

## 2023 Annual Meeting ICAFS Business Luncheon

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Poster and trade show ends at 11:30.)

| Start Time | Allotted Time (minutes) | Item                                | Person                      | Content   |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 11:30 AM   | 0:10                    | Begin Lunch Break                   |                             | 10-minute break to get seated   |
| 11:40 AM   | 0:02                    | Welcome, Call to Order              | Rob Van Kirk                | Call to order and general rundown of the business meeting format  |
| 11:42 AM   | 0:02                    | Secretary Report                    | Jesse McCane                | Motion to dispense with reading of minutes and accept minutes as posted   |
| 11:44 AM   | 0:05                    | WDAFS Report                        | Laurie Earley               | Division accomplishments and programs   |
| 11:49 AM   | 0:02                    | Treasurer Report                    | Rebekah Horn                | Current balances in accounts, any other relevant information about balances and budget                              |
| 11:51 AM   | 0:02                    | Vice President Report               | Lauren Andrews              | Time and place of 2024 meeting  |
| 11:53 AM   | 0:02                    | President-Elect Report              | Kevin Meyer                 | Brief summary of annual meeting including number of papers, posters, and persons attending                          |
| 11:55 AM   | 0:04                    | Palouse Unit Report                 | Sage Unsworth               | Briefly list accomplishments since 2022 meeting   |
| 11:59 AM   | 0:04                    | Portneuf Unit Report                | Tyler Breech                | Briefly list accomplishments since 2022 meeting   |
| 12:03 PM   | 0:04                    | BYUI AFS Unit Report                | Lonnie Parry                | Briefly list accomplishments since 2022 meeting   |
| 12:07 PM   | 0:03                    | Committee Reports: Anadromous Fish  | Marika Dobos, Sammy Matsaw  | Briefly list accomplishments since 2022 meeting   |
| 12:10 PM   | 0:03                    | Committee Reports: Aquaculture      | Riley Brown, Erik Pankau    | Briefly list accomplishments  |
| 12:13 PM   | 0:03                    | Committee Reports: Fundraising      | Luciano                     | Briefly list accomplishments, overview of fundraising for meeting   |
| 12:16 PM   | 0:04                    | Committee Reports: Mentoring        | Kat Gillies-Rector          | Briefly list accomplishments, <b>announce Outstanding Mentor and Early Career Professional awards</b>               |
| 12:20 PM   | 0:04                    | Committee Reports: Native Fishes    | Dan Kenney or Jeff or Cindy | Briefly list accomplishments, <b>announce winner of R.L. Wallace Award + Poster Design Recognition</b>              |
| 12:24 PM   | 0:04                    | Committee Reports: Aquatic Habitat  | Ken Bouwens                 | Briefly list accomplishments, <b>announce winners of Aquatic Habitat Restoration Award</b>                          |
| 12:28 PM   | 0:10                    | Committee Reports: Public Education | Jake Hughes                 | Briefly list accomplishments, <b>announce ICAFS scholarship winners (3), TOP grant winner</b>                       |
| 12:38 PM   | 0:08                    | Susan B. Martin Scholarship         | Don Martin                  | <b>Announce winner of the Susan B Martin Scholarship</b>  |
| 12:46 PM   | 0:03                    | Presidents Report                   | Rob Van Kirk                | Chapter accomplishments: WDAFS outstanding chapter, WDAFS D&I award, financial sustainability plan, bylaw changes   |
| 12:49 PM   | 0:30                    | Awards - EXCOM/Chapter              | Tim Copeland                | <b>Announce Chapter Awards: Outstanding Professional; Lifetime Achievement; Annual Merit; Distinguished Service</b> |
| 1:19 PM    | 0:02                    | Election Results                    | Christine Stewart           | <b>Announce results of the election, new officers, bylaw changes</b>  |
| 1:21 PM    | 0:01                    | Adjourn                             | Rob Van Kirk                | Thank you - any relevant reminders/announcements  |

Total 1:52

**Notes**  
**Idaho Chapter AFS Business Luncheon**  
**Date: March 3, 2021**  
**Time: 12:00PM (Mountain Time)**

Shoshone-Bannock Event Center, Fort Hall, ID

1. Welcome, Call to Order (Tim Copeland)  
 Call to order at 12:16am.

2. Secretary Report (Rebekah Horn)  
 There was a total of 142 in-person attendees and 34 virtual attendees for a total of 176: a quorum has been met.  
 Motion to approve the minutes as posted with one amendment, the date on the Treasurers report by Kevin Meyer, Liz Mamer seconded. There were none opposed and no abstentions, the motion passed.

3. WDAFS Report (Laurie Earley)  
 Laurie is the President Elect of WDAFS and will be working directly with the ICAFS Excom for 2023 joint meeting in Boise. Last year WDAFS developed a mission statement:  
*“The mission of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society is to: 1) improve the conservation and sustainability of unique fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems in western North America by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals, and 2) serving as an effective bridge between the Society and Chapters within the Western Division, promoting communication among and support of the Chapters and membership, and being the American Fisheries Society’s representative to the public in western North America.”*  
 WDAFS works as a conduit between the Parent Society and local AFS chapters. The benefits of WDAFS include travel grants, including those for indigenous and tribal members who do not have to be AFS members, small project grants, scholarships, service awards, and opportunities to join WDAFS through officer elections or committees. The society meeting this year will be held in Spokane, WA on August 21-25<sup>th</sup>, and volunteers are needed to assist with the meeting. The different ways in which to participate in WDAFS include submitting talks for meetings, volunteer, receive communication through the newsletter, listserv, and website, and participate in committees. There are also several ways members can give back to fisheries through AFS including serving on committees, through the society’s journals, and by being a mentor. Benefits of AFS membership include journal and publications free online, discounts for books, discounted meeting registration, travel grants, continuing education courses, and free webinars.

4. Treasurer Report (Lytle Denny)

| <b>Assets</b>             | <b>2/25/2022</b>    | <b>3/4/2021</b>     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Checking (US Bank)</b> | <b>\$ 41,316.88</b> | <b>\$ 11,940.00</b> |
| <b>PayPal</b>             | <b>\$ 46,131.68</b> | <b>\$ 7,625.00</b>  |
| <b>Stripe</b>             | <b>\$ 9,910.94</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>         |

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| <b>Spatial Monitoring (US Bank)</b> | <b>\$ 30,430.00</b> | <b>\$ 27,930.00</b> |
| <b>WD AFS (Mutual Fund)</b>         | <b>\$ 53,415.30</b> | <b>\$ 49,281.00</b> |
| <b>SB Martin (DA Davidson)</b>      | <b>\$ 75,265.50</b> | <b>\$ 73,441.00</b> |

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|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Primary Discretionary Fund Available</b> | <b>\$ 97,359.50</b> | <b>\$ 19,565.00</b> |
| <b>Discretionary Fund w/WD AFS Account</b>  | <b>\$150,774.80</b> | <b>\$ 68,846.00</b> |

Lytle provided an acknowledgement to past Presidents and past meeting success that have been good financially for the chapter. There was a total of roughly 290 registered for the meeting this year (120 virtual). A total of \$45,000 was earned from the annual meeting, with \$16,000 raised through GiveSmart as of this meeting. The WDAFS and Susan B. Martin funds help to sustain future investments, which are both seeing growth. Overall, the chapter is well positioned to co-host the 2023 ICAFS/WDAFS meeting.

#### 5. Vice President Report (Kevin Meyer)

Next year's annual meeting will be held jointly with WDAFS from May 8-11, 2023 at the Boise Center, in Boise, ID. Those interested in helping to plan the meeting can contact Kevin.

#### 6. President-Elect Report (Rob Van Kirk)

There was a total of 48 in-person students attending the annual meeting. There were three workshops held, one virtually, with 30-35 attendees at each. There were about 65 people virtually that attended the plenary session and contributed sessions ranged from 30-50 virtual attendees. There were 16 total poster presentations, and 42 total contributed talks. Rob would like to acknowledge ANDX for their work organizing the AV and live-streaming for the annual meeting.

#### 7. Student Unit Reports

##### a. Palouse Unit Report (Lynsey Harris)

The Palouse Unit sent 15 total students to the annual meeting: 10 undergraduate, four masters students, and one PhD with one student giving a presentation. The unit has had multiple guest speakers throughout the past year, have coordinated with wildlife society on projects, and noted that COVID restrictions have limited Unit activities.

##### b. Portneuf Unit Report (Laurel Faurot)

The Portneuf Unit sent 16 students to the annual meeting with seven presenting research. The Unit has held a handful of events and fundraising, including community field screening, fly tying nights, the Portneuf river cleanup, and an annual ice fishing derby. Raised funds will be used to help send students to the Spokane meeting. Laurel is currently working on compiling a history of Portneuf Unit.

##### c. BYU-I Unit Report (Trevor Wheeler)

The BYU-I Unit is composed of all undergraduate students who are helping to reach out to younger students in the fisheries profession. The Unit had many speakers both virtually and in-person this past year, participated in community outreach at local middle schools, had many volunteers for various projects, and facilitated student to

student panels to discuss internship experience and opportunities. Professors within BYU-I performed mock interviews and held resume reviews.

## 8. Committee Reports

### a. Anadromous Fish (Marika Dobos, Sammy Matsaw)

Marika and Sammy reported that the committee is starting to brainstorm ideas for a symposium or workshop for the 2023 ICAFS/WDAFS meeting and will be contacting their group to form a subcommittee. The committee is continuing to work on how to address misinformation in the news and may introduce this idea as a workshop. Mike Edmondson will be stepping down as a committee co-chair.

### b. Aquaculture (Riley Brown)

The Aquaculture workshop was held virtually this year and was developed with Allison Squire. The workshop had 12 invited speakers and 45 participants. Funds were secured to sponsor two students to attend the NWFCC meeting in Boise, however, the meeting was cancelled due to COVID. The committee plans to sponsor two more students to attend the meeting in 2023, being held in Boise. The committee plans to be more active in 2022 with Trout in the Classroom and sponsorship for students to attend the Coldwater Fish Culture Course.

Excellence in Aquaculture Award: Wayne Fowler, Steve Stowell and the Grace Fish Hatchery Program.

### c. Fundraising (Conor McClure)

All fundraising activities this year will be through the GiveSmart platform and the auction will take place live during the banquet. Conor wanted to thank Heiden and Luciano who helped bring in raffle/auction items and corporate donations. There was a total of 17 corporate sponsors donating \$11,000 to the chapter. Conor would also like to thank the businesses and individuals who contributed trips and items to the fundraiser. The initial fundraising goal was \$15,000 which was achieved this morning; the new goal is \$21,500.

### d. Mentoring (Kat Gillies-Rector)

Robert Hand is stepping down from the committee and Eric Lohman will be the new co-chair. For the first time, the Mentoring Committee will be handing out two outstanding mentor awards.

Outstanding Mentor Award: Rob Van Kirk & Joe Kozfkay

### e. Native Fishes (Pat Kennedy)

There have been two co-chairs that have stepped down from the Native Fishes Committee. The committee has developed a native fishes of Idaho poster and discussed options to finalize this project.

Richard L. Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award: Paddy Murphy

f. Aquatic Habitat (Ken Bouwens)

That Aquatic Habitat Committee had 25-30 attendees at the meeting. Jaime will be stepping down as co-chair and Eric Bernstein will be serving as the new co-chair. During their committee meeting, they discussed several 2021 activities and new ideas for next year. The committee is hoping to compile a symposium for the 2023 meeting.

Aquatic Habitat Award: Matt Green

g. Public Education (Windy Schoby, Lauri Monot)

The committee reported that the trout in the classroom grants have been in pause due to COVID concerns within schools. The committee has adjusted scholarship application questions with guidance from students and mentors which has greatly improved the quality of the applicants.

High School Scholarship: Miles Peter & Halee Angell

Undergraduate Scholarship: Hannah Swain

Graduate Scholarship: Brandy Smith

9. Susan B. Martin Scholarship (Don Martin, Virtually): Jeremy Brooks

10. President's Report, National AFS Report (Tim Copeland)

Excom held monthly conference calls throughout the year, 9 virtual meetings and 2 in-person meetings. The National AFS Chapter is closely watching our meeting as we are the chapter holding a hybrid meeting. This year ICAFS provided support to the Idaho Congress to support the Recovery America's Wildlife Act (RAWA). This initiative was led by Rob, with approval from the membership. The act is still currently working through Congress. There are plans in place to improve the financial sustainability of the chapter; a draft set of rules are in place and will be finalized soon. These new rules will provide more guidance for Excom and more transparency for ICAFS members for how money is used by the chapter.

11. EXCOM/Chapter Awards (Ryan Hardy)

Lifetime Achievement Awards this year are wood measuring boards made by Chapter member Steve Davis.

a. Annual Merit Award

- Lytle Denny, Secretary/Treasurer 2021-2022
- Tim Copeland, President

b. Distinguished Service Awards

- Lynsey Harris, Palouse subunit President
- Laurel Farot, Portneuf subunit President
- Trevor Wheeler, BYU-I subunit President
- Katharine Coykendall, Nominations Chair
- Martin Koenig, Fundraising Chair 2019-2021
- Carlos Camacho, Fundraising Chair 2019-2021
- Heiden Bliss, Fundraising Chair 2019-2021
- Nicky Muccarione & Don Zaroban, Native Fish Committee
- Jeanee Fall, Aquatic Habitat Committee
- Mike Edmondson, Anadromous Committee
- Shawn Young, Aquaculture Committee

c. Outstanding Fishery Professional Awards

- Herb Roerick
- Josh McCormick
- Tim Copeland

d. Lifetime Achievement Awards

- Jeff Dillon
- Sue Ireland

12. Election Results (Katharine Coykendall)

- Vice President – Lauren Andrews
- Secretary/Treasurer – Jesse McCane
- Nominations Chair – Chrisine Stewart

13. Adjourn (Tim Copeland)

The next ExCom meeting will be Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm

No motions from the floor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.