

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting  
Student Subsection of the American Fisheries Society,  
San Francisco, California, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007

- I. **Call to order** – Meeting was called to order by President Justin Davis
- II. **Determination of Quorum** – 10% of members were **NOT** present  
Those in attendance as follows:  
President Justin Davis, University of Connecticut  
President Elect Melissa Wuellner, South Dakota State University  
Secretary Treasurer Jeffrey Jolley, South Dakota State University  
North Central Division Representative Jeff Eitzmann, Kansas State University
- III. **Minutes from the 2006 Business meeting** were distributed for review. They will be posted on the website for a vote of approval.
- IV. **Treasurer's report** – report was made by Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Jolley.  
Current balance of \$4,188.26.
- V. **President's Remarks** – Justin Davis
  - a. We have a current membership of approximately 40 – 57 students. It is hard to get an accurate number under the current system of AFS record keeping.
  - b. The e-mail list serve is up and running. A few initial problems were encountered but that has been resolved. There are two list serves. One is for student subsection members only and is usually used for official subsection business. The other is for all students of AFS. This one is used for more general announcements like student activities and job openings.
  - c. The student subsection business was held at a different time this year. In the past, it has been held directly following the Education Section business meeting. The alternate time was an attempt to garner more student attendance and avoid some “meeting burnout”. This appeared to be somewhat successful because student attendance was at least double that from 2006.
  - d. **Student Colloquium** – The subsection sponsored a student colloquium this year entitled “Writing, Publishing, and Reviewing: Perspectives for Students”. Guest speakers were Dennis DeVries (Auburn University), Mike Quist (Iowa State University), and Brad Parsons (Minnesota DNR). The colloquium was successful and well attended. The presentations will be made available as .pdf files on the website. A brief discussion occurred as to planning a colloquium for next year in Ottawa. Several potential topics were mentioned (e.g. a theme that ties into the new Careers in Fishery Sciences book). Justin Davis solicited colloquium ideas from the audience. Further discussions will be forthcoming and a theme will be decided upon shortly. The colloquium will be planned in cooperation with the Student Affairs representative from the Ottawa Planning Committee.
  - e. **Student Mentor Lunch (SML)** – This year the San Francisco planning committee organized and sponsored the SML. At this point there didn't seem to be much feedback available yet as to things that did/did not go well. First impressions were that participation was somewhat lower than

last year. A brief discussion occurred about the student subsection's future involvement in that activity. It may be something to stay involved with to further solidify our relevancy to students.

- VI. **Website update** – Melissa Wuellner
  - a. Melissa Wuellner showed the subsection a preview of the website and described the various features/functions. She will take suggestions for additions to the page. Suggestions for some links and added materials were made.
- VII. **Procedural Manual** – Justin Davis
  - a. Justin Davis described what the procedural manual is and why we need to develop one for the subsection
  - b. Member Steven Ranney (South Dakota State University) volunteered to head that committee. Jeff Jolley volunteered to assist.
- VIII. **Student Judging Feedback**
  - a. Trent Sutton (University of Alaska – Fairbanks) gave a brief report on the new judging procedures that were implemented at this meeting for the best student paper/poster award
  - b. A discussion occurred regarding the student subsection's involvement in providing feedback/evaluation for all other students who declined to enter the award competition but would still like to receive feedback.
  - c. Member Cari-Ann Hayer (South Dakota State University) volunteered to chair an ad-hoc student feedback committee for the Ottawa meeting
    - i. Several suggestions were made for different methods of evaluating students
- IX. **Role of Division Reps**
  - a. A discussion occurred regarding the exact roles of the division reps and ways to get them more involved with the Student Subsection.
  - b. Member Quinton Phelps (Southern Illinois University) volunteered to contact the different divisions of AFS to explore ways to better tie the division reps between the divisions and the Student Subsection.
  - c. Steve Chipps (South Dakota State University, Education Section President Elect) commented that division reps were a vital component to the workings of the Education Section
  - d. Tom Kwak (North Carolina State University, Education Section President) commented that division reps of the Education Section were an important source of feedback for current Section discussions.
- X. **New Business**
  - a. President Justin Davis mentioned that nominations were still needed for offices of President Elect, Western, Northeast, Southeast, and North Central Division Representatives. Steven Ranney (South Dakota State University) was nominated for the office of Secretary/Treasurer as Jeff Jolley indicated that this would be his last term.
  - b. President Justin Davis indicated that the listserv administration duties would need to be transitioned in the near future.
  - c. Donna Parrish (University of Maine, Education Section Past-President) highlighted some potential recent issues with the student social

- i. A brief discussion occurred regarding the function of the student social (seeking jobs only vs open networking forum)
      - ii. President Justin Davis agreed to draft a letter to the Ottawa planning committee regarding this issue.
    - d. Member Dave Hewitt (Virginia Institute of Marine Science) suggested that the student subsection may be a good conduit on providing a list of potential student reviewers for AFS journals as per a discussion held during the student colloquium. Jeff Jolley volunteered to chair an ad-hoc committee and will contact journal editors shortly and investigate this possibility.
- XI. President-Elect Melissa Wuellner
  - a. Melissa made some opening remarks regarding the direction for the subsection in the next year.

Submitted by Jeff Jolley, Secretary/Treasurer