

American Fisheries Society's Invasive and Introduced Species Section Agenda

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Mon, August 21

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

DeVos Place - Grand Gallery Overlook C

Business Meeting Agenda

- **Section introductions**
 - Most attendance in a long time with 3 virtual attendees
- **ExCom introductions**
- **AFS Leadership**
 - Cecil Jennings presented to membership on updates within AFS
 - Affiliate member not a membership type, need to work on getting those members full members
- **President welcome- Wes Daniel**
- **Membership update- Wes Daniel**
- **Treasurer's report- Nathan Lederman**
 - Moved to accept - XX
 - 2nd - XX
- **Species Session- Introduced and Invasive Species: Monitoring, Management, and Ecology- Alison Coulter**
 - Kept broad symposium that was well attended and covering 4 days with presentation
- **Student Travel awards- Nathan Lederman**
 - Most applicants in a long while, highly competitive
 - Check did not arrive to Wes in time
- **Criteria for student travel- Nathan Lederman**
 - Conversations were had to update the scoring rubric of student travel by EXCOMM
 - Unable to complete timing wise for the 2023 award
 - Check with the education section for guidance on scoring rubric
 - Looking to get people involved in updating the criteria
 - Nobody volunteered, EXCOMM to reach directly out to people
 - Consider Alex Catalano and Cari-Ann Hayer
- **Changing of Bylaws- Marybeth Brey**
 - Finally have enough votes to move on
 - Need to send bylaws to the Randy Schultz to get in front of the governing board for approval
- **Updates on the newsletter- Seth Love**
- **Open positions- All**
 - **Treasurer** – no self-nominations
 - **Social media person** – Hannah Mulligan volunteered to take social media role
 - **Website person** – Matt Nielson volunteered to update website
- **Section history manuscript- Alison Coulter**
 - Looking to get some fresh blood involved
 - Duane Chapman volunteered to assist

- Paul indicated we should reach out to Chris Kohler to have his archival knowledge
 - Alison and Nathan to work on getting Duane and Chris involved
- **2024 Hawaii Meeting- Future management of Invasive Species in a changing climate- Wes Daniel**
 - Putting together a special symposium on invasive species and climate change at 2024 meeting
 - Looking to have special issue in NAJFM
 - Has the section considered fundraising to cover the special issue page fees – Jason DeBoer
 - Initial thought was to have the submitting authors cover the page fee
 - Work with Jason for fundraising to cover page fee.
- **Additional Business**
 - 2024 annual meeting in Hawaii likely difficult to financially get to for students and agency workers
 - Could we consider giving a travel award to support professionals presenting in the symposium - Paul
 - Financing that might be a little tough
 - Unable to use money in investment account as minimum investment time is 3 years
 - First invested in 2/16/2012 so 2/16/24 funds would be first available with currently a gain of \$123
 - Need to keep a minimum balance of \$5,000 in checking to avoid fees
 - Membership dues 1,010 in \$2022 covered travel awards for 2023
 - Consider increasing the number of student travel awards for Hawaii – Kevin Irons
 - See explanation above
 - Motion: Excom consider increasing the number of student travel awards for Hawaii if financially feasible – Kevin Irons
 - Second
 - Providing some physical memento to show off for travel award should be considered – Duane Chapman
 - Motion: Travel award chair to come up with a physical memento of reasonable value for student travel awardees
 - Second – Kevin Irons