

## Student Subsection update

President Elect Melissa Wuellner and member Eric Howe recently worked with Gwen White (AFS Constitutional Consultant) to complete revisions of our bylaws that were unanimously approved by the subsection membership. The Subsection has also taken advantage of the new web-based services offered by AFS by establishing two new e-mail list serves (many thanks to Joe Euker for his assistance). One listserve ([studentsubsection@fisheriessociety.org](mailto:studentsubsection@fisheriessociety.org)) includes all subsection members, and has helped to foster productive communication and discussion. The second ([students@fisheriessociety.org](mailto:students@fisheriessociety.org)) includes all AFS student members, and has been used to disseminate information about job openings, travel awards, and other opportunities of interest to AFS student members. Anyone who would like to post a message to these listserves is encouraged to e-mail it directly to the above-mentioned addresses or contact Justin Davis ([justin.p.davis@huskymail.uconn.edu](mailto:justin.p.davis@huskymail.uconn.edu)).

The Subsection has been working to solicit more Student's Angles. We have had three published since last October. This has been an improvement over the recent past and we are always looking for more submissions. We encourage any student with an idea for a Student's Angle to contact Justin Davis and we also encourage educators to let their students know about this opportunity. The following are our recent titles:

Trumbo, B. 2006. Tales of a novice-run bass tournament. *Fisheries* 31(11):566-567.

Jolley, J.C. and B.D.S. Graeb. 2007. Writing, publishing, and reviewing: the students' perspective. *Fisheries* 32(1):40-43.

Gonsalves, L. 2007. Expanding minority participation in AFS and fisheries science: a student's perspective. *Fisheries* 32(2):96-97.

The Subsection will hold its meeting at the San Francisco Annual AFS Meeting on Wednesday 9/5 from 5:00-6:30 PM. In an effort to improve attendance, we've scheduled our meeting independently of the Education Section meeting (to be held on Sunday 9/2). This experimental step was taken in response to concerns that holding the subsection meeting early in the week (before many students arrive) and immediately after the Education Section meeting (when many folks have "meeting burnout" and are ready to leave) was detrimental to attendance in recent years. We also plan to advertise the subsection meeting over the society-wide student listserve in an effort to approve attendance. The Subsection, in conjunction with the San Francisco Meeting Planning Committee, is also planning a student colloquium for the afternoon of Tuesday 9/4. The colloquium will focus on publication in peer-reviewed journals, and will feature 3-4 speakers and an extended discussion period. Topics to be addressed will include the elements of good writing, the peer-review process, and deciding on an appropriate journal.

Plans for the near future include drafting a Procedural Manual for the Subsection. We have also been discussing ways to better link our division representatives to regional student subunits and thereby establish a better connection between the Subsection and the

many active student sub-units within AFS. Finally, a website for the Subsection is under development and hopefully can be launched in the near future.

**Student Subsection Current Leadership:**

President: Justin Davis

President Elect: Melissa Wuellner

Past President: Michael Bailey

Secretary-Treasurer: Jeffrey Jolley

North Central Division Representative: Jeff Eitzmann / Kristal Ewell

Southern Division Representative: Mary Pearl

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