

**Agenda**  
**Idaho Chapter AFS EXCOM Business Luncheon**  
**Boise Center Ballroom**  
**Date: Wednesday, May 10th, 2023**  
**Time: 11:30am to 1:30pm (Mountain Time)**

1. Welcome/Call to Order  
Rob Van Kirk recognizes past presidents after the call to order.
2. Secretary Report  
Wrong date on the 2022 business luncheon minutes. A motion is made from the crowd to dispense with the reading of the 2022 minutes. Jesse McCane gently protests, but the motion is seconded and is approved without objection.
3. WDAFS Report  
Laurie Earley thanks the Idaho planning team. Provides an overview of what WDAFS does (EXCOM, committees, etc). Mentions a February deadline for grants. Encourages folks to find out about events/news via the WDAFS website, newsletter, and social media accounts.
4. Treasurer Report  
Rebekah Horn states that the new fiscal year operating budget has been reviewed and approved. Chapter is in a great place financially (see Figure 1 for account balances as of Wednesday morning).
5. Vice President Report  
Lauren Andrews announces that the 2024 meeting will be a joint meeting with the WA/BC chapter in Spokane, WA, 4/29/2024-5/2/2024 at the Centennial Hotel.
6. President-Elect Report  
Kevin Meyer states there are ~450 attendees at the meeting from 22 states and 4 provinces. ~55 students from 24 different colleges and universities. 16 young professionals and 16 retirees. 249 total workshop attendees across the 7 workshops.
7. Palouse Unit Report  
Sage Unsworth discusses two field trips with IDFG (Hells Canyon White Sturgeon trip and Fish Creek/Lochsa River steelhead sampling). The chapter made insect display boxes. Andy Dux/Eric Geisthardt/Kevin Meyer came to give talks. Also had a wild game feed event.
8. Portneuf Unit Report  
Tyler Breech states that several members attended the 2022 national AFS meeting in Spokane. They were able to provide some travel grants up to \$1000. There were six students defending in the Fall semester. They held their annual ice-fishing derby. Those funds go towards future travel grants. They hosted a seminar speaker from Oregon State University. They have been active in the community (Portneuf river cleanup, environmental fair, etc.).
9. BYU-I Unit Report  
Lonnie Parry discussed the new initiation of weekly meetings. Fly-tying nights, fishing printing, resume reviews, and other activities. They hosted speakers from several different agencies. They also conducted some electrofishing trips.
10. Committee Reports: Anadromous Fish  
Marika Dobos: Rebekah Horn will be the new co-chair. We are hosting a symposium on Thursday and will lead a plenary session at the 2024 ICAFS meeting (whose theme will be Anadromous Fish).

11. Committee Reports: Aquaculture

Eric Pankau: Our key objective is to fund students. We funded a student attending the U of I coldwater aquaculture course (Conrad Robbins [sp.], received ~\$1200 for registration/travel/hotel/per diem/etc.). We are hosting a symposium on applying research in fish hatcheries. Eric Pankau and Tom Lindenmuth will be stepping down as committee chairs; Melissa Wagner and Tyson Fehringer will be new co-chairs.

12. Committee Reports: Fundraising

Carlos Camacho approaches the microphone in a chicken costume; mild chaos ensues. Nick Porter announces ~\$38,000 in corporate sponsorships. Provides updates on the silent auction/raffle/live auction. Luciano Chiaramonte and Conor McClure will be stepping down; Tucker Brauer will replace Conor. Still looking for another co-chair.

13. Committee Reports: Mentoring

Eric Billman: Yesterday we held a student mentoring panel with five panelists. The student mixer/bingo went well. Two awards are given:

**Outstanding Mentor:** Katharine Coykendall (PSMFC/IDFG at Eagle Genetics Lab)

**Early Career Professional:** Audrey Harris (PSMFC/IDFG at Eagle Genetics Lab)

14. Committee Reports: Native Fishes

Cindy Nau: We had ~2,650 native fish posters printed and will be distributing those to schools/agencies/etc. Lizzie Parkinson (PSMFC/IDFG at Eagle Genetics Lab) designed the poster and was recognized/honored with a framed copy of the poster. One award presented:

**Richard L Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year:** Kevin Meyer

15. Committee Reports: Aquatic Habitat

Jeanne McFall: We are planning a large workshop at the 2024 meeting.

Jeff Diluccia: A video is shown regarding the Lemhi Basin habitat restoration work. An award is then presented:

**Aquatic Habitat Restoration Award:** Nikos Monovios, a rancher in Lemhi Valley (Eagle Valley Ranch).

16. Committee Reports: Public Education

Wendy Schoby: We had 17 schools participate in the TIC bookmark program. We have field trips planned with TIC (~\$5000 allocated). \$3200 in field trips at 12 different schools; we are building a new "Take Me Fishing" trailer in Lewston. The committee discussed the potential for a workshop/training at the next meeting. Jake is looking to step down so we need a new co-chair. We updated our questions for the ICAFS scholarships back in 2021 and in 2023 we made the process more "blind" (to gender/race/etc.). Four grants/scholarships are announced:

**ICAFS Student Training and Opportunity (TOP) Grant:** Conrad Robbins  
(Coldwater aquaculture course)

**ICAFS Student High School Scholarship:** Nick Drobish (Orofino)

**ICAFS Student Undergraduate Scholarship:** Lonnie Parry (BYU-I)

**ICAFS Student Graduate Scholarship:** Courtnie Ghere

17. Susan B. Martin Scholarship

The Susan B Martin Scholarship is awarded to Nick Voss (U of I); Don gives a nice speech.

18. Presidents Report

Rob Van Kirk: Announces that the Idaho Chapter has won two WDAFS awards:

**Outstanding Chapter/Large Chapter** and the **Diversity and Inclusion** award. These will be presented tomorrow at the WDAFS business luncheon. Many thanks to Tim Copeland for all his hard work on lobbying for these awards and writing up our official application(s).

19. Awards – EXCOM/Chapter

Tim Copeland: Several awards are given:

**Distinguished Service Award:** Christine Stewart (Nominations), Lonnie Parry (BYU-I), Tyler Breech (Portneuf), Sage Unsworth (Palouse), Conor McClure/Luciano Chiaramonte (Fundraising), Carson Watkins (Continuing Education), Pat Kennedy (Native Fish), Robert Hand (Mentoring).

**Award of Merit:** Rebekah Horn (Secretary/Treasurer), Rob Van Kirk (VP/President).

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** Sharon Kiefer (Mike Quist donated a very nice fish carving plaque for this award).

20. Election Results

Christine Stewart: The spawning run had 44 participants. Top finishers were Adam Zambie, Jacob Wahl, and Eric Geisthardt. The ICAFS bylaw changes were approved. Joe Kozfkay is the new Vice President. Eric Stark is the new Secretary. Rob Ryan is the new Nominations Chair.

21. Adjourn

Rob Van Kirk: Agenda is concluded, no new business from the floor, meeting is adjourned at 1:14pm MST.

<b>Assets</b>		<b>5/10/2023</b>		<b>4/20/2023</b>
Checking (US Bank)	\$	173,390.94	\$	48,328.49
PayPal	\$	37,059.18	\$	152,804.26
Spatial Modeling (US Bank)	\$	36,823.94	\$	13,828.72
WD AFS (Mutual Fund)	\$	51,281.92	\$	50,918.74
SB Martin (DA Davidson)	\$	69,997.17	\$	69,561.24
<b>Primary Discretionary Fund Available</b>	\$	<b>225,536.23</b>	\$	<b>201,132.75</b>
<b>Discretionary Fund w/WD AFS Account</b>	\$	<b>276,818.15</b>	\$	<b>252,051.49</b>

Figure 1: ICAFS account balances as of 5/10/2023 as per Rebekah Horn's e-mail.