

**Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
ExCom Conference Call for 2014 Laramie Meeting Planning
February 10, 2014, 10:00am**

Notes: Bobby Compton

Participants: Paul Gerrity (President), Dan Brauch (Vice President), Bobby Compton (Secretary/Treasurer), Ryan Fitzpatrick (Past President), Jon Wardell (CSU Subunit President), Jessica Dugan (UW Subunit President), Christina Barrineau, Beth Bear, Steve Gale, Boyd Wright, Hilda Sexauer, Jesse Lepak, Diana Miller, Jason Burckhardt, Ann Widmer, Rick Henderson, Anna Senecal, Erin Sobel

Meeting topics and committees

Student social

After considering by-law violation (need chapter approval for expenses exceeding \$500 from line-item budget approval from 2013 business meeting), it was decided that the Wildcatter Suites at War Memorial Stadium should not be considered. That cost would have been in the \$3000 range and \$1000 was approved. Because the Library Restaurant does not allow minors (<21 years of age) in the upstairs area where we planned to have the social, this location was also eliminated. The Train Depot was selected as the location for the student social. It is \$300 for rental. We will bring in food or get it catered and CSU will provide beer. High Hops will sell kegs at cost (roughly \$60/keg). The tentative time is 6:30-10:00 and a shuttle will be provided from the Hilton (starting @6:00).

Registration (Bobby Compton)

115 people have registered for the meeting and \$17550.00 in registration fees. There are 42 people registered for the Continuing Education course. It appears that there is enough revenue from registration to cover meeting expenses.

Program (Rick Henderson)

Eleven poster and 46 oral abstracts have been submitted. There will be one concurrent afternoon session to accommodate speaker numbers. It was agreed that students will speak during the non-concurrent sessions. Gale and Bear will get the room arrangement/schedule to Henderson by 2/11. K. Bestgen has proposed giving a talk on Dr. Benhke during the meeting, likely the Thursday afternoon slot. The keynote speaker (Jesse Trushenski) will talk and then there will be two paired (management/hatchery) talks following. Gale will determine where posters will be located once he meets with hotel staff on 2/11. Fitzpatrick will investigate if CPW will print the programs in-house with the NE region (Hebein) covering costs.

Arrangements (Beth Bear and Steve Gale)

All is on schedule and they will meet with hotel staff on 2/11 to finalize arrangements and AV needs. Three rooms will need to be reserved for keynote speakers and CSU AFS students (male and female rooms). These rooms should go on the meeting bill. Gale will also determine where the best places to display posters in the hotel are.

Continuing Education (Diana Miller and Jesse Lepak)

All is on schedule, they need to figure out if the instructors will attend the meeting or will stay at the hotel. Registration will be waived and hotel rooms will be comped, if needed. J. Lepak will also get course material printing costs.

Awards (Jason Burckhardt)

There are three nominations for MAX, one for Excellence, and two for Outstanding Mentor. We still need a leaky boot nomination.

Fundraising (Ryan Fitzpatrick)

So far \$4500 has been raised and they are hoping for \$6000. Miller Net and Twine has donated \$100 and could be used for the student social. Donor names need to be provided to Laura Burckhardt ASAP.

Gifts (Christina Barrineau)

She is proposing either plastic boxes (n=250 for an order, about \$2-3/box) or a faux leather portfolio at about \$8. Approximately \$800 was spent in 2013 and that same amount is available for 2014.

Raffle (Boyd Wright and Hilda Sexauer)

They are still waiting for businesses to get back to them about donations, but are on par with previous years. Top photos that are framed will be decided by raffle committee. Donor names need to be provided to Laura Burckhardt ASAP.

Fundraising/Vision (Ann Widmer)

Recommendations will be presented at 2014 business lunch and will be voted on. There will likely be 3-4 ideas resulting from an electronic survey that will be sent to membership shortly. This committee will have 15 minutes at the business meeting for discussion. Approximately \$20000-30000 will be allocated.

Best Paper/Poster Judging (Christina Barrineau)

She has only two volunteers, but expects to get more once she starts twisting arms and breaking kneecaps.

AV (Erin Sobel)

They are waiting to hear about final room arrangements, and then will make sure equipment and volunteers are lined out.