

Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society EXCOM Meeting
18 January 2007
Holiday Inn, Council Bluffs, Iowa

President Mark Flammang called the meeting of the Iowa Chapter (Chapter) Executive Committee (EXCOM) to order at 12:05 PM. Members attending were President Flammang, Past President Donna Muhm, Secretary/Treasurer Kim Bogenschutz, Mike Quist, Sarah Kaatz, Ben Dodd, Randy Schultz, Student Subunit President Jon Lore, and Student Subunit President Elect Adam Havard. President Elect Mike Hawkins was absent.

President Flammang requested approval of the agenda (attached). Past President Muhm motioned to approve the agenda, Quist seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Expenses

President Flammang requested that invoices for meeting and raffle item expenses be submitted to Secretary/Treasurer Bogenschutz. President Flammang has the final expenses and contract from the hotel. He and Secretary/Treasurer Bogenschutz need to get together with the Nebraska and Kansas Chapters after registration to figure out each chapter's share of expenses. The Chapter received two complimentary hotel rooms in the Hampton In that will be used for student member attendees.

2008 Budget

President Flammang handed out the 2008 proposed budget (attached) and explained that it is basically the same as the 2007 proposed budget. The Chapter did not spend funds on continuing education last year because training was hosted by Clay Pierce at Iowa State University. Secretary/Treasurer Bogenschutz shared the 2006 Financial Report with the attendees. The Chapter disbursed over \$2500 more than receipts collected. Some of the extra expenses came from awarding three grants, finalizing payment on a previous grant, and extra expenses at the annual meeting. Discussion followed about how long we should extend payments for grants that are not completed on time. Dodd will audit the report prior to the business meeting. Quist explained that a university committee decides the recipient of the ISU Scholarship. He also explained that the Student Affairs Committee will handle the Joan Duffy Travel Award. The North Central Division matches it with an additional \$100 and needs to know the process the Chapter uses to award the recipient. Discussion followed as to whether we needed to alter the bylaw to assign this to the Student Affairs Committee, but it was determined that this was not needed. No changes were requested for the proposed budget.

Grant Requests

Grant applications were due January 1, and no applications were submitted. Discussion followed that grant applications should be due August 1 to coincide with the fiscal year. The EXCOM holds a meeting in August and can review grant applications

at that time. We need to advertise this grant opportunity to remind Chapter members and attract potential applicants. President Flammang suggested that we send an email to all Chapter members with the application attached. The grant application form is also on the Chapter website. The Student Subunit was going to develop a pamphlet for distribution and posting on the website according to last years EXCOM notes. We need to help the Student Subunit with this. The EXCOM might also need to develop guidelines for awarding funds if we get many applications.

Old Business

President Flammang reminded attendees of discussion at last January's EXCOM meeting about having an online scholarship donation form. Past President Muhm would still like to pursue this. Other chapters have used raffles to build up a trust fund in order to use interest from the trust fund for scholarships. Discussion followed that it would take a long time to build up a trust fund large enough to only use the interest for a scholarship. Discussion also followed as to whether we want to offer an additional scholarship or use the donations/trust fund to fund current scholarship. The EXCOM will continue to look pursue setting up an online donation form and will evaluate the amount of funds donated before deciding on their use.

New Business

The DNR is changing its hiring procedures for temporary positions. All applicants need to submit an application available on the DNR Fisheries website by February 7. Discussion followed as to whether we should post this new process and list of seasonal jobs available on the Chapter website. The Student Subunit currently posts job opportunities on its website. Steve Waters and Past President Muhm are putting together a list of jobs available in 2007 to put on the DNR website. Quist gives all job opportunities he receives to Lyn VanDePol to post on the student center bulletin board.

The Student Subunit is sponsoring the poster session at the annual meeting and wants to provide funds for refreshments during that time. They can submit a check to Secretary/Treasurer Bogenschutz, and the Chapter will use those funds to offset our share of expenses for refreshments for that session.

The Student subunit will be having raffle and are using red tickets. The Chapter is using pink and green tickets. Winners of high dollar raffle items will be announced at the Friday night social, and winners of smaller items will be posted on a board. Winners will need to contact Dodd or Kaatz to claim prizes. Chapter raffle tickets will be \$1 a piece, 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10, or 26 for \$20 and can be placed in any prize bucket.

Preparation for Business Meeting

President Flammang reminded committee chairs to be prepared to give their reports. The Chapter will be presenting awards for best student paper, best student poster, and best professional paper among Iowa presenters. Plaques will be ordered after the meeting. Awards that will be announced at the meeting are Kay Hill receiving the North Central Division Fisheries Excellence Award and the Student Subunit sharing the North Central Division Most Active Student Subunit with the Southern Illinois Student Subunit.

President Flammang said he cannot report on next year's meeting because President Elect Hawkins is not here. President Elect Hawkins has expressed concern over not having travel funds available next year for members to attend the annual meeting. The Dakota Chapter will be meeting in South Dakota in 2008, and it was suggested that it would be a good time to have a joint meeting with them.

Secretary/Treasurer Bogenschutz motioned to adjourn, Student Subunit President Lore seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.