**AFS Introduced Fish Section – Annual Meeting**

144th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society

Quebec City, Quebec; August 18, 2014

**Call to Order** – Scott Bonar

* Introduction of ExComm with notation of travel restrictions of most members.
* 16 participants
1. Motion to approve previous minutes (Mark Malchoff), 2nd (Pam Fuller)
2. Financial Report provided by Treasurer Kevin Irons:
	* Inflow – $1,104.14 ($1,100 in dues, $4.14 interest)
	* Outflow – $1,000 (support of Western Divisionsee 5 below)
	* Final Balance = $14,256.99 – note: funds for travel to AFS business meeting by IFS president to be used
* No comments on Financial Report

**Update on Old Business:**

1. Recognize Marybeth Brey, Becky Cudmore, Patrick Kocovsky, Mark Gaikowski, and David Glover for the IFS Symposium at the Quebec AFS meeting. Large participation in symposium indicates the important work being done with respect to integrated pest management of AIS.
2. Policy update – Introduction of Aquatic Species Policy – work still to be done but IFS represented officially by Larry Riley, and Jeff Hill participating as part of the AFS Resource Policy Committee
3. Contribution to AFS Western Division – seeing an increasing involvement in AFS by Mexico. To acknowledge invasive species issues in Mexico and hope to increase participation of Mexican biologists in IFS, funds were provided to support this meeting.
4. HAMAR (Hatcheries and Management of Aquatic Resources) – small group put together to draft a document, under final stages of review.
5. Congressional Action – bill introduced in Congress on introduced fish species – a letter from IFS was provided to provide input for consideration to ensure a balanced approach.
6. Historical newsletters of IFS Section – group developed to review for today’s interest and relevancy.
7. Media Award Update – **ACTION:** small discussions but will follow up, including qualifications (Phil Moy, Duane Chapman, Nick LaPointe)
8. Areas for improvement identified:
	* ListServe – thanks to Duane Chapman for all his efforts in keeping this going
	* Website – updates need to be done more frequently and look for opportunities to expand
	* Development of a Facebook page?
* Recognition and thanks to Scott Bonar for his work as President of IFS this past year, instate Pam Fuller as President

**New Business:**

1. IFS Symposium at Portland OR? Agreement yes. Ideas:
	* Review of last year’s suggestions – international cooperation, reciprocal invasions (noted this is a symposium at upcoming ASLO conference)
	* Behaviour, ecology
	* Natives in non-native areas
	* Data topics
	* Difference methods of study
	* Partnerships
	* New technology/technology-based solutions
	* Management
	* Habitats
	* Reproduction
* Working draft title for IFS Symposium: “*Working with partners across large landscapes: technology, outreach and management*”. **ACTION:** Phil Moy and Becky Cudmore agreed to begin organization.
1. Discussion had on potential for IFS to develop a more general award based on excellence in AIS work. Motion by Scott Bonar, second by Becky Cudmore.
2. Suggestions for use of IFS funds?:
	* Continue with student travel awards
	* Grant to support research of graduate students (does not need to be annual)
	* Could consider investing some $ into the Society to do better with interest. **ACTION:** ExComm to discuss and decide with Treasurer.