

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
Student Subsection of the American Fisheries Society,
Anchorage, Alaska, September 11, 2005

- I. **Call to order** – Meeting was called to order by President Katie Bertrand
- II. **Determination of Quorum** – 10% of members were present – although current by-laws state that 15 members must be present (11 members present)
- III. **Approval of the minutes from the 2004 Business meeting** – Tim Strakosh made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Dan Dauwaulter. Vote: motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Treasurer’s report** – report was made by Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Jolley. Current balance of \$4,621.42.
- V. **President’s comment/old business**
 - a. Katie Bertrand reported on the current status of the upcoming election. Nominees for office are:
 - i. President Elect – Justin Davis
 - ii. Secretary/treasurer – Jeff Jolley
 - iii. Northeastern Representative – Chris Holbrook and Dustin Edwards
 - iv. Southern Division Representative – Warren Mitchell, Lisa Kerr
 - v. North-Central Division Representative – Jesse Fischer, Jeff Eitzman
 - vi. Western Division Representative – Jeff Falke
 - vii. Canadian Division Representative – Kyle Hansen
 - b. Katie Bertrand suggested conducting elections via the web this year. It was mentioned that this may require a change in the by-laws. A discussion ensued regarding streamlining the election process. Katie Bertrand created an ad-hoc committee to investigate the options to be chaired by Melissa Woellner and Eric Howe volunteered to serve.
 - c. Katie Bertrand reported on her efforts to improve avenues of communication in the sub-section. A listserv has been established and it was noted that Justin Davis was instrumental in completing this task.
 - d. Katie Bertrand reported that establishment of a website is ongoing. A rough draft will be available shortly for review. Several issues regarding a website were discussed (i.e. cost, flexibility, webmaster, subject material)
 - i. Katie Bertrand formed an ad-hoc website committee to be chaired by Tim Strakosh and to include members Dan Dauwaulter, Nicole Morris, and Melissa Woellner
 - e. Katie Bertrand reported on the upcoming symposium “Written communications” co-sponsored by the Student Subsection to be held at this meeting. The role of the subsection was discussed. It was mentioned that AFS is encouraging student involvement and the Fish Management Section will now provide free student memberships to the section. Kyle Deerkop and Justin Davis indicated that they will do some brainstorming and further investigate this issue.
- VI. **New business** – none
- VII. **Other business**

- a. Glen Contreras representing the International Fish Section spoke about a student opportunity. He outlined the Carl Sullivan International Endowment which sponsors 3 international student memberships to AFS for three years. The Fisheries Society of the British Isles has offered the same to AFS students in reciprocation. Glen Contreras challenged the subsection to identify three worthy students to recommend to the selection committee. The memberships will be from January 2006 – 2009. Candidates will need to compile a package consisting of a cover letter, resume, and a statement of why to be considered and your interest in international fisheries. Justin Davis agreed to post a message to the listserv to advertise this opportunity. Steve Cooke mentioned that the Subsection should be a vehicle to advertise this opportunity.
 - b. Katie Bertrand encouraged everyone to attend the Reviewing and Writing Symposium.
- VIII. **Adjournment** – Tim Strakosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Hewitt. Vote: motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Jeff Jolley, Secretary/treasurer