

**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting,
Education Section, American Fisheries Society,
Quebec City, Quebec, 2003**

- I. **Call to order** – Meeting called to order by President Elect C. Guy
- II. **Introduction of guests** – Past presidents of the Section, and Officers and Staff of AFS were introduced by C. Guy.
- III. **Determination of a quorum** – more than 10% of members were present, quorum established.
- IV. **Approval of agenda** – Agenda introduced by C. Guy and approved by consensus.
- V. **Approval of minutes from last business meeting** – The minutes from Education Section Business Meeting 2002 were approved by consensus.
- VI. **President's comments** – C. Guy read a letter from President R. Neumann. R. Neumann congratulated the Section on their accomplishments and encouraged all members to remain involved.
- VII. **Treasurer's report** – K. Pope presented the Treasurer's Report (balance of \$122,836.54 on 14 July 2003). The report was approved by consensus.
- VIII. **Report by AFS officer** – J. Lubeck notified the membership that AFS was currently updating the CAREER brochure and needed help with revisions.
- IX. **Committee reports.**
 - A. Newsletter: M. Anderson reported that bulk mailing of the newsletter was no longer viable and recommended a transition to an electronic newsletter. Discussion ensued. Anderson made a motion that the newsletter be distributed electronically; T. Coon seconded motion. More discussion. Vote: motion passed.
 - B. Membership: C. Paukert noted that this committee is attempting to get more involvement from students at a variety of Universities. G. Habron, President of the Equal Opportunity Section noted that they are interested in helping with student issues and they would like to use their travel awards for minorities to match Education Section travel awards.
 - C. Excellence in Fisheries Education Award: C. Guy noted that there was an excellent pool of candidates for this year's award.
 - D. Skinner Award: Seven Skinner Awards and five Honorable Mentions were awarded this year. Numbers of awards down this year because the amount of the travel grant was increased from \$500 to \$600. C. Kohler headed this year's committee for distribution of raffle funds. He announced that the Skinner fund came up in this year's discussion and that henceforth (until changed by the committee), 70% of raffle proceeds will go to the Skinner fund and the other 30% will go to the local unit that administers the raffle (if no local unit, then 100% to Skinner fund). There were two strings attached to this resolution: (1) more efforts would be made to get Canadian and Mexican students involved (goal is to fund 1 student from Canada and 1 student from Mexico with future Skinner Awards; NOTE: student's must be qualified for this prestigious award) and (2) the Student Sub-section Unit must become "heavily" involved with the raffle (as it directly benefits them).

- E. Student Papers/Posters 2003: B. Sloss solicited judges for this year's presentations.
- F. Program: T. Strakosh noted that this year's planned program was cancelled.
- X. **Special projects.**
 - A. Education Section website: C. Guy reported that the website for the Section is online.
 - B. *Fisheries Techniques* slide set: S. Lockmann noted that this project is completed and available online.
 - C. Textbook development update: M. Brown reported that they have seen drafts on 16 of the 18 chapters for this textbook.
 - D. Fisheries History/Education Section video: S. Herrington and K. Popp (students at Auburn University) showed a pilot video, in which 9 individuals who knew Homer Swingle were interviewed. The final product will be an 18-min digital production. Efforts will continue to document our history and attempt to get students to interview "old timers."
- XI. **Report from Student Subsection** – T. Strakosch noted that the Subsection was investing lots of effort in Web continuing education. He also invited members to attend their business meeting.
- XII. **Awards.**
 - A. Student Paper/Poster Awards 2002: J. Garvey announced last year's winners. Awardees were announced in the newsletter.
 - B. Skinner awards: C. Guy introduced the winners of the Skinner Awards for this year. The membership congratulated all winners. Awardees were announced in the newsletter.
 - B. Excellence in Fisheries Education Award: Dr. Hiram W. Li was selected as the recipient this year. The Section congratulated him on receiving the award. Dr. Li thanked all and requested that this award money be used, through the Skinner Fund, to support travel for a Mexican student.
 - D. Certificates of Appreciation: Certificates were presented to T. Sutton and S. Lochmann for their efforts on the *Fisheries Techniques* slide set.
- XIII. **Old business** – None.
- XIV. **Installation of New Officers** – as voting for officers had not occurred and given that our By Laws allow for officer elections to occur at a business meeting (provided a quorum is established), we held elections for President Elect (candidates were D. Parrish and B. Vondracek), Secretary/Treasurer (candidate was K. Pope), Western Division Representative (candidates were T. McMahon and C. Paukert) and Southern Division Representative (candidates were S. Lochmann and S. McMullin). Newly elected officers were President Elect D. Parrish, Secretary/Treasurer K. Pope, Western Division Representative T. McMahon and Southern Division Representative S. Lochmann.
- XV. **Recognition of Outgoing Officers** – certificates were given to outgoing Section Representatives W. Hubert and F. Gelwick.
- XVI. **New Business.**
 - A. C. Guy asked, "How do we avoid financial losses with cancelled workshops?" Perhaps the answer is to stick with Symposia. However, it was noted that budgets are becoming a problem.

- B. A question was asked about the need to revise AFS Guide to Employment. Discussion ensued – consensus was that “yes, there appears to be a need for this revision.” D. Orth made a motion to dedicate \$5000 to support printing a revised AFS Guide to Employment; T. Coon seconded motion. Motion passed.
 - C. C. Scalet noted that *Fisheries Techniques*, 2nd Edition was published in 1996 and needed to be revised. D. Orth made a motion that the Executive team seeks editors for the 3rd edition; M. Brown seconded motion. Discussion ensued. It was noted that this was a great fundraiser and method of information transfer. Motion passed.
 - D. On behalf of J. Lubeck, C. Fletcher thanked the Section for their participation in the Hutton Program and requested assistance with mentors in the upcoming year. D. Orth made a motion to dedicate \$5000 to support the Hutton program for the next two years (\$10,000 total); T. Coon seconded motion. Motion passed.
 - E. D. Orth made a motion to dedicate \$1000 at Madison for Student Social at Annual AFS meeting; D. Parrish seconded motion. Motion passed.
 - F. D. Orth made a motion to match Equal Opportunity Section travel awards at \$3 to \$1; S. Lochmann seconded motion; B. Vondracheck made a friendly amendment that this be limited to \$20,000; Orth accepted friendly amendment. Vote: motion for amendment passed. Vote: motion passed.
- XVII. **Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin L. Pope, Secretary/Treasurer