

Annual Membership Meeting, November 14, 1990

The 1990 annual meeting was called to order November 14, 10:20 am in Homer by Gary Sanders, President.

Dave Burns, Western Division President, reported on Division Activities.

The Treasurer's report indicated that the chapter ended 1988 with a balance of \$12,520.64 but dropped to \$7,600.95 in 1989 because the chapter lost money preparing for the 1989 national meeting in Anchorage. However, the balance was brought up to \$14,295.87 prior to this week's 1990 meeting because of positive balances from the six continuing education workshops presented in 1989 and 90.

Gary Sanders reported only 8% of the membership voted in the election since bylaws were changed last year to use mail-out ballots in the Onchorynchus to reach all members rather than limiting voting to members present at the annual meeting. Because there was no strong feeling that it needs to be changed, the voting will continue to be by mail-in ballot.

Alex Wertheimer, Vice President, reported that 475 members are receiving Onchorynchus. Those that have not paid national membership through 1990 will be dropped as the chapter earlier decided national membership is required to be a member of the state chapter and that members attending the state meeting need to pay full meeting registration.

He also reported procedures and activities of the Environmental Concerns Committee which was organized this past year with the Vice President as chair. When a concern comes to the committee's attention, a letter is written, circulated to the committee and sent to the President to sign. Issues addressed this past year included: commenting on the study plans for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) of the Exxon Valdez oilspill; support of the no-cut buffer zones for riparian protection in the Tongass Forest, supporting the "no net loss of wetlands" concepts but commenting that there is a need to classify categories of wetlands; supporting EPA reversal of the decision to allow marine disposal of tailing from molybdenum mining in Wilson Arm/Sneeton Bay, Misty Fiords National Monument. Other possible issues of concern that the committee could address in the future include oil development, riparian habitat protection, wetland retention and restoration, further mine tailing disposal, and high seas drift netting. Mariculture, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CRCLA) procedure for addressing oilspills, and gray literature were also brought up as concerns by members. Alex ended his report by encouraging resolutions not only on state environmental issues but also world-wide issues such as global warming.

Lyman Thorstensen reported that the Awards Committee is

judging the papers for the best session, best student, best contributed and best poster papers at the meeting. They selected a recipient for the Meritorious Service Award. Bill Hauser reported that one nomination for the Wally Noremberg award for longterm service to fisheries was received and judged excellent. Dave Burns, the Western Division President, encouraged sending those nominations on to the Division for further consideration.

Steve Klein reported that the Continuing Education Committee started an annual habitat improvement workshop in 1989 with a workshop on forest habitat improvement, one on urban habitat improvement was presented this year and one on mining is scheduled this coming season. The committee also organized technical writing, non-parametric statistics and Russian language courses. Suggestions for future courses include technical editing, non-parametrics (for Juneau), 'bonehead' statistics and a rotating fisheries techniques course starting with an aging workshop. Other suggestions included mini-courses in the evening at the annual meeting and marketing our courses to fisheries interests other than ourselves.

A proposal to institute chapter dues starting in 1992 to enable the chapter to move forward on environmental concerns and education was discussed. A resolution to change the bylaws will be published in Onchorynchus.

After Bill Wilson reported for the ad hoc committee on publishing a Key to Alaska Fishes by Ray Baxter, Alex Wertheimer moved and Tom Kron seconded a motion that the committee move ahead with publishing the key. The motion carried unanimously.

An unofficial poll indicated that members did not support a name change to North American Fisheries Society because it would limit the organization to the US and Canada rather than including South and Central America.

The Arctic Unit reported on their activities and recommended they be included on the Chapter executive committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.