

**2010 Arkansas Chapter Business Meeting Summary**  
**Submitted by Chris Racey (Secretary)**  
**February 3, 2010**

The following are the minutes from the AR Chapter AFS Business Meeting held February 3, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

President Darrell Bowman called the meeting to order at 3:55 pm. Approximately 47 chapter members attended the business meeting. Secretary Chris Racey determined that a quorum was present and a motion was put forth by Rich Grippo to accept the 2009 AR Chapter AFS business meeting minutes. Jimmy Barnett seconded the motion and there was unanimous support to accept the 2009 business meeting minutes. Darrell Bowman then asked SDAFS president-elect Steve Lochmann to address the group. Steve brought forth messages from current SDAFS president Cecil Jennings. Cecil would like to have a member of the SDAFS EXCOM at each Chapter meeting (Steve Lochmann was our EXCOM representative this year). We are encouraged to send as many people as possible to the 2010 SDAFS meeting in Asheville, NC. Steve Lochmann indicated that another AFS meeting will be held in the near future in Nashville, TN, because participant numbers were lower than expected and did not meet the number required by the contract. Steve also reported that one-quarter of the SDAFS annual meeting budget is dedicated to funding students. Steve indicated that AFS will be sponsoring a student writing contest. Apparently, students have had difficulty capturing the results of their scientific data in their reports to the public. The writing contest will function to provide an arena to help improve students' writing skills. The contest rules and due dates for essays may be found on the AFS webpage. The winner will have their work published in Fisheries magazine. Finally, Steve encouraged our Chapter to continue to host joint meetings, because they provide a great setting for information exchange.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Jimmy Barnett provided the report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Betty Crump and seconded by Rich Grippo. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point, President Bowman reminded folks that have not paid their 2010 Chapter dues to do so. He also encouraged Chapter members to join the parent society.

Committee reports

*Nominating and Awards*

Committee chair Joe Stoeckel provided ballots to the membership to vote on the candidates for Secretary (Ben Batten) and President-elect (Colton Dennis and Tim Burnley). Ben Batten was the only candidate present; he provided a brief biography.

*Environmental Affairs*

Committee chair Rich Grippo moved this report to New Business.

*Education Liaison*

Committee chair Bill Shinn was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, Darrell Bowman provided a list of regional and state science fairs and asked for chapter members to help out with the judging at the fairs. Darrell provided plaques for the judges to take with them.

#### *Activities and Raffle*

Committee chair Lea Gray was unable to attend the meeting. Jimmy Barnett indicated that no Chapter members brought anything for this year's silent auction.

#### *Newsletter*

President Bowman asked for volunteers to take over as Newsletter Committee chair. Jeff Quinn volunteered.

#### *Webmaster*

Chris Racey reported to the Chapter that the webpage duties had been contracted out to Beverly Birdsong for \$500. The contract included updating all information on the existing webpage plus 6 months of maintenance. The contract can be re-negotiated at that point according to our Chapter's needs. Lindsey Lewis volunteered to take over as webmaster at the end of the contract if needed.

At this point, President Bowman recognized past-president of the parent society, Jack Wingate.

#### Subunit reports

##### *ASU*

Rich Grippo provided the report. Rich said that subunit members have combined with wildlife folks and attended the Wildlife Conclave at Frostburg State University. Members also participated in a fish fry, Adopt-a-Highway and are recruiting new students. Seth Fisher was selected as the subunit's Outstanding Student Member.

##### *ATU*

Clay Spikes provided the report. Clay indicated that subunit members will be participating in Adopt-A-Highway and working with Holla Bend NWR and the ACOE on habitat projects. The subunit thanked Bob Limbird for all his help. Micah Tindall was selected as the subunit's Outstanding Student Member.

##### *UCA*

Richard Walker provided the report. Richard reported that the subunit, during its first official year, participated in the Lonoke Youth Fishing Derby and aided AGFC with the Lake Conway rotenone sample. The subunit also participated in Operation Mongoose and Science Nights. Richard Walker was selected as the subunit's Outstanding Student Member.

##### *UA-Fayetteville*

Dan Magoulik provided the report. Dan reported that the subunit was very low on members and the few that are left have combined with the wildlife society. The subunit did not select an Outstanding Student Member.

#### *UAPB*

Brett Timmons provided the report. Brett reported that the subunit consists of Fisheries and Aquaculture students. The subunit participated in a catfish cleaning fundraiser where members cleaned over 2000 pounds of catfish. The subunit has also been involved with community cleanups and will be floating the Buffalo River. Brett Timmons was selected by the subunit as the Outstanding Student Member.

#### Old Business

Chris Racey put forth two amendments to the Chapter bylaws that were presented to the Chapter by email in early-January 2010. The first amendment was to add the UCA subunit into the bylaws where appropriate. The second amendment was to adopt the version of the bylaws that had been previously voted on in 2006, but that had not been actually instituted as a formal change. A motion was brought forward by Rich Grippo. Betty Crump provided a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Election results

Colton Dennis (AGFC) was elected the new President-elect and Ben Batten (AGFC) was the new Secretary.

Darrell Bowman then introduced Ginny Adams as the President of the Chapter.

#### New Business

Ginny Adams thanked Darrell Bowman and Chris Racey for their dedicated service and presented each of them with a plaque. Ginny then presented the best paper awards to Ram Pandey (UCA; Best Graduate Student Paper; "Acute effects of atrazine and nitrate on *Hyalella azteca* (*Amphipoda*) in laboratory exposures"), and Darrell Bowman (BVPOA; Best Professional Paper; "Using current and historic fisheries data to evaluate lake fertilization as a fisheries management tool in multi-recreational use impoundments"). There was no Best Undergraduate Student Paper award. Ginny thanked all who helped put the 2010 meeting together. Ginny reported that 167 people (46 professionals and 36 students from AR Chapter and 58 professionals and 27 students from OK Chapter) attended the 2010 AR-OK joint meeting.

#### *Environmental Affairs Committee*

Committee chair Rich Grippo brought forth several topics for discussion.

#### National Forest ATV use travel plan

Betty Crump provided a brief summary of the plan. She indicated that this is a good plan and is defensible in court if needed. There has been some concern by folks who own cabin rental businesses that the plan will reduce their business. Steve Filipek made a motion to have the Chapter send a letter to legislators Lincoln and Prior in support of this plan. Jack Wingate provided a second. Steve then went on to indicate that ATVs on forest land resulted in decreases in macroinvertebrates and also affected the rest of the

aquatic biota. Keith Whalen voiced concerns that turbidity can increase 10-fold in some areas on weekends when ATV use is high on forest land. The motion passed unanimously. The Environmental Affairs Committee will draft a resolution including facts provided by Betty Crump and the Chapter EXCOM will send the resolution directly to the legislators.

#### ADEQ triannual review

Jim Wise provided some information on the upcoming ADEQ triannual review and indicated that it could be controversial. Jim indicated that there will be 100 changes proposed. Three of those changes may be very controversial. The first is a change in wording from “fisheries designated use” to “aquatic life”. This is a simple wording change and not a definition change, but it may be poorly understood by some. The second change involves the standards for minerals. The third involves changes to impaired water duties. The review proposal will go out to the public in a month or so, and several public meetings will be held. Jim encourages students and professionals to attend the public meetings. Information will be available on the AWAG website and the Environmental Affairs Committee will post additional information on the Chapter website. Lindsey Lewis indicated that the USFWS will be making comments on the Ecologically Sensitive Waterbodies (ESWs).

#### Committee volunteers

Rich asked for volunteers to participate on the Chapter’s Environmental Affairs Committee. Contact Rich if you are interested.

#### Fayetteville Shale Play

Lindsey Lewis encouraged members to provide the ACOE with comments on the Fayetteville Shale Play. The due date for comments is February 19<sup>th</sup> and comments can be submitted by letter, with a phone call, or by going to the LR Corps of Engineers website (Regulatory Branch page->Conditions section).

#### *2013 AFS meeting*

Darrell Bowman reported that this meeting will be held in Little Rock and hosted by our Chapter. Jack Wingate will be our liason with the AFS parent society. Darrell is the Steering Committee Chair and will be organizing the Local Arrangements. The Program Committee Chair is Steve Lochmann and the parent society will be addressing the program. AGFC personnel will not be permitted to chair committees as they will be hosting SEAFWA in 2012. All Chapter members are encouraged to participate in this great opportunity. Please contact Darrell Bowman if you are interested in helping to organize this meeting by participating on or chairing a committee.

Betty Crump indicated that the AR Academy of Science will be adding four, \$500 grants that are available to undergraduates. Go to the AR Academy of Science webpage for more details. Betty also indicated that the AR Academy of Science journal is now only available in an electronic format.

John Jackson is a member of the SDAFS Student Affairs Committee. The committee is looking for a student subunit that is willing to host the 2010 Student Colloquium in mid-October. The SDAFS provides a \$1000 grant to aid this endeavor, and last year’s event was attended by 7 universities and 45 students. Steve Filipek made a motion that the

Chapter financially and logistically support the AR Chapter subunits if they would like to host this event. Darrell Bowman provided a second. Steve Lochmann reminded the subunits that this is a time-sensitive event, because a proposal will need to be provided to the SDAFS within a week or so. The decision of who will host this meeting will be made at the SDAFS meeting in Asheville. Brandon Peoples (ATU) set up last year's meeting and has an old proposal for review if needed. John Jackson also indicated that he is the chair of the Meeting Oversight Committee. The committee is looking to address low attendance at meetings across the country. If you have ideas of how to more effectively bring meetings to society members, please bring them to John. John also indicated that the Student Affairs Committee still has a few rooms available for free to students interested in attending the SDAFS meeting in Asheville.

Jimmy Barnett indicated that the old Chapter computer was ready to be disposed of because it was no longer useable, but that he needed Chapter approval to do it. Steve Lochmann made a motion to dispose of the computer, and Rich Grippo provided a second. The motion passed unanimously. Jimmy also reminded subunit advisors that each subunit was sent an important tax document during fall 2009. These documents need to be completed by the end of February and sent to Jimmy.

Billy Justus made a motion to discuss and develop an Asian carp resolution. Betty Crump provided a second. Billy stated that Asian carp from the MS River are "pretty good eatin" and potentially we could get stimulus money to create a cannery in east AR. The motion passed unanimously. Billy will provide the Environmental Affairs Committee with a draft resolution.

Keith Whalen requested help from subunits with kids' fishing derbies. Contact Keith if you are interested in helping out.

Ginny Adams referred to our bylaws and reinstated the use of a Program Committee to help set up Chapter meetings in the future. This takes advantage of the knowledge of presidents and past-presidents when setting up the meeting.

Ginny indicated that the AR Wildlife Society is interested in having a joint meeting. President-elect Colton Dennis will look into this.

Jimmy Barnett made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Steve Filipek. There was unanimous support for the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.