

Iowa Chapter American Fisheries Society Excom Meeting
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
February 19, 2008

In the absence of Chapter President Mike Hawkins, the meeting was called to order by President-elect Alan Johnson. In attendance were Mark Flammang, Mike Quist, Adam Havard, Bryan Hayes, Travis Neebling, and Ben Dodd. Alan Johnson presented a meeting agenda. Treasure's report was given by Bryan Hayes. The chapter started the year (1/18/07) with a balance of \$4,526.15. The past years disbursements equaled \$6,190.68 and receipts equaled \$6,735.76. Currently the Iowa Chapter has a balance of \$5,071.23 with outstanding bills for raffle items (muzzleloader \$225 and prints \$100) and award plaques. President-elect Alan Johnson presented the Excom with a proposed **budget** – September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. The budget contained income and expenses equal to \$5,240. Mike Quist made a motion to approve the budget and Bryan Hayes seconded. The motion passed. Mike Quist opened the discussion concerning registration fees at the joint meeting with the Dakota Chapter. Discussion followed on charging a reduced rate to students and providing complimentary rooms when available. A motion was made by Mike Quist to reduce the registration fee from \$65 to \$35 for undergraduate and graduate students attending. The motion was seconded by Ben Dodd and passed unanimously. The meeting proceeded with a discussion of **grant requests**. None had been received to date. Dan Kirby may have one in the works to assist with a trout habitat project on private land that is open to public fishing. Next item brought to the table for discussion was providing support and information to small colleges in Iowa. It was noted that the fisheries section of the Iowa DNR has a number of employees with degrees from these small colleges and universities. A motion was made by Mike Quist to amend the budget and purchase Guides to Fisheries Employment recruiting materials up to 10 at a cost not to exceed \$200 and make them available to colleges and universities around Iowa. Mark Flammang seconded the motion and it passed without further discussion. There was no **old business**. **New business** - A short discussion on meetings held during the middle of the week. Student Affairs chair Mike Quist noted that it would be easier for students to attend and participate if the meetings dates included part of the weekend. Alan Johnson ran through a short list of states for future meetings. A meeting with Minnesota in 2009 might be our best option for the near future. The meeting was adjourned.