



**American Fisheries Society
Combined Summer Governing Board Call
and
July 2019 Management Committee Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EDT), Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

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and Summer Governing Board Call**

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Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Known Absence and proxies:

1. Western Division - Jackie Watson (President) unable to attend. Proxy is Brian Missildine.
2. Introduced Fish Section – Kevin Irons unable to attend. Proxy is Nathan Lederman (or Marybeth Brey or Wesley Daniel as needed and as field work allows)

Agenda:

1. **Welcome/Determination of Quorum** for both Management Committee (need 7) and Governing Board (need 17)
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Review and approval of minutes** from the June 18, 2019, Management Committee meeting (Attached).
4. **Constitutional Consultant's report** (Schultz) –

Management Committee Actions

- a. **Motion:** Approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Georgia Chapter.

Background: The proposed extensive amendments to the bylaws (Attachments B and C) were reviewed by the Constitutional Consultant and deemed consistent with the AFS Constitution and Rules. Major changes included separating the Secretary-treasurer officer position into an Executive Secretary (will maintain files, collect funds, prepare tax returns, summarize Chapter activities, archive business records, and be liaison between the Chapter and Division/Society), and Recording Secretary-

treasurer (will maintain Chapter records and minutes, and provide an annual summary of collections and payments to the Chapter at the annual meeting). New Standing Committees were added, established electronic voting, brought procedures for amending Bylaws into compliance with AFS Constitution and Rules, added a Student Opportunity Fund, created a Lobbying Section and Resolutions Section within the Bylaws. The Chapter membership recently voted to support these changes.

- b. **Motion:** AFS, in conjunction with the International Fisheries Section, craft a bid package for hosting the 2024 World Fisheries Congress.

Background: AFS has given preliminary approval to compete to host the 9th WFC with the International Section as the lead (Attachment D). AFS hosted the 4th WFC in Vancouver, Canada, separate from the annual AFS Meeting. IFS believes that the scientific focus of the two meetings are distinct and would likely not result in overlapping attendance. Further, having both meetings running at the same time may draw attention from messages or approaches that either meeting may want to pursue. We believe the likely outcome would be two large meetings running simultaneously with little overlap in topics or attendees. Therefore, **IFS recommends having two distinct meetings, separated in time** to allow for both meetings to pursue their individual meetings. We also recommend that IFS approach the AFS divisions to ascertain if any would like to hold their divisional meeting in conjunction with the WFC. We recommend IFS leadership discuss with the executive director of AFS whether planning two meetings in one year can be done by AFS Staff or if professional meeting organizers should be hired for the WFC meeting. Given the meeting has never been in the United States, we recommend approaching various West Coast cities (San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle to ascertain interest and possibilities to host the meeting).

Governing Board Actions

- c. **Motion:** The Governing Board approve the proposed Standards of Professional Conduct (Attachment E) as reviewed by the Special Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and WDAFS Diversity and Inclusion Committee and approved by the Management Committee in March 2019.

Background: The Standards of Professional Conduct were revised by the AFS Special Committee on Diversity and Inclusion as well as the Ethics and Professional Conduct Committee. Their revised document was then reviewed by the Management Committee at their meeting on March 18, 2019. The Management Committee unanimously endorsed moving the document to the Governing Board for review and adoption at their next meeting. Subsequent to that, the Western Division Standing Committee on Diversity and Inclusion requested to provide additional comment. These comments were provided to the Management Committee (Attachment E) and were described by Cheyenne Owens (chair). The comments were characterized by Constitutional Consultant Schultz as valuable additions to the document but that did not materially alter the content in such a way as to require additional Management

Committee action. It was agreed that the revised document will be referred to the Governing Board with full support of the Management Committee.

- d. **Motion:** AFS, in conjunction with the International Fisheries Section, craft a bid package for hosting the 2024 World Fisheries Congress.

Background: (see 3b above)

- e. **Motion:** Replace the name of the Introduced Fish Section with the Invasive and Introduced Species Section.

Background: This updated name will better encompass the membership of the current section by representing both invasive and introduced species, along with being less restrictive taxonomically (Attachment F). The results of a section wide survey demonstrate that the majority of the active membership is in support of this motion to change the section's name.

5. President/Officers activities report

- A. Trushenski
- B. Bonar
- C. Murphy
- D. Roulson
- E. McMullin

6. Joint MC/GB Discussion Topics

- a. Unit support services:
 - i. Overview of support provided to units by AFS
 - ii. Discussion on the **cost of section website hosting** under the [fisheries.org](https://www.fisheries.org) umbrella (just to make sure we're all on the same page with how much we are required to pay each year)
- b. Discussion on an **improved timeline for sharing symposium information** to allow more time for constructive engagement of contributed papers from students/international attendees (*note -- this has already been agreed upon by the governing board but the information seems to not be included in the information communicated to the program committees each year and just needs to become the norm*)
- c. AFS Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025 –
 - i. Update on membership review, discussion and plan for adoption at Reno meeting
 - ii. Implementation plan - incorporation into President and Exec. Direction “plans-of-work”, tracking in Governing Board Reporting Tool, other actions.

- d. Governing Board Reporting Tool – Update and report submittal timing. Open discussion of GBRT process and experiences. (Eva Przygodzki)
 - e. 150th Sesquicentennial Planning (Steve Lochmann; Attachments G1 and G2)
 - i. Overview of activities
 - ii. Request for GB involvement – Meeting of the Generations nominees
 - f. Reno MC/GB activities review (Austen; Attachment H)
7. **Executive Director and AFS staff reports** (Austen et al.)
- f. Policy Updates –
 - i. WOTUS related groundwater Amicus Curiae
 - ii. RAWA
 - iii. Pebble Mine
 - g. Reno Meeting Updates – Registration, CE, Plenary speakers, etc.
 - h. AFS Financial Review (Cassidy; Attachments I1, I2, and I3)
 - i. Unit tax filing issues (Cassidy)
 - j. Other items TBD
8. Additional Topics
- a. South Africa Partnership Agreement
9. Adjourn

Attachments:

- A. Minutes of June 2019 Management Committee call
- B. Georgia Chapter by-laws update
- C. Georgia Chapter final by-laws
- D. International Fisheries Section bid proposal for World Fisheries Congress
- E. E1 - Revised Standards of Professional Conduct
E2 – Proposed Revisions to Standards by Western Division
- F. Introduced Fish Section name change request
- G. Meeting of the Generations – request for nominations
- H. Reno MC and GB schedule of activities