

Education Section Members:

The Education Section EXCOM would like the membership to be aware of couple items we will be discussion at our annual meeting in a month and require a membership vote. We are proposing a couple changes in our bylaws. As per our current bylaws, these changes (as well as funding requests over\$1,000) need to be submitted to the membership at least 30 days for comments, and then put to a full membership vote, which will occur at our annual business meeting in Quebec City Sunday, August 17 from 5-7 pm in room 2105 in the Convention Centre. Below is a brief description of the three votes that will be conducted at the annual meeting:

Proposed bylaw changes:

At last year's Education Section Business Meeting the membership brought a motion to increase the amount of money the EXCOM has the authority to approve without full membership vote from US\$1,000 to \$2,500. We did not vote on the motion last year because it required the bylaw change and approval of the constitutional consultant. We have made this change in our proposed bylaw changes. We also have added that the President Elect will be co-chair of the Best Student Paper/Poster Committee. We are currently doing this but the bylaw change would formalize this additional duty.

Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program Funding Request:

The Education Section has a tradition of funding the Hutton Program and we have a request again this year. Because it's over \$1,000 it requires a membership vote.

Student Subsection of Education Section Undergraduate Travel Assistance Award

The Education Section funded several years ago this awards and this request is a renewal of the original request. The Subsection has been in discussions with the Skinner Committee to differentiate how this undergraduate award is different from the Skinner, or possibly combining this award with the Skinner in the future. However, in the meantime, the Subsection is asking for funding to continue this award. Because its over \$1,000 it requires a membership vote.

These three documents will be posted on the Education website soon. Please be prepared to discuss and vote on these three items at the annual meeting. If you have comments before the meeting, please pass them along to me and I will compile and submit to the membership prior to the vote.

Thanks

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