a reservoir symposium, but the Section had not yet received a formal request. Rebecca was not present, so Mike Homer gave an update on her behalf. The funding will be used to offset publishing costs for authors in the symposium who do not have funds for publishing. The estimated total cost of the project is \$28,000 and they predict the funding request to the Section will be around \$2000.

Jason Schooley asked the Section to create an ad hoc bowfishing and nongames species committee. He cited that there is no management of bowfishing across the country despite its growing popularity. The first task of this committee, after formation, would be to review the National Archery in the Schools Program's bowfishing curriculum. He had a copy on hand which he passed around the room for perusal. He is hoping that the committee can review the text, make suggestions for improvement or adding scientific knowledge, and adding an AFS stamp of approval on the document. Tom Lang moved to create the committee; Kevin Dockendorf seconded. There were no comments and the motion passed. There will be a survey sent to membership to populate the committee.

Julie will be sending out a survey to members to help guide future activities and section direction. She noted that one area she wants to work in is creating a procedures manual for the Section. This document would be especially helpful during officer changes to outline duties and expectations in more detail than what the bylaws provide. She will be working on developing that guidance during her tenure as President. She will also be revising the bylaws to redefine and update the roles of offices and incorporate new committees. Any members interested in participating in making those revisions can contact Julie.

Kyle Bales has stepped down from his role as webmaster. If anyone has experience with web design and is interested in helping, contact Julie.

With no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.