

Genetics Section Meeting notes-DRAFT
8/18/2008

1. Call to order (Ed Heist)
2. 2007 Annual meeting minutes-approved
3. President's report
 - Governor Board review
 - Next year's meeting will be in Nashville
 - Registration will be around \$330 for members
 - Student recruitment
 - Discussion about how to increase student recruitment and participation
 - Jennifer Nielsen suggested notifying universities and professors about the section
4. Secretary-Treasurer's Report
 - attach this to the notes
5. Announcements
 - 59th Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference coming up
 - 5th World Fisheries Congress
 - Sturgeon Conservation Congress will be held in China
 - AFS 2011 annual meeting will be in Seattle, Washington. Plan for large genetics participation.
6. Committee Reports
 - Nominating (Jeff Hard):
 - An electronic balloting process was used for the first time. There was a 25% turnout by members.
 - Incoming president will be Kim Scribner, President-Elect is Bill Templin, and Secretary-Treasurer is Meredith Bartron.
 - Program (Kim Scribner):
 - There were two genetics symposium sponsored at the Ottawa meeting: Cultured Aquatic Animals, co-sponsored with the Fish Culture Section, and Genetics and Sustainable Fisheries. There were also many other genetics-related talks scattered throughout the meeting.
 - Call for symposium topics for the Nashville annual meeting (2009). Suggestions include genetics of non-game fishes, and genetics and biodiversity.
 - Newsletter (Joel Carlin)
 - The newsletter is published 4 times per year.
 - Next deadline is in September
 - Membership (Ed Heist ?)
 - Current membership is 152, but not including those that paid their dues or signed up just prior to the annual meeting.
 - Only 50 members needed to be a voting member in AFS.
 - Website
 - Willy Eldridge volunteered to be the new website coordinator

- The electronic sub-advisory board of AFS has developed a how-to manual for list-serve and webmasters on managing these tools and they are available to the various chapters and sections.

- Awards

-XXX was awarded the James Wright Student Travel Award

-XXX was awarded the Stevan Phelps Award

7. Old Business

8. New Business

-AFS is looking into developing Topic Oriented Meetings (TOMS)

-Funding would be provided by the parent society

-Facilitation (registration, etc) would be provided by the parent society

-TOMS would be small and regional meetings, not associated with the annual meeting

-Book projects-fundraising

-Eric Hallerman didn't think any funds had been provided yet to the chapter from the parent society from the Genetics book profits, once the publishing costs had been paid then the chapter should see more funds.

-Discussion regarding increasing the number or amount of the awards provided for travel to meetings based on the amount of money in the treasury.

-Based on Eric Hallerman's proposal and an amendment by Robin Waples, the final proposal was to award two Wright awards for \$700 each annually, one for the annual meeting and another for the Coastwide or another fish-genetics related meeting. Also continued will be the \$100 contribution to the Equal Opportunity Section. Yays-all, Nays-0. Kim will announce this change in the President's letter and ask for comments.

-Fish Culture section asked for assistance to respond to an article in the News and Comments in Fisheries, suggestion was to identify the paper and suggest if volunteers were interested to contact Kim.

-Recognition of Robin Waples receiving the Ricker Award for his contributions to fisheries.

9. Adjournment