



Arkansas Chapter American Fisheries Society Winter 2007 Newsletter

December 2007

Steve Lochmann, Editor

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President's Message

I hope that this letter finds each of you in good health and doing well. The 2008 joint meeting with the Mississippi Chapter of AFS is going to be fantastic. I am sure everyone is reserving the dates, February 20-22, 2008 in order not to miss the meeting.

The ADEQ Regulation No. 2, the water quality regulations for the state, was sent to EPA in November for review and approval. The procedure for using an extraordinary resource waterbody (ERW) or an ecologically sensitive waterbody (ESW) as a water supply was completed and included in the regulation. Also included were procedures for removing and adding these designations to waterbodies. This has been a very controversial topic over the past two years not only in our state, but also across the nation for those that favor the changes and those that do not. Either way EPA decides to rule, approval or disapproval, will most likely result in some sort of legal challenge by one side or the other. This issue is probably far from over.

Remember to help your local high school students with their science fair projects. Pass the duty to someone else if you normally volunteer as a judge. Also, remember to get out and get involved in the schools and the community.

Start collecting items for the auction while you are out shopping the next few weeks. Remember to encourage others to attend the meeting and become members of the Arkansas Chapter of AFS. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Jim Wise, President

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

For the

**2008 Annual Meeting
of the
Arkansas & Mississippi
Chapters of the
American Fisheries Society**

**February 20-22, 2008
Sam's Town Casino
Tunica, MS**

**Abstract Deadline: January 22, 2008
Submit online at:
hdclcl.cfr.msstate.edu/msafs/firstcall_2007.html**

**For further information visit:
www.sdafs.org/arkafs/AFS/2008_meeting.html**

Meeting Plans for 2008

The web site for our joint chapter meeting scheduled with Mississippi can now be accessed.

<http://hdclcl.cfr.msstate.edu/msafs/meetings.html>

It currently provides details for the meeting and procedures for submitting abstracts. (Folks in MS are currently trying to get around a glitch associated with credit card registration and that particular page is inactive for the short term). I have been instructed to be sure that you are aware that the abstract guidelines **will have to be followed exactly** as they are provided on the abstract submission webpage and that failure to adhere to guidelines will result in rejection until it is done correctly. Regarding reservations, a

block of 125 rooms are reserved from February 19th (some will need to get there early) through the 22nd. The code that the casino has assigned to our group is AMEB08A. Please be sure to refer to it regardless if you make your reservation online or by phone. I look forward to seeing you in Tunica and hope you enjoy the holidays!

Billy Justus, President-Elect

Arkansas Chapter AFS Unit Financial Report

September 14, 2007- November 26, 2007

Balance brought forward (May 11, 2007): \$ 13,412.81

INCOME

Interest (Simmons Bank), September-October 2007 \$ 10.63

Total Income \$ 10.63
SUBTOTAL \$ 13,423.44

DISBURSEMENTS

No disbursements this period.

Total disbursements \$ 0.00

Balance on-hand (September 13, 2007): \$ 13,423.44

The AR Chapter EXCOM serves as the Chapter's auditing committee and regularly oversees the financial records as noted in the EXCOM minutes.

Jason Olive, Treasurer



**138th Annual Meeting of the
American Fisheries Society
August 17-21, 2008**

**Ottawa Congress Center and
Westin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario**

For details...

www.fisheries.org/afs08/

Abstract Deadline: February 8, 2008

Call for Officer Nominations

Nominations for president-elect and secretary are still open, but will be closed soon. If you know someone who would do a good job serving our Chapter, please nominate them!

The President-Elect is primarily responsible for organizing the annual Chapter meeting and serves on the Chapter Excom for a total of three years (one as president-elect, one as chapter president, and one as immediate past-president). The Secretary is primarily responsible for keeping the chapter meeting and excom minutes and serves on the Chapter Excom. The secretary serves a two-year term.

Nominations can be sent to:

Joe Stoeckel

Fisheries and Wildlife Program

Arkansas Tech University

Russellville, AR 72801

or faxed to: (479-964-0837)

or emailed to: jstoeckel@atu.edu

Raffle Committee Report

The Raffle Committee wishes to remind you to gather items. If you have done this for the Chapter in the past, please ask your vendors/contacts again this year. Bring the items with you to the Joint Arkansas-Mississippi Chapter Meeting in Tunica, MS in February. You can give the items to Jimmy Barnett for set up. Remember that proceeds from student subunit items are passed along to the subunits.

Jimmy Barnett, Chair



Aquaculture America 2008 Meeting

Lake Buena Vista, Florida

February 9 - 12, 2008

For information visit

www.was.org

Call for Award Nominations

This is the final call for nominations for the Robert Jenkins Individual Achievement Award of Excellence and the Joe Hogan Outstanding Conservation Achievement Award of Excellence. We do not yet have any nominations, and we did not receive any nominations last year from the membership for these awards. So please take the time to nominate individuals or groups that you know are worthy of recognition by our Chapter. We need to get their names in the hat! You only need to include a brief rationale of the merits of the group or individual to have them considered for the awards.

The Individual Achievement Award goes to someone who has provided an important or long-term service to our Society, our fisheries resources, or our profession. The Outstanding Conservation Achievement goes to an individual, agency, or organization that has provided leadership or outstanding assistance in helping to conserve fisheries resources.

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Student Subunit Reports

Arkansas Tech University - Russellville

Another semester is ending here at ATU, and we have accomplished a lot. In September, members "made the world a better place" by cleaning up in and around Big Piney Creek, as well as assisting with the fishing derby at Pleasantview Park. Both events were a success. Also in September, members attended and presented at the national AFS meeting in San Francisco, CA. October found our Adopt-a-Highway mile clean again for another semester. In November, we elected officers for calendar year 2008: President, Chris McKee; Vice President, Charlie Ford; Secretary, Kacie Goodson; Fisheries Student of the Year:

Brandon Peoples. Many of our members are graduating and pursuing technician, graduate, and Ph. D. positions, as well as jobs in such places as Washington State, West Virginia, South Carolina, Virginia, and Colorado. I am one of them. That means the two years of you reading my reports are over, and it is time for someone new! So, Happy Holidays to all.

Brandon Peoples, Subunit President
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16th AFS Southern Division Spring Meeting

“Headwater Streams to Large Rivers”



Wheeling, WV

Oglebay Resort and
Conference Center

February 28-March 2, 2008

Details at:

www.sdafs.org/meeting2008

Abstract Deadline: December 8, 2007

Arkansas State University – Jonesboro

In September, guest speaker Luke Naylor, AGFC Waterfowl Coordinator, gave a talk at Arkansas State University. Luke spoke about the transitions from past to current waterfowl populations in Arkansas. He also explained the objectives of the satellite Mallard research project and results obtain thus far. In addition, Luke discussed plans and goals of the satellite Mallard project.

The ASU Wildlife and Fisheries Society fulfilled quarterly highway clean-ups in September and November. The society has completed two fundraisers this semester. For the first fundraiser, the society worked two weekends of deer check stations. Club members assisted with the annual Delta Waterfowl banquet as the second fundraiser.

Future plans for the ASU Wildlife and Fisheries Society included organizing a booth for the Arkansas Sport Show and preparing for Conclave.

Allison Asher, Subunit President
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University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff

This fall has been a busy time for the UAPB Aquaculture/Fisheries Club. We have hosted some fantastic speakers at our monthly meetings, and have a great line-up for next semester as well. We have had two catfish cleanings to raise funds, and we have a bake sale coming up to mix things up a bit. These funds have been used to hold some fun events such as a camping trip to Mount Magazine where members hiked and fished, and a trip to the Hot Springs Aquarium, which is the largest aquarium in Arkansas. In the holiday spirit, we donated a basket of food to needy families in Pine Bluff just before Thanksgiving. Members of the club have been busy finishing research and getting abstracts written so we can see everyone at the chapter meeting in Tunica. Happy Holidays.

Christine Adelsberger, Sub-Unit President
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