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The Vent

Dave Zafft

"Time flies" – we've all heard it and it rings truer with each passing year. If you haven't come to believe that, you are probably not yet thirty. It seems like only a couple of years ago that I was spending my first month in Wyoming wading small streams in the Sierra Madres searching for Colorado River cutthroat. I was the epitome of a "green" technician...thinking that June nights at 9,500 ft might not require a sleeping bag. It was actually 19 years ago this month. Some of my colleagues that were wading streams as middle-aged biologists at that time will soon be retiring. When I think about the fact that I probably don't have more than 25 years left in my career – it strikes a cord. Is it really possible that my work is nearly half over? If it's true that time seems to pass faster with each passing year...I'm going to be sitting at my son's high school commencement before I know it and retirement will only be a few years after that.

I can hardly believe that it was 10 years ago that I began working with the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of AFS by putting together a continuing education workshop on GIS technology. It has already been 3 years since I began serving on the Chapter Excom. We've had great meetings in Laramie and Grand Junction and we co-hosted the Western Division's annual meeting in Salt Lake City this year. A bunch of you put a lot of hard work into preparing for that meeting and I want to thank you again for your efforts. The work of the past year paid off a very successful annual meeting that netted

more than \$20,000 in profit for our Chapter. To top it all off, the Western Division awarded us with the Division's Outstanding Chapter Award for the second time in the past three years.

We've all had some time to recover from our work to prepare for the 2004 meeting, but believe it or not, the meeting was nearly 4 months ago. It's time to dust off all those files that we put down before the Salt Lake City meeting and get back to work on some important Chapter business. We need to finish revisions to the Chapter Procedures and the Endowment Funding Guidelines. We have preparations to make for the September 2004 Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo in Casper. Preparations for the 2005 annual meeting in Ft. Collins will be upon us before we know it. I'm sure Anita Martinez would be happy to hear from anyone willing to assist with the meeting program or arrangements.

I'm sure our Chapter member's level of involvement is one of the reasons we were recognized as the Western Division's Outstanding Chapter this year. When shoulders are tapped, our members are always willing to help out. Summer is just getting started, but it will be over before we know it. Take some time to enjoy the outdoors during the next few months, but think about making some time to help out with Chapter activities. Your reward will be lasting friendships and fond memories when you are looking back over your career.



Annual Meeting Summary

Deserving Professionals Receive Chapter Awards

Several chapter members were recognized at the annual banquet in Salt Lake City for their hard work and dedication to the American Fisheries Society and the fisheries profession.

MAX Award Recipient:

Kevin Rogers for his hydroacoustic work, nominated by Pat Martinez.

Award of Excellence:

Thomas P. Nesler, nominated by Kurt Fausch.

Past-President Award:

John Alves, nominated by Dave Zafft.

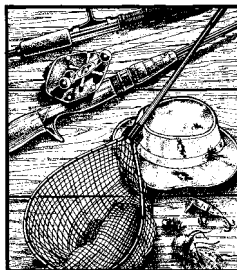
Certificate of Appreciation:

Sheila Garl, Registration Co-Chair, nominated by Dave Zafft for help with annual and Western Division meeting.

Steve Wolff, Registration Co-Chair, nominated by Dave Zafft for help with annual and Western Division meeting.

Rob Gipson, Program and Abstracts Chair, nominated by Dave Zafft for help with annual and Western Division meeting.

We did not receive any nominations for the Leaky Boot Award.



Chapter Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Salt Lake City, Utah

March 3, 2004

Attendees

Dave Zafft – Chapter President
Anita Martinez – Chapter Vice-President
Hilda Sexauer – Secretary/Treasurer
Chapter committee members
Chapter members

Guests

Gus Rassam
Lynn Starnes
Tom McMahon

Dave Zafft called the meeting to order at 0718.

Joe Margraf was appointed as Parliamentarian

Jason Burckhardt motioned to approve the 2003 Chapter business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. 2003 Chapter business meeting minutes were approved.

The 2004 Business meeting agenda was approved and no additional items were added to the agenda.

Unfinished Business: At the 2003 Business meeting Sherm Hebein proposed another Chapter award – Cutthroat Conservation Award. Hebein has decided to not pursue this award.

Dave Zafft thanked members of the Excom, committee members, session chairs, moderators and all other members that assisted in making this AFS meeting a great success. Dave also thanked the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for their support and approval of out of state travel for 25 agency personnel.

University of Wyoming Student Subunit – James Roberts

Colorado State University – Ryan Fitzpatrick
James and Ryan provided updates on past activities and fundraisers.

James encouraged AFS members to attend their Annual Student Feast and the Student AFS and Flycaster symposium this spring. Colorado State University and University of Wyoming AFS members will have a joint gathering this year which will challenge peoples fishing, casting and coordination skills.

Committee Reports

Arrangement and Program – Dave Zafft for Steve Wolff and Rob Gipson

There was 7 to 9 concurrent sessions. Approximately 600 people attended the meeting.

Budget Review – Dave Zafft for Rob Gipson

Proposed budgets are now due in August. By default Rob Gipson reviewed the 2003 – 2004 budget prior to placing on the Chapter website and the “Angler”. Anita will submit the 2004 – 2005 proposed budget and present it to the Budget Review committee to review and approved the meeting at Excom meeting.

Continuing Education – Dave Zafft

The Bonneville Chapter organized the Continuing Education courses for the Western Division meeting. We have over 100 people attending courses

Nominating committee – Dave Zafft for John Alves

John Alves selected Dan Brauch and Lori Martin

Newsletter committee – Gangl

The Chapter has switched to an electronic newsletter and so far the feedback has been positive. We anticipate that the electronic version of the “Angler” to Chapter members will increase in the future. Please provide feedback on the “Angler” to Gangl.

Environmental Policy – Anita Martinez

The committee assisted with reviewing a document on the effects of dam removal even though this issue is not relevant to the Chapter. The committee is interested in soliciting topic to review. Management issues related to illegal introductions will be submitted to the committee members for review.

Membership – Greg Anderson

The Membership committee is still looking for a Colorado representative. Please contact Greg if you are interested in this position.

The Hutton Program would be a great way to get high school students interested in aquatic resources and future members of AFS.

Future Activities include:

- Increasing the number of members that have Professional certification
- Improving the website and links for Professional certification
- Updating website with membership list
- 2004 Expo
- Gift memberships to undergraduates – The Chapter has 12 gift memberships for undergraduates and so for we have award 1.

Raffle – Dave Zafft

Tracy Stephens and Dan Brauch did a great job in soliciting raffle items.

Fund Raising – Dave Zafft for Bill Bradshaw and Paul Dey

The funding committee raised \$16,500 for the meeting

Endowment and Funding – Bill Bradshaw

Bradshaw provided a brief history on the development of the endowments. As of 2003 the endowments were fully funded at 20K for each university. The committee is now looking for a new mission. Bill also stressed the importance for members to donate money to the student scholarship funds even at the \$20.00 minimum.

Procedures Manual – Matt Kondratieff

Matt presented members with a draft Procedures Manual for review. This is a working document and should be updated as needed. The manual will provide direction for each committee and will be easy to change as the Chapter sees necessary. Hopefully the manual will be adopted at the next Excom meeting in August. Please review the manual and provide comments to Matt.

Unfinished Business

Bob Wiley provided his vision of the proposed Chapter Aquaculture award. This award may

provide incentive for more culturists to become involved with Chapter.

- Wiley will provide a description of the award.

New Secretary/Treasurer – Hilda Sexauer

Hilda announced the new Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. The nominations were Dan Brauch and Lori Martin. We received 89 ballots. Lori Martin will be the new Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations.

New Business

Bylaws – Zafft

Dave motioned to modify the Chapter Bylaws. The modification included deleting line 2AF. The motion was seconded and passed by majority vote.

Western Native Fishes Project

Western native fishes committee has collected information on 300 species. Please contact this committee if you have information on status and life history for native western fishes. They want to have as much information as possible

Chapter Awards - Zafft

Thanks to Kathy Foster for Chairing the Awards Committee and her hard work at soliciting nominations.

2004 Western Division Meeting – Lynn Starnes

It was about a year ago with Lynn started planning this meeting. At that time we budgeted for 325 people attending an inland meeting. We had over 545 people at this meeting. A big Thanks to everyone who made the meeting a success especially for the hard work by Eric Wagner and Dave Zafft. Lynn also encouraged the Chapter to submit a nomination for the Chapter of the Year Award. Last year the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter was second to Cal-Nev Chapter. Thanks everyone for attending the meeting and all the hard work in putting this meeting together.

Awards – Kathy Foster

Kathy encouraged everyone to please submit nominations for the Award of Excellence, The MAX award and the Leaky Boot. She only needs a ½ page write up and the nomination can be submitted by email. Please take the time to recognize a co-worker.

Meeting adjourned 0851

Annual Meeting Fundraising a Huge Success!

This year's Western Division raffle, auction, and silent auction were a great success! The total profits were over \$9,500 after expenses. Phaedra Budy, of the Bonneville Chapter, did an outstanding job coordinating the committee and organizing the raffle and auctions at the meeting. Generous donors provided a variety of great items for the event including a wilderness pack trip from Triangle X and a complete fly rod set up from Orvis. The seed money provided by the Colorado-Wyoming and Bonneville Chapters helped us to acquire additional items. A list of donors is included in the newsletter – please support these donors and let them know how much you appreciate their support of the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter and Western Division. We appreciate the support of the chapters and donors in making this year's event successful!

Now's Your Chance to serve on an AFS committee

Would you like to gain more experience in a specific area related to fisheries and to enhance your leadership skills?

Want to make a difference in the American Fisheries Society (AFS)?

As a small organization, AFS depends on volunteers for many tasks related to the science and the profession. Committees at all levels of AFS provide many ideas that shape the future of the Society, and they are excellent avenues for members to begin or continue volunteer service to AFS.

We are currently seeking individuals to serve on several Society-level committees. We encourage experienced members, including students, to apply for appointment. You may apply at the website below:

<http://www.fisheries.org/html/committeeapplication2004.shtml>

You may also request that a form be mailed to you. Contact Carolina Franco at cfranco@fisheries.org or (301) 897-8616 X 201.

Membership Committee Needs Colorado Rep

The committee is looking for a Colorado representative to Co-Chair the Membership committee. Anyone interested please contact President Dave Zafft or Membership Chair Greg Anderson.

Please remember that our Chapter bylaws and the Parent Society recognize that members having a Colorado or Wyoming address are members of our Chapter. Others that want to be members of our Chapter need to contact the Membership committee.

I want to extend my efforts to help members out. If you see any mistakes on your membership status or are having trouble with payments to the Parent Society please let me know and I'll do my best to correct the problem.

Members can help out by letting the committee know of members that are new, retire or deceased.

Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo -

The Chapter will again have a booth at the Wyoming Game & Fish Department Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo September 10,11,12 in Casper Wyoming to promote our chapter activities, careers in fisheries and the AFS Hutton program. If you have ideas or questions for the display, please feel free to contact the Greg Anderson.

Student Gift Memberships- The Membership committee gives out gift memberships to undergraduate students in each state. Congratulation to UW students and Sub Unit officers Ray Bredehoff and Matt Gruszczynski and CSU Zach Shattuck also the recipient of their Sub Units "Razorback Sucker Service Award". Chapter members can nominate undergraduate students that you feel need the extra push to become a member of our chapter by contacting Greg Anderson.

Membership Packets-The committee has membership-recruiting packets available for current members to give out to potential new members. Please contact Greg Anderson for more information.

Membership Committee Future Activities-

- Promote Hutton Program; continue to initiate involvement of Chapter members in the Hutton program as mentors.
- Promote the professional certification program.
- Work with chapter Webmaster and provide comments, changes and assistance concerning the membership section of the web page.
- Continue good standing relationship with the AFS Parent society and utilize their materials to promote AFS.
- Actively promote AFS and our Chapter with visits to schools, clubs, organizations, etc.
- Continue an updated, current Chapter list of members in good standing.
- Continue to target others interested in fisheries by developing a recruitment list, to include e-mail addresses.
- Gather other ideas from EXCOM and Chapter members.
- Award student gift memberships as needed.

The committee strives to accomplish the projects it has undertaken and some projects will require time and additional funding. The committee thanks the chapter Excom for their patience and support as we work together to build membership and membership services.

For more information on membership committee activities or to receive materials on any of the AFS programs mentioned on this page, contact Membership Chair Greg Anderson at (307) 859-8252 or Greg.Anderson@wgf.state.wy.us.

New Species of Fish Discovered in Seychelles

Reuters — May 19, 2004

VICTORIA, Seychelles — A new species of freshwater fish has been discovered in the Indian Ocean archipelago of the Seychelles, underlining the need for better protection, environment officials said.

The group of 120 tiny islands, which promotes itself as the original site of the garden of Eden, is a hotbed of biodiversity with a kaleidoscopic array of wildlife such as the giant turtle and plant species like the sensual coco de mer.

"This new species has never been sampled elsewhere and the species name is unknown," said Wilma Accouche, assistant conservation officer at the environment and natural resources ministry.

Accouche said the small copper-colored fish had not been given a name yet as more taxonomic work was required to classify it correctly.

The discovery, made during an inventory of Seychelles freshwater systems, brought the number of native freshwater fish species in Seychelles rivers to three.

Accouche said the discoveries make it all the more important to protect freshwater ecosystems, especially if the species live close to the coast, where there is more interaction with humans.

"This provides us with another platform to educate members of the public on the need to develop a more responsible and protective attitude toward our rivers, as we never know what rare and natural treasures we may be destroying," she said.

Accouche said that two species of crustacean were also discovered and work is under way to identify them at the Natural History Museum in Paris. They are new to the region, but it is not yet clear if they exist elsewhere.

"We are optimistic of further new finds," she said.

Websites Worth Browsing

Public Library of Science

The Public Library of Science (PLOS) is a non-profit organization of scientists and physicians committed to making the world's scientific and medical literature a freely available public resource.

The internet and electronic publishing enable the creation of public libraries of science containing the full text and data of any published research article, available free of charge to anyone, anywhere in the world.

To peruse their free journals on biology and medicine, see www.plos.org.

Browse the Biocomplexity Thesaurus

The National Biological Information Infrastructure presents the Biocomplexity Thesaurus. The Biocomplexity Thesaurus is a merger of scientific thesauri in fields of Fisheries, Aquatic Sciences, Life Sciences, Pollution, and Sociology. Use it to find alternative ways to say what you really mean:

<http://thesaurus.nbi.gov/>

Fish Telemetry Website

Anyone interested in biotelemetry should check the FAO's Fish Telemetry Website. The objectives of the FAO Fish Telemetry web site are to provide access to a technology to help foster sustainability, address key management issues, and promote information and technology exchange between managers and researchers in fisheries and aquaculture. Check it out at

<http://www.agsci.ubc.ca/gbi/FAO%20Fish%20Telemetry/main.htm>

Please thank and support the businesses and individuals who contributed to the fundraising success of our annual meeting.

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Ross Reels	Montrose, CO
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Utah Division of Wildlife Resources	UT
Utah USGS Cooperative Research Unit	Logan, UT
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