



American Fisheries Society

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Southern Division

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SOUTHERN DIVISION
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

FEBRUARY 29, 2008

Agenda

Southern Division American Fisheries Society

Executive Committee Meeting

February 29, 2008

Wheeling, West Virginia

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Executive Committee Meeting

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Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 1**

TO: Southern Division, American Fisheries Society, Executive Committee
FROM: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society
DATE: February 29, 2008
Office/Committee: SD AFS President
Officer/Chair: J. Fred Heitman

I. Motion Report:

(A) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**
 (B) Minority View: **Nothing to report**
 (C) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report**

II. Activity Report**A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:**

Work collaboratively with division units to advance the Society goals by coordinating and complementing Chapter activities related to aquatic stewardship, information transfer, and member services. Attend meetings, actively serve on committees and maintain a liaison role with regional resource stakeholders. Provide leadership and guidance to division units regarding governance and membership services and represent Chapter needs to the Society leadership.

2007 Program of Work:

- Improve communications with units
- Conduct SDAFS Leadership Workshop
- Complete SDAFS Disaster Relief Program (**see Report # 39**)

- Develop Mission Statement for Southern Division

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

***Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship:* AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.**

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Encouraged units to be involved locally in aquatic resource issues; encouraged units and students to be involved in Society Sections and committees that are actively involved in fisheries management and aquatic resource issues.

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Two resolutions that originated within the Southern Division were brought before the AFS Resolutions Committee for consideration. One resolution dealing with instream flow issues was modified from its SD AFS text but retained the intent and was moved forward to the AFS governing board for consideration. After considerable discussion the governing board sent the resolution back to the committee for additional consideration and rewording.

***Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach:* AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.**

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

We worked with the parent society to complete the disaster relief procedures this year. Don Jackson, Bob Curry, Danielle Pender and I made a presentation about this process at the AFS meeting in San Francisco in September.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

I am working with the SEAFWA Director's to establish a SEAFWA Fisheries Committee to improve communications between the SDAFS and SEAFWA Directors.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

I actively served on the SDAFS EXCOM, Society Governing Board and Chair the Best Chapter Committee. I am a member of the Reservoir Committee. I continue to encourage students and unit members to become actively involved in unit and division committees as well as society sections.

Throughout the year I have promoted that we as a profession should encourage each other to be Certified Fisheries Professionals. As we continue to promote professional certification within the Southern Division it enhances the image of our profession to others outside of the fisheries world.

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

This year we successfully conducted the first division wide elections. What made this even more remarkable is that our long time webmaster was a nominee and could not be part of the election process. We had a GREAT stand in person, Jerry Finke of North Carolina. The elections went off without any problems.

This Briefing Book, for the first time, is being published electronically rather than in hard copy. We feel that this is an eco-friendly approach as we continue to find ways to reduce our consumptive processes.

Some of our presentations at this Spring Meeting will be pod cast, thanks to the efforts of Greg Summers. The pod cast presentations are not considered as published and they are done with the presenters' permission. This will allow others throughout the division and, through the internet the world, access to the work done by our scientists.

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Encouraged units to submit nominations for deserving units and members. The Division's ECU student sub-unit and TN Chapter won the Society's best unit awards. Division members were recognized for their individual efforts. Eric Hallerman received the Excellence in Education award and Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Dennis DeVries, Bob Curry and Don Jackson.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Division units are increasingly meeting together, sometimes in conjunction with other professional groups. We are beginning to work more closely with The Wildlife Society, particularly at the SEAFWA meeting. Every active Chapter held an annual meeting which included special symposia, technical papers workshops or continuing education classes. I attended the following meetings to network with local Units:

2007 Tennessee Chapter meeting

2007 Florida Chapter meeting

2007 Spring meeting in Memphis

2007 Governing Board mid year meeting in Atlanta

2007 Governing Board meeting in San Francisco

2007 Student Colloquium in Charleston, WV

2007 SEAFWA in Charleston, WV

2007 Reservoir Symposium in Atlanta

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

The division continues to expand the use of our website. Increasingly units ask for assistance and folks ask if “something” can be posted. We used our website for the election this year and because of the timing we will be able hold the election a little earlier this year to stay within our annual contract so that we get two elections for our initial investment. Also this year our webmaster was able to renegotiate our webhosting contract at a significant savings to the division.

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

We in the Southern Division live a perilous financial existence. We tend to live rather hand to mouth. Over the past few years we have had the need to help some of our own, and we gladly did so, and would do so again. The support for the LA and MS chapter is something we were proud to do. We do not for a moment regret any of that support! However, this has depleted most of our funds.

The SD has never had a “rainy day fund” or certificates of deposits or any other higher forms of investments than a simple checking account.

This probably seems surprising in that some of our committees and chapters have tens of thousands of dollars in CDs and other investment tools. The funding for the division fluctuates annually based on the relative financial success of the Spring meeting. While we never have had a disaster we wish that they all could be as good as was the last meeting in San Antonio. Having a base level of funding would make planning for the officers an easier task.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

I recommend that we begin to accumulate funds in a “rainy day fund” that will be used for highly unusual and unanticipated events.

I recommend that President Steve McMullin establish a committee to explore how best the SD might establish and use some type or types of “rainy day fund” for the betterment of the division.

III. Financial Status

See Secretary/Treasurer Report

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 2**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Steve L. McMullin

DATE: February 7, 2008

Office/Committee: President-elect, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

Officer/Chair:

IV. Motion Report:

(D) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**

(E) Minority View: **Nothing to report**

(F) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report**

V. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee, the parent society Management Committee and the Governing Board. Perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

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Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Provided advice on design and implementation of AFS member survey regarding disaster relief. Attended annual meetings of the Tennessee and Louisiana Chapters as representative of SDAFS. Represented SDAFS at meetings of the Society's Governing Board at the mid-year and annual meetings.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

As the Southern Division representative on the Management Committee, I participated in monthly teleconferences and attended meetings of the Management Committee at the mid-year meeting in Atlanta and at the annual meeting of the society in San Francisco. In addition to the usual budget oversight, the Management Committee also reviewed plans to move the parent society headquarters from its current location to an as yet undetermined location after the sale of the presently occupied property.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

VI. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 3**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Cecil A. Jennings, Vice President, Southern Division, American Fisheries Society

DATE: February 4, 2008

Office/Committee: N/A

Officer/Chair: N/A

(G) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**

(H) Minority View: **Nothing to report**

(I) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report**

VII. Activity Report**A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:**

Participated in SD AFS EXCOM conference calls where Division business was conducted; Represented SD at GA Chapter meeting business meeting on Jan. 30, 2008 in Eatonton, GA; Provided comments on various documents including SD plans for Disaster Relief.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

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Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None o Report

VIII. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 4****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** David J. Coughlan,**DATE:** February 8, 2008**Office/Committee: SDAFS Secretary/Treasurer****Officer/Chair: David J. Coughlan**

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IX. Motion Report:

(J) Recommended Motion:

Approve 9 February 2007 EXCOM minutes (Memphis)

Approve 21 October 2007 EXCOM minutes (Charleston)

(K) Minority View:

None

(L) Background for Motion:

Minutes for both Executive Committee meetings were published in the December 2007 edition of the SDAFS Newsletter.

X. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Tax forms for the 2006 SDAFS return were submitted to the IRS. Monthly bank statements were processed and reconciled. Minutes were prepared for the 2007 SDAFS EXCOM and Business meetings in Memphis. Minutes were also prepared for the 2007 SDAFS EXCOM meeting convened at the 2007 SEAFWA in Charleston, WV. All minutes were published in the SDAFS Newsletter and the SDAFS website. A separate account to manage funds from the AFS Disaster Relief effort, under the auspices of Greg Summers, has been terminated.

Financial spreadsheets conducive to preparation of 2007 IRS Tax Forms have been prepared and distributed to SDAFS Technical Committees and Chapters. Past uncashed checks hampering the balance of the SDAFS checkbook have been reinstated into SDAFS coffers at the direction of the EXCOM. Year-end checkbook and financial statement balances coincide.

- B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

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Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Nothing to report

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Nothing to report

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

The SDAFS received \$9,150 from the Parent Society as dues reimbursement and \$5,211 from the Tennessee Chapter as the Division's proceeds from the 2007 Spring Meeting. The Division has received \$6 in interest from its checking account in 2007. Reinstatement of four uncashed checks added \$2,246 to the SDAFS financial balance.

Disaster relief-related expenses included the provision of \$3,350 to AFS to support meeting registrations and travel for LA and MS Chapter members and another \$3,100 for AFS Annual meeting related travel (of which \$948 was unused and returned). SDAFS provided financial support to the AFS Urban Fishing Symposium (\$2,000), SDAFS Reservoir Symposium (\$2,000), AFS Equal Opportunity Section (\$500), Diadromous Fishes Symposium (\$500), and Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society (\$500). The SDAFS

also provided the Student Affairs Committee with its usual \$5,500 for general operations and another one-time grant of \$2,000 to support travel to the 2007 SEAFWA. The total assets of the Southern Division as of 31 December 2007 were **\$10,094**.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XI. **Financial Status**

See the 2007 Financial Statement, Report # 4.1.

Southern Division American Fisheries Society
Financial Statement
1 January 2007 through 31 December 2007

| Item | Amount | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| Income | | |
| Dividends & Interest | \$6 | |
| Midyear Income | \$5,211 | |
| AFS Dues Rebate | \$9,150 | |
| AFS Book Sales Rebate | \$359 | |
| 2006 Budget carry-over | \$23,293 | |
| Unused Disaster Relief Travel \$\$ | \$948 | |
| Reinstatement of Past Uncashed Checks | \$2,246 | |
| Duke Energy Donation to WV Chapter | \$2,000 | |
| Total Income | | \$43,213 |
| Expenses | | |
| Awards | | |
| Cash | \$0 | |
| Plaques | \$461 | |
| Total Awards | | \$461 |
| Communications | | |
| Internet & Conference Calls | \$641 | |
| Newsletter and Ballot | \$2,346 | |
| Total Communications | | \$2,988 |
| Grants and Donations | | |
| AFS Disaster Relief Travel | \$3,350 | |
| AFS Disaster Relief Travel to AFS (San Francisco) | \$3,100 | |
| Student Affairs (SEAFWA) | \$2,000 | |
| Urban Fishing Symposium | \$2,000 | |
| Reservoir Symposium | \$2,000 | |
| EOS Donation | \$500 | |
| Diadromous Fish Symp. | \$500 | |
| Mussel Symposium | \$500 | |
| Total Grants and Donations | | \$13,950 |
| Other | | |
| Leadership Training | \$968 | |
| Office Expenses | \$23 | |
| Account Maintenance | \$27 | |
| Book Sales Rebate to Committees | \$359 | |
| SDAFS EXCOM Refreshments | \$544 | |
| Past Presidents Lunch | \$696 | |
| Student Affairs Committee | \$5,500 | |
| Travel | \$5,603 | |
| WV Chapter (Duke Energy Donation) | \$2,000 | |
| Total Other | | \$15,721 |
| Total Expenses | | \$33,119 |
| Income - Expenses | | \$10,094 |

Report to SDAFS EXCOM

Report # 4.2

Southern Division American Fisheries Society

2008 Proposed Budget

Presented to EXCOM 7 January 2008

| Item | Amount |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Income | |
| Dividends & Interest | \$6 |
| Midyear Income | \$3,000 |
| AFS Dues Rebate | \$9,100 |
| AFS Book Sales Rebate | \$400 |
| 2007 Budget carry-over | \$10,094 |
| Total Income | \$22,600 |
| Expenses | |
| Awards | |
| Cash | \$200 |
| Plaques | \$600 |
| Total Awards | \$800 |
| Communications | |
| Internet & Conference Calls | \$600 |
| Newsletter and Ballot | \$900 |
| Total Communications | \$1,500 |
| Grants and Donations | |
| AFS (misc.) | \$5,000 |
| EOS Donation | \$500 |
| Total Grants and Donations | \$5,500 |
| Other | |
| Leadership Training | \$1,000 |
| Office Expenses | \$200 |
| Account Maintenance | \$100 |
| Book Sales Rebate to Committees | \$400 |
| SDAFS EXCOM Refreshments | \$600 |
| Past Presidents Lunch | \$1,000 |
| Student Affairs Committee | \$5,500 |
| Travel | \$6,000 |
| Total Other | \$14,800 |
| Total Expenses | \$22,600 |
| Income - Expenses | \$0 |

Southern Division American Fisheries Society**Annual Business Meeting Minutes****9 February 2007****Memphis, TN**

The 2007 SDAFS Business Meeting was called to order at 1700 hrs by President Bob Curry. It was determined that there was a quorum present. President Curry introduced the current SDAFS officers; Fred Heitman, President-Elect; Steve McMullin, Vice President; Pat Mazik, Past President; and Greg Summers, Secretary/Treasurer. President Curry then introduced AFS Executive Director, Gus Rassam; current AFS President, Jennifer Nielsen; AFS First Vice President, Bill Franzin, and. Past SDAFS Presidents: Larry Aggus, Jeff Boxrucker, Larry Connor, Steve Filipek, Bill Fisher, Bobby Grinstead, Rich Noble, Nick Parker, Don Jackson, Barry Smith, Mike Van Den Avyle, and Scott Van Horn were also introduced.

AFS President Nielsen's Remarks: President Nielsen commented that she is enjoying her tenure as AFS President as it allows her to attend each Division's Annual Meeting and meet many AFS members. She is looking to formalize a disaster relief procedure and AFS Second Vice President, Don Jackson, is leading that effort. She also has an interest in increasing student participation in AFS governance and the committee structure. Certainly the very cheap dues structure for students should not be an obstacle to AFS membership.

Executive Director Rassam's Remarks: Gus and several AFS Presidents will soon be meeting with new Congressional staff members to map fisheries activities for the future. A new AFS journal of Marine and Coastal Fisheries will soon be published; it will be open-access and only available online. To date, all AFS journals are available electronically in Fisheries InfoBase and soon all issues, even USFWS-produced issues, of the Progressive Fish-Culturist will be available there as well. Gus noted that the Potomac Chapter was not represented at the EXCOM meeting this morning and has recently had some difficulties; he commented that the Tidewater Chapter might be a nice place for these members to call home.

President Curry's Address: Bob's program of work included five areas of focus: 1) improve communication with units – he has done a lot of e-mailing in support of this objective!; 2) form an Ad Hoc Procedures Manual Revision Committee led by Chair Jeff Boxrucker – the Procedures Manual was approved at the EXCOM Meeting earlier today and the Bylaws will be voted on shortly by the membership; 3) work with the various units to update their Bylaws – Bob will, as Past President, work with the units in the coming year to review their Bylaws and Procedures, helping them revise where needed; 4) provide Leadership Training – training was presented the previous night to 42 attendees; and 5) lead the SDAFS Disaster Relief effort – this has been his main focus since the task was delegated to the SDAFS in March 2006. Disaster Relief will continue, in some fashion, through December 2007. Bob thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve them and the SDAFS!

Secretary-Treasurer Summers' Report: Minutes from the San Antonio Business Meeting were approved and published in the SDAFS Newsletter. President Curry asked for corrections; hearing none the Business Meeting minutes were approved.

President-Elect Heitman's Chapter Activity Report: Chapter reports from the EXCOM Briefing Book were summarized.

President Curry's Technical Committee Report: The nine SDAFS Technical Committees have experienced various levels of activity in the last year. Notable highlights include drafting of a BMP plan to meet the needs of new EPA guidelines for Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production (Aquaculture), planning for the Second International Catfish Symposium to be held in 2010 in Memphis (Catfish Management), making the final preparations for the Fourth Reservoir Symposium to be held June 6-9, 2007 (Reservoir), conducting a 'Pond Management 101' continuing education class at this meeting (Small Impoundments), continuing southern Appalachian brook trout management activities (Trout), and preparation of a symposium for mitigation activities on streams and river (Warmwater Streams).

Resolutions Committee Report: Dennis Riecke noted that two resolutions have been developed by the Resolutions Committee. They are "Resolution on the Development of Instream Flow Programs" and "Resolution Supporting the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership & the Southeast Aquatic Habitat Plan". Both have been published in the June 2006 SDAFS Newsletter and on the SDAFS Webpage in November 2006. Dennis made a motion for that both resolutions be accepted. Following no discussion, both passed unanimously, and will be forwarded to the AFS.

Resolution of Appreciation and Thanks: President Curry presented a resolution of appreciation and thanks by acclamation to the Tennessee Chapter, specifically Phil

Bettoli and Dave Rizzuto, for their efforts to graciously host an informative and well-planned 2007 Spring Meeting.

SDAFS Bylaws Revision Report: Pat Mazik noted that the SDAFS Bylaws and Procedure Guidelines were in need of revision. She and Jeff Boxrucker made the revisions, which have been posted to the SDAFS webpage and the December 2006 issue of the SDAFS Newsletter. Pat made a motion that these Bylaws changes be accepted and the motions were accepted by unanimous vote. These changes will not take effect until approved by the AFS Governing Board and a signed acceptance letter is received from AFS Executive Director Rassam.

SDAFS Disaster Relief Presentation: President Curry delivered a slide and video presentation of the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He also discussed the role of AFS and SDAFS in the relief efforts. There is still a need for equipment and financial assistance. Many organizations and subunits have stepped up to the plate with donations but more are encouraged. Quenton Fontenot, LA, and Jerry Brown, MS, both expressed, on behalf of their respective chapters, their gratitude and appreciation for all the support received.

Ballot Committee Report: Vice President McMullen noted that Cecil Jennings, Dave Coughlan, and John Odenkirk received the most votes for their prospective offices – Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and SDAFS Representative to the AFS Nominating Committee, respectively.

Presentation of Awards: President-Elect Heitman announced the following SDAFS Awards while President Curry made the presentations:

SDAFS Outstanding Achievement Awards went to Phil Bettoli of Tennessee Tech.

The SDAFS Distinguished Service Award went to John Galvez for his six years of service as SEAFWA fisheries editor.

A second SDAFS Distinguished Service Award went to Mike Van Den Ayvle for his 30 years of service to the SDAFS and to SEAFWA.

The 2006 SEAFWA Jack Dequine Best paper award went to C. Craig Bonds and J. Warren Schlechte (Texas Parks & Wildlife). The runner-up award went to George C. Palmer and Melanie Culver (Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries).

The Outstanding Chapter Award went to the North Carolina AFS Chapter.

The Outstanding Student Subunit Award went to East Carolina University.

The best student paper award from the 2006 SDAFS Spring Meeting went to Kathryn Mickett of Auburn University; second and third place went to Jodie Rummer (University

of British Columbia) and John Flinders (University of Arkansas), respectively. Best student poster went to Steven Dombauer (Arkansas Tech University).

The Jimmie Pigg Memorial Outstanding Achievement Award of the Warmwater Streams Committee went to Jessica Brewster.

The Robert M. Jenkins Scholarships of the Reservoir Committee went to Bradley Ray and Christopher Bodine.

Old Business: None received.

Installation of 2007 Officers: Past President Pat Mazik received a well deserved reward as she exited the EXCOM. Secretary-Treasurer Summers was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by President Curry for his two years of dedicated service to the SDAFS and the Disaster Relief Fund. Newly installed officers Dave Coughlan, Secretary-Treasurer; Cecil Jennings, Vice President; Steve McMullin, President-Elect; and Fred Heitman, President; were escorted to the head of the room. Bob Curry presented the Presidential gavel to Fred Heitman.

Newly Installed President Heitman's Remarks: Outgoing Past-President Bob Curry was recognized for his service to the SDAFS and the Disaster Relief effort. Fred stressed the need for AFS Professional Certification and urged non-certified members to pursue. President Heitman would also like to continue our strong presence with the Disaster Relief process and has asked both Bob and Greg to continue in their Disaster Relief roles until the end of 2007. Fred noted that one of his goals is to develop a Mission Statement for the SDAFS.

New Business: President Heitman then stressed the need for technical committees to submit financial statements to the Secretary-Treasurer by the end of February. The Fourth Reservoir Symposium will be in Atlanta in June.

Steve Filipek requested that an Ad Hoc committee be established to work with the SD Representative to SEAFWA to set up an electronic publication submittal template and other conference assistance.

Dennis Riecke, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks, thanked all the states and hatcheries that supplied fish to Mississippi after the hurricanes.

The 2008 SDAFS Spring Meeting will be held Feb. 28 – Mar. 2 at the Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, WV. Pat Mazik, WVa Chapter, invited everyone to join her at next year's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1832 hrs.

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President Fred Heitman called the meeting to order at 1555.

Secretary/Treasurer Coughlan notified the President that there was a quorum and proxies (for West Virginia and Arkansas) were received and identified.

Secretary/Treasurer Coughlan presented the 2007 year-to-date budget to the EXCOM though a couple items will require resolution. Greg Summers, SDAFS Disaster Relief Treasurer, indicated that the AFS Disaster Relief Distribution fund had an ending balance of \$958.74 after disbursement of all AFS Annual Meeting travel grants. The EXCOM agreed to have President Heitman request remittance of these funds to the Southern Division. Stuart Welsh, Student Affairs Committee Chair, noted that \$1,900 of the \$2,000 provided to the committee for student travel to the SEAFWA in Charleston, WV was unused. After some discussion, the EXCOM decided to leave these funds in the account of the Student Affairs Committee for future student expenses. Note: Stuart Welsh will be stepping down and Steve Lochmann, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, will be the new committee chair.

A draft 2008 budget was submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Coughlan and discussed. Several items will need resolution (travel, leadership training, and miscellaneous grants and donations) before final approval can be sought at the Spring EXCOM Meeting.

Two SDAFS resolutions (Resolution on the Development of Instream Flow Programs and Resolution Supporting the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership & the Southeast Aquatic Habitat Plan) were submitted to AFS and reworded slightly. The instream flow resolution was forwarded to the Governing Board in San Francisco where verbiage concerns necessitated the return of the resolution to the SDAFS Resolutions Committee. President Heitman reminded everyone that resolutions need to go through the SDAFS Resolutions Committee and be published in the December Newsletter (and on the SDFAS webpage) for action by the membership at the subsequent Spring

Meeting. Past-President Curry noted that an informal resolution should be drafted each year to honor the host of the Spring Meeting.

The timing of the December newsletter was discussed. President Heitman noted that news would have to be forwarded to the Newsletter Editor at Virginia Tech by Nov. 15 for dissemination of the newsletter in early December. Subsequent discussion indicated that the December newsletter might more appropriately be shifted to a November publication date in the future in order to precede the typical December deadline for submission of Spring Meeting presentations. President-Elect McMullin will check on the newsletter activities at Virginia Tech and remind them to invoice the SDAFS for their expenses.

President Heitman requested that the SDAFS Chapters provide the Secretary/Treasurer with the times and places of the 2008 Chapter Meetings. A spreadsheet detailing the meetings has been formulated but currently lacks dates and locations for several chapters. Plans will be made for at least one officer to attend each of the chapter meetings.

The 2008 Spring Meeting at the Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, WV will feature a safety related plenary session and symposia on brook trout, large rivers, and GIS. Several workshops are planned as well as the typical full slate of Technical Committee meetings. Meeting dates are February 28 – March 2. Oglebay Resort is one hour from the nearest airport; information regarding limousine service or car rentals will be provided by WVAFS. The second call for papers will go out in late-October or early-November.

Podcasting of presentations at the 2008 Spring Meeting is anticipated. The software to record the talks will be placed on the AV laptop though coordination between Greg Summers and the AV staff at the Oglebay Resort will be essential. President Heitman discussed the need for an authorization form that will require the signature of each presenter. Pat Mazik requested help with this as the Spring Meeting is being hosted by a small number of university faculty and WVAFS members.

Plans are still underway to archive historical SDAFS materials and Greg Summers has been accumulating these at the Oklahoma Fishery Research Lab.

President Heitman described his disappointment with late submissions of Chapter and Technical Committee financial statements for the 2006 tax year. He has requested that all 2007 financial statements be submitted at or before the 2008 Spring Meeting in Wheeling. Secretary/Treasurer Coughlan will provide the appropriate forms and information for the completion of these. President Heitman has a goal of submitting the 2007 return on time and without the need to request an extension.

Past-President Curry reported that the SDAFS Disaster Relief effort has been completed and that a final financial report is forthcoming.

President Heitman informed the EXCOM that, upon final ratification of the entire Ballot Committee, Hal Schramm and Fred Janssen received the majority of votes for the positions of SDAFS Representative to the AFS Nominating Committee and Vice-President, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 1717.

Attendees: Fred Heitman, Steve McMullin, Bob Curry, Dave Coughlan, Pat Mazik, Steve Filipek, Stuart Welsh, Mike Armstrong, Christian Waters, and Keith Ashley.

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 5****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Bob Curry, SDAFS Immediate Past President**DATE:** February 6, 2008**Office/Committee:** SDAFS Immediate Past President**Officer/Chair:** Bob Curry**XII. Motion Report:**(M) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**(N) Minority View: **Nothing to report**(O) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report****XIII. Activity Report****A.** Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Work collaboratively with division units to advance the AFS goals by coordinating and complementing Chapter activities related to information exchange, outreach, and aquatic stewardship. Attend meetings, actively serve on committees and provide leadership and guidance to division units regarding governance and membership services.

2007 Program of Work:

- Chair SDAFS Nominating Committee
- Work with units to update By-Laws and Procedures Guidelines
- Update Division Procedures Guidelines
- Develop Time-Line Guide to assist Unit leaders with identifying key reports and their deadlines
- Develop Mission Statement for SDAFS
- Direct SDAFS Disaster Relief Program

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://www.fisheries.org/afs/aboutus/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Nothing to Report.

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Attended SDAFS Spring Ex Com and business meetings, Spring SEAFWA Director's meeting, SDAFS fall Ex Com meeting, annual SEAFWA and SEAFWA Director's meetings and participated in periodic SDAFS Ex Com conference calls. Attended the NC Chapter annual meeting.

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Chaired the SDAFS nominating committee.

See 2007 Nominating Committee Briefing Report.

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Encouraged Division Units to review their unit by-laws and perform a procedures check-up – December 2007 newsletter and email.

Procedure Manual was **not** updated with procedures for archiving pertinent records.

Developed **DRAFT** timeline document for review by SDAFS Ex Com.

Located AFS Mission Statement and developed **DRAFT** Mission Statement for review by SDAFS Ex Com.

Directed and closed out the AFS Disaster Relief Program.

See Disaster Relief Briefing Report.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XIV. Financial Status
Nothing to Report

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 6**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Jim Wise

DATE: February 11, 2008

Office/Committee: President, Arkansas Chapter of AFS

Officer/Chair:

XV. Motion Report:

(P) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**

XVI. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Preside at all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Members of the Arkansas Chapter routinely participate in many activities that promote the wise management of the Arkansas's fishery resources. These activities include everything from assisting with fishing derbies and tournaments, to assisting local watershed groups and landowners with habitat and stream restoration projects, to educating the public and local

officials on the importance of water quality maintenance and stream preservation.

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

In addition to the activities listed under Focus Area 1, Chapter members participate in and with local science fairs and participating students. Chapter members assist local participants with their projects from start to finish. Others support the local competitions by volunteering as judges or helpers.

Members also visit local school classrooms, present at seminars and conferences, or man booths at local citizen gatherings, teaching and promoting fisheries, and conservation and preservation of natural resources. Still other members serve as board members and/or advisors to conservation committees, watershed groups, and political advisory boards.

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

The Arkansas Chapter assists its sub-unit members with travel expenses whenever possible. It also has and will continue to support Parent Chapter functions and projects whenever possible. It recognizes achievements of young students by presenting awards at the local science fairs. The Chapter recognizes the achievements of its subunit members through awards during the annual meeting. It also recognizes professional through lifetime achievement awards and environmental excellence awards.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XVII. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 8****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Eric Nagid, President, Florida Chapter American Fisheries Society**DATE:** January 14, 2008**Office/Committee:****Officer/Chair:****XVIII. Motion Report:**(Q) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**(R) Minority View: **Nothing to report**(S) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report****XIX. Activity Report**

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership**Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education****Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship**

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

The Florida Chapter voted unanimously to host the 2012 annual Southern Division Meeting.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Of the 27 students that registered and attended the meeting, 14 applied for and received Chapter travel grants that funded their room and board. These were funded by proceeds from the Chapter's annual meeting raffle.

The Chapter awarded the Roger Rottmann Memorial Scholarship to Matthew Catalano from the University of Florida in the amount of \$500.

The Chapter provided funding for six of the Chapter's student subunit members to attend the Southern

Division's Annual Student Colloquium.

At our annual meeting in February 2007, best oral and poster presentations were awarded to the following scientists:

Professional Presentation

Collins, A. B. and R. S. McBride. The Hogfish Cooperative Research Project: Science with Spearfishers.

Professional-Student Presentation

Dotson, J., M. S. Allen, W. E. Pine, III, M. Hale and B. Johnson. Effects of Commercial Gill Net Bycatch on Black Crappie Abundance and Angler Catch at Lake Dora, Florida.

Professional Poster

Flaherty, K. E. Effects of a red tide event on the relative abundance of juvenile and adult sport fish in Tampa Bay.

Professional Student Poster

Karouna-Renier, N. K., T. Lange, S. M. Gibson, R. A. Snyder, and K. Ranga Rao. Contamination Profiles in Largemouth Bass and Mullet Collected in Northwest Florida.

The Student Subunit of the Florida Chapter held their annual business meeting on February 21, 2007.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

The Florida Chapter held its annual meeting on 20-22 February 2007 in Ocala, Florida. The meeting was attended by 119 people, including 92 professionals and 27 student professionals. The meeting consisted of 29 platform presentations and 15 posters. The agenda and full text abstracts are available on the Chapter's website at <http://www.sdafs.org/flafs/meetings.html>. A half-day symposium on "on Lake Okeechobee, its waterways, and estuaries" was the highlight of the meeting.

The Chapter produced and distributed four 12-page issues (April, July, October, and January) of its

newsletter, *The Shellcracker*. These are posted on the web at <http://www.sdafs.org/flafs/news.html>.

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

The Chapter's website is at <http://www.sdafs.org/flafs/.html>. The website contains all information, programs and abstracts for the Chapter's past and future meetings, current and past newsletters, officer information, awards, travel grants and scholarships offered by the Chapter, etc.

The Chapter's student subunit page is available at <http://www.sdafs.org/flafs/Students/index.html>

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XX. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 9****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Don Harrison, President, Georgia Chapter**DATE:** 2/05/08**Office/Committee:** Georgia Chapter**Officer/Chair:** Donald Harrison, President**XXI. Motion Report:**

(T) Recommended Motion:

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Chapter should join the Georgia Water Coalition, a non-profit coalition of organizations advocating reasonable and well-planned water conservation and use in Georgia.

(U) Minority View:

Nothing to report

(V) Background for Motion:

Nothing to report**XXII. Activity Report**

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

The objectives of the Chapter shall be those of the American Fisheries Society as set forth in Article 1 of the Constitution, and to encourage the exchange of information by members of the Chapter residing in, working in, or having a professional interest in the State of Georgia and its aquatic resources.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership**Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education**

The Chapter made a donation of \$300 dollars to the UGA student sub-unit to be used to initiate their fund raising activities. Funds raised by the UGA student sub-unit are then used to pay expenses for guest speakers at sub-unit meetings and to cover the start-up expenses of the student sub-units annual fund raising fish fry.

A donation of \$500 was made by the Chapter to the Georgia Wildlife Federation to organize and host a Youth Fishing Camp.

A donation of \$250 was made to the Reservoir Committee to help cover the cost of the symposium held in Atlanta, GA.

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Membership and participation are both on the rise based on input from our GA Chapter Annual Meeting. The chapter continues to provide lodging at their annual meetings for students needing such accommodations. The Chapter has been distributing a newsletter and meeting announcements through emails and posting information on their webpage. The membership committee was very active in updating the current membership information and developing a statewide list of educators that are currently not involved in the chapter's activities. These educators were invited to attend the Chapter's annual meeting and to become involved with AFS.

Chapter member, Don Harrison, worked through departmental roadblocks and successfully recruited an applicant for the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program. Unfortunately, the student was not selected by AFS to participate in the program.

***Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach:* AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.**

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4:

The Chapter has provided support and information distribution for the newly forming Southern Instream Flow Network and the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership.

Chapter officers worked with the UGA Student Sub-unit to develop an improved and more comprehensive Chapter newsletter that will be distributed twice annually.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Several members of the GA Chapter were recognized at this year's annual meeting for their contributions to fisheries science and the GA Chapter. Cecil Jennings was

presented a “Distinguished Service Award” for his contributions and guidance to the GA Chapter. Mike Van den Avyle, Wayne Clark, and David Partridge* were awarded the “Career Achievement Award” for their contributions to fisheries research and management. Travis Ingram was presented the “Fishery Worker of the Year Award” for his contributions to fisheries management in Georgia.

*David’s award was presented posthumously after his untimely death in an auto accident in 2007.

Best Student Paper Awards were also presented at the Annual GA Chapter meeting. Kevin McAbee won 1st place for “Development of a Comprehensive Management Tool for a Federally Endangered Minnow, *Phoxinus cumberlandensis* (Blacksided dace)”, Alison Price 2nd place for “Evaluation of Quadrant Sampling as an Alternative Method for Estimating the Biotic Integrity of Fishes in Wadeable, Warmwater Streams”, and Russel Parr 3rd place for “Determining the Efficacy and Optimum Concentration of Aquis on Red Drum, *Sciaenops ocellatus*. All three students attend the University of Georgia and Russel Parr was the only undergraduate presenter at this years meeting.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

The Georgia AFS Chapters hosted their annual meeting on January 29-31 of 2008. There were an outstanding number of student papers. The agenda included a wide variety of topics and those who attended gained a better understanding of current management practices, research, and future challenges that the state is facing. The chapters raised over \$1500 from the raffle held during the banquet and awards ceremony. These funds will be used for future outreach and sharing of knowledge in the fisheries field. Scott Robinson served as the president of the GA AFS Chapter during 2007 and handed the reigns over to the incoming president Don Harrison during the business meeting.

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

The Chapter’s website was recently updated to include a web counter to track online activity. The UGA Fisheries Society web page was streamlined and updated www.uga.edu/ugafish. They also set up online banking, designed new t-shirts and polo shirts, and maintained electronic listserv with 141 members.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

XXIII. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 10****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Philip W. Lienesch, President, Kentucky Chapter American Fisheries Society**DATE:** 2/8/08**Office/Committee:** Kentucky Chapter**Officer/Chair:** Philip W. Lienesch**XXIV. Motion Report:**(W) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**(X) Minority View: **Nothing to report**(Y) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report****XXV. Activity Report**

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Organize and preside over all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, make appointments, coordinate with other organizations and agencies to perform other duties and functions as necessary.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

***Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship:* AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.**

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership**Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education**

We donated \$500 to support the reservoir committee in presenting the 4th Reservoir Symposium, “Balancing fisheries management and water uses for impounded river systems.”

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

The Kentucky Chapter’s has adopted Elkhorn Creek as part of the “Adopt a Stream Cleanup” and visited the creek to assess its condition. No actions were taken in 2007 but we plan to assess the creek yearly, and conduct clean up events when necessary.

***Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach:* AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.**

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

On June 6, 2007, the chapter sponsored an annual Hospice Kids Fishing event at Pfeiffer Hatchery in Frankfort, Kentucky for a group of about 10 cancer patients from Louisville Hospice and Palliative Care. The annual event is a highlight for these cancer patients and their siblings.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

The Chapter held a joint annual meeting with the Kentucky Chapter of The Wildlife Society February 22-23, 2007 at Rough River Lake State Resort Park. The event included a joint technical session on stream restoration followed by separate technical sessions on wildlife and aquatic resources.

The Chapter’s 2008 annual meeting has been postponed indefinitely as all state workers (roughly 2/3 of our membership) are under a travel freeze. We anticipate meeting in early spring or mid summer, depending on resolution of budget issues at the state level.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Wesley Daniel from the University of Louisville won the student presentation competition with his paper entitled “Wilson Creek restoration and the response in food web function and fish community structure.” Robert Hopkins from Southern Illinois University was the runner up with his presentation “Kentucky databasing and georeferencing Project: an update.”

In addition to our recognition of the best student paper, we voted to start presenting a plaque to the author of the best professional paper.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

Goal MS 4: Diversity

We contributed \$100 to the Equal Opportunity Section to assist students from underrepresented groups with travel expenses associated with attending the national meeting in San Francisco, CA.

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XXVI. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 11****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Quenton Fontenot, Pres., Louisiana Chapter of AFS**DATE:** 2/2/08**Office/Committee:** n.a.**Officer/Chair:** n.a.**Motion Report:**Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**Minority View: **Nothing to report**Background for Motion: **Nothing to report****Activity Report****A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:**

Chapter President: Preside at all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, make appointments, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

Louisiana Chapter President:

Preside at all Chapter meetings.

Chair the Chapter's Executive Committee.

Serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board.

Perform other duties and functions as necessary, including:

Promote the activities and involvement of the Standing Education Committee.

Develop wording for By-Laws inclusion of the newly-established Standing Student Judging Committee

Review and update quarterly the established Standard Operating Procedures for the Louisiana Chapter.

Work with LA AFS webmaster and EXCOM for updating website (i.e. Bylaws, demographics, annual meeting minutes, newly elected officers, judging forms, etc.

Work closely with Sec./Treasurer to ensure the records are accurately maintained.

As Chair of Program Committee for SD AFS, work with Program Committee for hosting the SDAFS meeting in 2008

- B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Many of the LA AFS members participated in Ocean Commotion – a week-long event sponsored by LA SeaGrant College Program. Takes place in Nov, annually.

Ocean Commotion is a one-day educational event celebrating Louisiana's coastal and marine resources. Especially designed for K – 8 students and teachers, Ocean Commotion hosts interactive exhibits that give students the chance to learn about and touch the products of the sea and our wetlands – the animals, plants, and minerals – upon which Louisiana's citizens depend.

Since 1998, Ocean Commotion has reached over 25,424 K-8 students. This year the event drew 2,262 students, 204 teachers and 272 parent/chaperones from 30 different schools

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Educational and environmental service projects included Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation Beach Sweep and City-Wide-Clean-Up, post-Katrina

house-gutting in St. Bernard Parish, Sea Grant's Ocean Commotion, and educational outreach programs at local elementary schools.

***Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach:* AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.**

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

A new special symposium book has been published with LA AFS members as co-editors: "Red Snapper Ecology and Fisheries in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico," Eds, William F. Patterson, III, James H. Cowan, Jr., Gary R. Fitzhugh, and David L. Nieland, editors

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

This year Marine Environmental Researchers is hosting the 2008 Graduate Student Symposium for the second time in four years. The symposium is held for graduate students by graduate students. The symposium is also co-hosted by and rotated amongst the graduate student organizations at the University of South Alabama and the University of Southern Mississippi

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

LA AFS members are posting their information on the LA Seagrass webpage for Experts: <http://www.laseagrass.org/comm/experts.htm>

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

The LA AFS website page of amazing fish pictures has gotten 15K hits, thus far.

Goal MS 4: Diversity**Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development****Goal MS 6: Financial Security**

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XXVII. Financial Status

The 2007 Sec/Treasurer's report of ending balance was \$5000.

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 12****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Megan Ellis, President, Mississippi Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**DATE:** 04 February 2008**Office/Committee:****Officer/Chair:****XXVIII. Motion Report:**

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| (Z) Recommended Motion: | Nothing to report |
| (AA) Minority View: | Nothing to report |
| (BB) Background for Motion: | Nothing to report |

XXIX. Activity Report**A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:**

Chapter Past-President (Jan Hoover): Attend all Chapter meetings, provide input and vote on matters brought the Chapter's Executive Committee, assist the President in organizing annual Chapter Meeting.

Chapter President (Megan Ellis): Preside at all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, make appointments, disseminate information on all Chapter-related business to Chapter members, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board, organize Chapter meeting and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

Chapter President-Elect (Kevin Hunt): Attend all Chapter meetings, provide input and vote on matters brought the Chapter's Executive Committee, arrange for service awards to outgoing Executive Committee members,

Chapter Webmaster (Kevin Hunt): Maintain Chapter webpage.

Chapter Student Rep (Bonnie Earleywine): Attend all Chapter meetings, provide input on matters brought before the Chapter's Executive Committee, represent student interests, and assist the President in organizing annual Chapter Meeting .

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

MSAFS is still in the planning stages for a display highlighting the Chapter and its mission for the new Enid State Fish Hatchery permanent museum-style exhibit.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Currently, MSAFS is working on a joint meeting with ARAFS which will be held February 20-22 2008 in Tunica, MS at Sam's Town Casino

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

Annual meeting programs, abstracts, and business meeting minutes available from 1998 to present. All registration for 2008 annual meeting is being conducted online.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

Still maintain three CD's in the chapter's name.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

Financial Status

Mississippi Chapter Treasurer's Report -

Total Income = \$6206.31 as of January 29, 2008

\$5764.38 Start

-4882.77 Disbursements

+6206.31 Income

= \$7087.92 (Checking Balance as of January 29, 2008 (\$1365.67 is Student Caucus)

\$7087.92 - \$1365.67 (SC) = \$5722.25 available as of January 29, 2008.

\$658.00 of available balance is for the C A Shultz Award fund.

Chapter Balance is \$5064.25

Mississippi Chapter of the American Fisheries Society: Certificates of Deposit – Current as of September 19, 2007 Mid-year Meeting – receive updates yearly from Member Larry Bull, guardian of accounts

BancorpSouth (Account # 259203)

| Issue/Renewal Date | Amount Invested (\$) | Interest Rate (%) | Earnings (\$) |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 3-4-99 | 1,000.00 | 4.30 | 21.68 |
| 9-4-99 | 1,021.68 | 4.70 | 23.94 |
| 3-4-00 | 1,045.62 | 4.70 | 24.77 |
| 9-4-00 | 1,070.39 | 5.18 | 27.50 |
| 3-4-01 | 1,097.89 | 4.69 | 25.96 |
| 9-4-01 | 1,123.85 | 3.52 | 19.62 |
| 3-4-02 | 1,143.47 | 1.89 | 10.89 |
| 9-4-02 | 1,154.36 | 1.59 | 9.10 |
| 3-4-03 | 1,163.46 | 1.25 | 7.33 |
| 9-4-03 | 1,170.79 | 1.00 | 5.84 |
| 3-4-04 | 1,176.63 | 1.00 | 5.93 |
| 9-4-04 | 1,182.56 | 1.25 | 7.33 |
| 3-4-05 | 1,189.89 | 1.74 | 10.44 |
| 9-4-05 | 1,200.33 | 2.53 | 15.06 |
| 3-4-06 | 1,215.39 | 3.22 | 19.73 |
| 9-4-06 | 1,235.12 | 3.72 | 22.78 |
| 3-4-07 | 1,257.90 | 3.96 | 25.11 |
| 9-4-07 | 1,283.01 | 3.72 | - |

BankPlus (Account # 1299101568)

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|---------|----------|------|--------|
| 8-19-02 | 2,500.00 | 2.13 | 53.67 |
| 8-19-03 | 2,553.67 | 1.00 | 25.66 |
| 8-19-04 | 2,579.33 | 1.74 | 45.17 |
| 8-19-05 | 2,624.50 | 2.97 | 86.02 |
| 8-19-06 | 2,703.32 | 3.94 | 108.10 |
| 8-19-07 | 2,811.42 | 3.94 | - |

BankPlus (Account # 1299101586) **C. A. Shultz Conservation Award**

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|---------|----------|------|-------|
| 8-19-02 | 2,000.00 | 2.13 | 42.95 |
| 8-19-03 | 2,042.95 | 1.00 | 20.52 |
| 8-19-04 | 2,063.47 | 1.74 | 36.14 |
| 8-19-05 | 2,099.61 | 2.97 | 68.82 |
| 8-19-06 | 2,162.67 | 3.94 | 86.45 |
| 8-19-07 | 2,249.12 | 3.94 | - |

BancorpSouth (Account # 259202)

| | | | |
|---|----------|------|-------|
| 3-4-99 | 1,000.00 | 4.50 | 45.12 |
| 3-4-00 | 1,045.12 | 5.01 | 52.36 |
| 3-4-01 | 1,097.48 | 4.91 | 53.89 |
| 3-4-02 | 1,151.37 | 2.13 | 24.52 |
| 3-4-03 | 1,175.89 | 1.49 | 17.57 |
| 3-4-04 | 1,193.46 | 1.15 | 10.31 |
| Account closed March 3, 2005: Check for \$1,203.77 sent to Megan Ellis, MSAFS Secretary/Treasurer | | | |

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 13****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Kent L. Nelson, President, North Carolina Chapter, SDAFS**DATE:** February 8, 2008**Office/Committee:** Chapter President**Officer/Chair:****XXX. Motion Report:**

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| (CC) Recommended Motion: | Nothing to report |
| (DD) Minority View: | Nothing to report |
| (EE) Background for Motion: | Nothing to report |

XXXI. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Preside at all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, make appointments, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership**Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education**

- Sally Ride Science Festival for high school and middle school students (NCSU Student Subunit).

- Began work on an informational brochure directed at local governments and chambers of commerce promoting wise use of water resources and the economic value of sustainable fisheries based on regional and national economic surveys; and

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

- The chapter's Fisheries Conservationist Award recognizes non-AFS members who have distinguished themselves by service or commitment to the fisheries resources of North Carolina;
- Neuse River cleanup (NCSU Student Subunit); and
- Ecological assessment of Hidden Lake in cooperation with Audubon International and Crescent Communities (NCSU Student Subunit);

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

- Chapter joined *North Carolina Teaming with Wildlife*, a national coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals who support restoring and conserving the nation's wildlife.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

- 2007 annual chapter meeting held jointly with the Virginia Chapter AFS, February 26-28 in Danville, VA. Meeting served as an excellent forum to discuss management watersheds and aquatic natural resources across state boundaries;
- We published 4 newsletters electronically in 2007 to update members on current activities and accomplishments (<http://www.sdafs.org/ncafs/Newsletters.htm>). The newsletter contains several unique features including: digital pictures to enhance news items, spotlights on young professionals and students, local job listings, and meetings of interest; and
- 2008 annual chapter meeting scheduled February 18-20 in Greenville, NC. Members of the Tidewater Chapter will participate.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

- **Student Development** – The chapter promotes student development and participation in chapter activities by providing travel awards (\$200 to \$400) to attend the annual chapter meeting and recognizes the best student presentation at the meeting. The Richard L. Noble Best Student Paper award was presented to Brad Garner (NCSU) for *“Intensive grass carp stocking effects on reservoir invasive plants and native fish populations”* at the February 2007 chapter business meeting. The award consists of a certificate and a \$600 stipend to provide travel assistance to the Societies’ 2007 annual meeting;
- Dr. Derek Aday (NCSU) sponsored a Hutton Program student in 2007;
- Dr. Tom Kwak (NCSU) was installed as the new President of the AFS Education Section at the San Francisco meeting;
- The chapter contributed \$1,000 to the Hutton Program in January 2008;
- The chapter website lists aquatic resource sampling opportunities that students may participate in;
- **Professional Development** – The 2007 W. Don Baker Memorial Best Professional Paper Award was won by Bob Barwick and co-authored by Dr. Greg Cope for “Evaluating property owner willingness to implement shoreline habitat improvement techniques”; and
- The chapter’s Education and Outreach Committee arranged a workshop on fish consumption advisories in North Carolina at the 2008 chapter meeting based on a 2007 membership survey to gauge educational needs and priorities.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

- Our chapter’s website (<http://www.sdafs.org/ncafs/index.htm>) serves as the primary tool to communicate with chapter members and non-members interested in chapter activities and events. We maintain an email list that we use for special or time-sensitive information that needs to be communicated members between newsletter. The website also provided links to AFS registration and also a link for anyone interested in joining the chapter.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XXXII. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 15**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Jeanne Riley, President SC-AFS

DATE: February 6, 2008

Office/Committee:

Officer/Chair:

XXXIII. Motion Report:

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| (FF) Recommended Motion: | Nothing to report |
| (GG) Minority View: | Nothing to report |
| (HH) Background for Motion: | Nothing to report |

XXXIV. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Add here a brief description of your leadership responsibilities, Committee Charge or specific activities you planned to accomplish for the year.

Chapter President: Preside at all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, make appointments, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary, assists other officers in organization of annual meetings.

President elect: Assist president with tasks, act as program chair for annual meeting, is responsible for newsletter, and organizes annual workshops.

Secretary/treasurer: Manages chapter's finances, manages chapter's membership list, takes minutes at annual meetings, presents minutes and financial report to members at annual meetings.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

The SC-AFS is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. We were chartered in the fall of 1982 and the first business meeting was held in February of 1983. On February 4 and 5, 2008 we held a very successful 25th annual meeting at Santee Cooper State Park in Santee, SC. As usual, this annual meeting was organized in collaboration with the South Carolina Fisheries Workers Association. Among the 120 registered participants were the Reggie Harrell, our first president; John Mark Dean, our first President Elect; and Jim Bulak, our first secretary-treasurer. At the meeting, 19 professionals and 8 students from across the state presented their work in oral presentations. In addition, students and professionals presented 9 posters.

During the chapter's business meeting, the Jack W. Bayless Award for best paper during the previous annual meeting was awarded to George Sedberry for his presentation "Spawning of black grouper (*Mycteroperca bonaci*) in Belize". We also awarded the "Conservationist of the Year Award", the most prestigious award the SC-AFS bestowed, to Dr. Victor Burrell Jr. for his life time work towards conservation of fisheries resources in SC. Text of the award can be found at our website (www.SCAFS.org). We also held elections and Anna Toline was elected as the next President-Elect, and Elizabeth Osier was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The outgoing officers were recognized and thanked for their service to the chapter.

On November 9, 2007 we opened our anniversary year with a very successful one-day fall workshop on "Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management in SC". The workshop was held at the campus of the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Three speakers introduced the issue from a freshwater, marine and legal point of view. These presentations were followed by a forum discussion with representatives from state resources organizations, the South Atlantic Management Council, fisheries scientists, commercial fishing industry and conservation organizations. We had close to 100 people in the audience, who actively participated in the discussions. In the audience were many SC-AFS members, but also SC commercial and recreational fishermen, staff from SC-DNR freshwater and marine divisions and the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, representatives from conservation organizations, and faculty, staff, and students from the University of South Carolina, College of Charleston, and Coastal Carolina University.

Our new website continues to expand and is frequently updated with activities, meeting programs, and reports with relevant information for SC-AFS members and others interested in fisheries issues (please see: www.scafs.org). In the fall of 2007 we posted our most recent newsletter on the website and we are working on our next newsletter at the moment.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

During the most recent annual meeting the officers mentioned that in the upcoming year they will work towards strengthening the ties with the SD and the parent organization and supporting the existing student organization at Clemson University, as well as expanding the number of student organizations to other academic institutions.

XXXV. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 16****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Don Hubbs, President, Tennessee Chapter, AFS**DATE:** **January 18, 2008****Office/Committee: Tennessee Chapter AFS****Officer/Chair: Don Hubbs****XXXVI. Motion Report:**(II) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**(JJ) Minority View: **Nothing to report**(KK) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report****XXXVII. Activity Report****A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:**

Preside at all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, make appointments, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary. The Tennessee Chapter Ex-Com met three times during 2007. The Chapter voted on and successfully passed major revisions and updates to the Chapter's Bylaws in accordance with recent AFS and SDAFS bylaw changes. Highlights include an amendment creating an affiliate membership criterion and formally recognizing electronic email ballots for chapter voting.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

The members of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Fisheries Society strive to protect and enhance our aquatic resources, promote fishing, educate the public exchange information, provided interagency cooperation and environmental action. Membership involvement occurs at all levels to accomplish these objectives.

The membership voted at the 2007 business meeting to approve a \$500 donation to support the AFS Disaster Relief Fund.

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

The TN Chapter's Education Committee sells tee shirts annually with different aquatic themes to fund school programs promoting the awareness of Tennessee fishes, fisheries management, and biodiversity. One goal is to "stock fish on people" (tee shirts) to increase awareness of Tennessee's native fishes, mussels, and aquatic plants. Proceeds from tee shirt sales have been used to create fish identification sheets with color pictures of species within certain watersheds which are distributed to schools and special interest groups within those watersheds.

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Promoting the sport of fishing, by teaching the art and providing exciting opportunities, is a very important issue addressed by our chapter. Fund raising activities include an auction at annual chapter meetings to support kid's fishing rodeos during free fishing week in Tennessee. The Tennessee Chapter donates approximately \$2,500 annually. TN AFS Chapter funds were used to sponsor ten free fishing day events across the state with approximately 2,000 children and adults participating. Members volunteer their time and help organize these events.

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Outreach programs provided by members including Tennessee Technological University's 19th annual kid's fishing derby which accommodated over 145 children. Tee shirts, food, bait, trophies and fish provided an exciting day of recreation. They also held a fish fry on Tennessee Tech University's campus to recruit new student members and raised approximately \$450 to support chapter activities. Student members at the University of Tennessee have conducted stream clean-ups around Knoxville and conduct an annual fishing derby on Fort Loudoun Reservoir.

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

The Tennessee Chapter compiles an annual newsletter to provide information pertinent to upcoming chapter, Southern Division and national meetings, as well as, news from parent society and current chapter and interagency projects. It is also used to provide interagency communication (typically 10 contributors), including student fishery associations, describing accomplishments and research projects in Tennessee. The newsletter can be viewed on our web site, www.tn-afs.org.

Additional chapter communications include our web site www.tn-afs.org, and membership directory. The web site is used for posting proposed resolutions and other items of business including providing the minutes from our quarterly executive committee meetings. SDAFS and parent society news are frequently sent to all members via email.

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Recognition of professional achievement at our annual meetings includes Lifetime Achievement, Outstanding Fisheries Scientist, Best Student Presentation, and Friends of Fisheries Awards. Students are the future members and decision makers of our society, and the managers of our aquatic resources. A very close relationship exists between our student fisheries associations representing Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee Knoxville. We are proud of their many accomplishments and value their participation. Both student fisheries association presidents are invited and encouraged to attend our executive committee meetings. Their fisheries management and outreach projects are supported by our chapter.

The Tennessee Chapter was recognized by AFS as the outstanding small chapter (less than 100 members) for the second year in a row.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

The exchange of information is critical to our future development as fisheries professionals. The Tennessee Chapter – AFS hosted the 2007 Southern Division AFS Spring meeting in Memphis this past February 8-11th, in lieu of our annual chapter meeting. There were approximately 100 oral presentations and a poster session; the meeting was a great success with over 400 AFS members in attendance. Many of our student members made excellent presentations on their research work. We have also been chosen to host the 2009 National AFS meeting in Nashville and are working very hard to make it a success.

The Ex-Com approved \$300 contribution for the sponsorship request from the North Central AFS Division for the publication of the ***Walleye Synopsis***.

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

The Tennessee Chapter maintains a web page that provides information regarding upcoming meetings and events along with news from past meetings and helpful links to other AFS chapters.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XXXVIII. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report #18.1**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Jillian H. Osborne, Vice President, East Carolina University Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society (ECU-AFS)

DATE: February 2, 2008

Office/Committee:**Office/Chair:****I. Motion Report:**

(A) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to Report**

(B) Minority View: **Nothing to Report**

(C) Background for Motion: **Nothing to Report**

II. Activity Report:

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Our mission is to facilitate the education of students interested in fisheries science through research, service and opportunities to interact with fisheries scientists, professionals and fellow students.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

ECU-AFS attended the Grifton Shad Festival in April to host ‘Catch it on the Fly’ featuring activities for both children and adults. We constructed homemade cane poles that the children used in our fishing pools to catch a “fish” for a prize. The children had no qualms about getting as far into the activity as they could. In addition to the fishing for little ones, we demonstrated casting fly rods for the novice fly fishermen, which kept the young audience enthralled. Over the past year we have undertaken the care of the ECU campus goldfish pond in order to ensure a healthy environment as well as a beautiful addition to our campus.

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

In October, ECU-AFS teamed up with Pitt County for the annual “Big Sweep” event which embraces an effort to clean up creeks and rivers state-wide. ECU-AFS has been in charge of organizing campus volunteers. This year we had 40 volunteers, which were split between ECU-AFS and another organizational partner, The Coastal Society (TCS). Everyone put forth a great effort and removed nearly a ton of garbage from our local waterway, Green Mill Run.

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

In April, ECU-AFS hosted our first “Take-a-Kid Fishing Day” at River Park North in Greenville, NC. Eleven children spent the afternoon learning how to bait hooks, to cast a line, and even a little biology of the fish. Many of the children had never been fishing before, so it was great to see them show an interest in fishing. Some of the children even tried to convince their parents to get fishing licenses. We intend to continue this event, and we look forward to determining new ways to encourage an interest in fishing.

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

This year, ECU-AFS participated in activities in the community including volunteering at the local Food Bank, which provides services to 34 counties in Eastern North Carolina.

So far this year, we have cleaned, inspected, and packaged eggs, and sorted and labeled food cans for distribution. Volunteering in the community, especially with projects such as the food bank that are not necessarily integral to fisheries, provides visibility for ECU-AFS. This allows the public to recognize us not only for our work with fisheries, but also as a group that is concerned about our environment and community.

Campus events enable ECU-AFS to continue to introduce ourselves to both the campus population as well as the local community. The annual campus event "Barefoot on the Mall" showcases many campus organizations and features entertainment in order to provide the students with ample opportunity to get involved with their local organizations. This year, the ECU-AFS members sold hotdogs, chips, soda, and homemade baked goods while informing the students about our group, activities, and the benefits of joining such a prestigious and professional organization. Another annual campus event, "Get-A-Clue," also provides ECU-AFS members an opportunity to interact with students and get them involved in our organization. Many students gain a knowledge and interest in ECU-AFS from attending these campus events, and enjoy talking with the members about our activities and events.

In the past year, ECU-AFS has had attendees and presenters at eight meetings and conferences all over the country. At the 21st annual Tidewater and Mid-Atlantic joint chapter meeting in Lewes, DE in February, the ECU-AFS had seven student members and one faculty advisor in attendance. Six of the members presented posters and three gave oral presentations of their original research. ECU-AFS also was in charge of selling the official conference tee-shirts. In March, Past-President Becky Deehr attended the 15th annual Southern Division meeting in Memphis, TN. Becky also gave an oral presentation at the American Academy of Underwater Sciences meeting in Miami, FL. Ken Riley participated in the Aquaculture 2007 meeting in San Antonio, TX. Our organization has also hosted a social event at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science; held at East Carolina University in late March. The 137th Annual AFS meeting in San Francisco, CA was attended by six student members and one advisor. Two of our members gave poster presentations and four presented orally. Also, Katie Kleber held the position of symposium moderator at the meeting. In October, ECU-AFS Vice President Jillian Osborne attended the 61st annual SEAFWA conference as well as the Southern Division's student colloquium that was held in conjunction with the meeting. Faculty advisor Dr. Overton was also in attendance. In November, five student members and one faculty member of ECU-AFS attended and presented at the 2007 Estuarine Research Federation meeting in Providence, RI.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

ECU-AFS has enjoyed working with Paula Clark of the Pitt County Recycling Program for the annual "Big Sweep" event. We were happy to team up with the ECU Student

Subunit of The Coastal Society to clean up our local waterways. The difference a little cooperation makes was easily seen in the amount of refuse removed from our local creeks.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

ECU-AFS experienced a wonderful second year of award winning. At East Carolina University's "Recognition of Outstanding Leadership and Service" awards ceremony, ECU-AFS was recognized as the Student Organization of the Year (the second year in a row). In addition, Dr. Roger Rulifson was honored with the "Advisor of the Year" award in honor of his hard work and dedication to ECU-AFS. ECU-AFS was also proud to have received the national Outstanding Student Subunit (2007) and the 2007 Outstanding Student Subunit from Southern Division. These honors helped to bring ECU-AFS even more recognition of campus and in our local community, which helps us spread the word about the functionality of our organization. Our activities enable us to interact with other fisheries professionals, and attending conferences provides our members with opportunities to participate in workshops and other professional education events.

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

One of our greatest assets is our official website, which can be found at www.ecu.edu/org/afs. This provides the public and members with current and past information about our organization and activities as well as our Parent Society. ECU-AFS also maintains a ListServ, and a separate mailing list to contact past speakers, members and friends of ECU-AFS. The annual banquet held by the ECU-AFS, this year in late November, provided opportunities to connect with fisheries professionals, professors and other students. This year's banquet featured a poster session and social, a catered dinner and an oral presentation by Mr. Mike Street, Chief of the Habitat Protection Program of the NC Division of Marine Fisheries.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

ECU-AFS strives to promote the involvement of the public, especially in regards to conservation and management. During campus events such as "Barefoot on the Mall" and "Get-A-Clue," the members of ECU-AFS encourage students to pay attention to what is happening in our environment. Students stopping to speak with an ECU-AFS member at these events are happily sent away with information on current happenings of fisheries management agencies as well as the subunit's efforts to involve the public in conservation projects.

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

ECU-AFS is proud to support its members in their research, job searches, and presentations of original research. The subunit's website provides links to the abstracts of a number of published papers from past and present members. During the past year, ECU-AFS supported its members in presenting at eight conferences all around the country, from California to Rhode Island! The subunit also encourages members to join the parent society (by reimbursing ½ of the parent society dues) and to attend as many conferences and meetings as possible. In the coming months, ECU-AFS is planning several workshops to develop professional skills, such as electro-fishing, small boat mechanics, and grant writing.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

The monthly business meetings held by the student subunit on the first Wednesday of every month feature a guest speaker. The following is a list of the guest speakers we have had since last December, including:

- January: Kevin Dockendorf, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Division of Inland Fisheries (Elizabeth City office), "NC WRC projects, including the American Shad restoration project"
- February: Skip Kemp, Carteret Community College, "The CCC Aquaculture Tech Program: Applied Marine Sciences"
- March: A guest panel of recent ECU-AFS graduates spoke on 'Life after getting your degree'
- April: Mike Frinske, "Prawn Production in Eastern North Carolina"
- August: Jenny Woodroffe, ECU-AFS President (2007-08) provided an overview of ECU-AFS
- October: Paula Clark, Pitt County Waste Management, "Big Sweep and Conservation Practices in Pitt County"
- November: Nate Bachelor, Ph.D. candidate at North Carolina State University, "Red Drum"

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

The ECU-AFS provides its members and the general public with an official website where viewers can access the subunit's bylaws, past events, minutes of past meetings, member research and information on future meetings and events for both the subunit and parent society. The website also provides a link and instructions for joining the subunit listserv through which they can receive information on job positions that are

available as well as up to date changes on activities, meetings, and events. The website's photo album captures ECU-AFS activities that go on throughout the year and encourages visitors to the site to participate in future events. The website is maintained by the Historian/Webmaster Becky Deehr and former Past-President and website designer, Chad Smith.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

ECU-AFS boasts an all-around diversity. We have roughly equal male-female membership, and our members come from many different states and a few other countries. Members participate in a wide range of research, from blue crabs to osprey, from marsh grasses to striped bass, and from plankton to water control structures. By encouraging diversity in our organization, ECU-AFS is able to broaden its scope of knowledge and promote inter-personal communication.

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

Dues for ECU-AFS members are \$10 per year, and include membership into the Tidewater chapter. A 50% reimbursement for joining the parent society is also provided to those who join at the national level. Membership into ECU-AFS also includes a free subunit tee-shirt. Funding was requested from the ECU Graduate Student Council during the spring semester, to aid in the financial security of the organization. This past year, ECU-AFS was the most highly funded student organization at East Carolina University. Funding received from the Graduate Student Council is used to pay for student registration and travel costs for conferences throughout the year, as well as activities and recruitment events. Fundraising events, such as "Barefoot on the Mall," also give ECU-AFS an opportunity to bring in monies in order to defray the costs of other events and meetings not funded by the GSC.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XXXIX. Financial Status

ECU-AFS is a non-profit organization that is run through East Carolina University.

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 18.2**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Lonnie Gonsalves, President, AFS University of Maryland Eastern Shore Student Subunit

DATE: 2/8/08

Officer/Chair: 2007 President AFS UMES Student Subunit**XL. Motion Report:**

(LL) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**

(MM) Minority View: **Nothing to report**

(NN) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report**

XLI. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Presides all monthly business meetings, chairs the Subunit's Executive Committee, and appoints committees. Coordinates Subunit activities. Facilitates communication between the Subunit and collaborating organizations.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

***Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship:* AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.**

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

- Initial contacts with community/campus organizations have been made in order to conduct several projects to address Goal 1 during Spring 2008.

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

- Our members trained students and assisted in the monitoring of invasive Phragmites spp. in the coastal bays in preparation for an upcoming eradication program.

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

- Our members formed an Earth day committee involved in the cleanup of the UMES campus and the Manokin River.

***Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach:* AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.**

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

- The Subunit is hosting the 1st UMES Aquatic and Fisheries Science Symposium during spring 2008. During fall 2007, members have been working to plan and organize the event.
- Our members maintain an aquarium exhibit on campus. The exhibit is composed of a 175 gallon aquarium that contains species of interest from freshwater habitats here on the eastern shore of Maryland. The intent of the exhibit is to advertise the Subunit as well as create interest in fisheries science among the student body. The exhibit is also utilized to teach students how to conduct water quality tests.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

- Maryland Coastal Bays Program: assisted in the Upward Bound Marine Science Program. The program hosts 20 high achieving minority high school students who participate in field sampling and lab analysis in order to gain hands-on experience in marine science.
- Worcester County Board of Education: members helped to conduct the Eastern Shore Environmental Restoration and Education Program (ESREP). The program consists of 400 middle school students. Our members lead the students through field collection activities, lab analysis, and the eradication of *Phragmites spp.* at the UMES Coastal Ecology Teaching and Research Center (Assateague Island, MD).
- Washington High School: collaborated with Ms. Kelly Taylor to host Subunit member-led sessions during Ms. Taylor's marine science class. Our members presented information on species diversity and trophic dynamics. We also transported live fish and invertebrate specimens for the students to view.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

- Our members presented oral and poster presentations at the 2007 National AFS Meeting and the 2007 Annual Tidewater Chapter Meeting.

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

- The Subunit maintains contacts with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and

Maryland Coastal Bays Program to share information on outreach activities, internships, and other opportunities to enhance the professional development of our members.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

- The president authored letters of support for the Natural Resources-Virtual Environmental Science Bill (Senate Bill #99) and the Minority Environmental and Land Trust (MELT) Bill (Senate Bill #100), sponsored by Senator Lisa Gladden of the Maryland General Assembly. Senate Bill #99 seeks to create an internet-based environmental education, outreach, and career center. Senate Bill #100 will delegate a committee of representatives from minority serving institutions, state government agencies, and non-government organizations with the objective of increasing minority participation in environmental science, conservation, and habitat protection.

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

- The Subunit has sponsored an undergraduate textbook award for the member with the highest semester GPA.
- The Subunit has set aside funds to support a travel award for graduate students to attend the National AFS 2008 Meeting .
- Our Subunit donated \$100 to the Equal Opportunities Section Travel Award fund.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

- 8 members traveled to the AFS San Francisco Meeting.
- Members attended the Annual Tidewater Chapter Meeting in Lewes, DE.
- Two members traveled to Helsinki, Finland to participate in the International Council for Exploration of the Sea Meeting

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

- The Subunit is working to create a website that will contain information on the activities of our members. The site will be linked to the Tidewater Chapter webpage as well as to the NOAA Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center webpage.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

- 80% of our members are minorities. Our membership is composed of students African-American, white, and Hispanic students as well as international students. The Subunit provides one of the largest contributions of minority students to the parent society.

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

- The primary objective of the Subunit are to increase minority involvement in fisheries science and the parent society. The 2007 executive committee to set a membership goal of 15. This goal was exceeded. The 2007 executive committee also sought to obtain \$500, would be used to fund Subunit activities throughout the year as well as retain funds for the 2008 executive committee. These objectives were also met. Finally, the 2007 executive committee organized monthly outreach activities that allowed the Subunit to participate in community event at least 3 times per semester.

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

- The Subunit hosted a cookout fundraiser in fall 2007 that was open to all students and faculty at UMES.
- Subunit dues were set at \$15. Active members are required to pay dues annually.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

- Travel support for minority students to attend the SD Annual Meeting was available in 2007. This information was not communicated to our members in time to make plans to take advantage of the opportunity. We suggest forwarding this information directly to representatives from minority serving institutions (i.e. student subunit presidents) as soon as these opportunities become available. This will eliminate some of the steps needed to filter the information down to the student body.

XLII. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 19****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Scott M. Smith, President, Virginia Chapter AFS**DATE:** 8 February 2008**Office/Committee:** Virginia Chapter AFS**Officer/Chair:** Scott Smith, Past President**XLIII. Motion Report:**

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| (OO) Recommended Motion: | Nothing to report |
| (PP) Minority View: | Nothing to report |
| (QQ) Background for Motion: | Nothing to report |

XLIV. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Preside at all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, make appointments, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary (President's duties).

Additionally, we provide access to AFS, a forum for discussion of aquatic issues, and encourage exchange of information among aquatic resource professionals within the Commonwealth of Virginia. We recently (Feb 5-7) completed a joint annual meeting with the Virginia Tech Chapter in Blacksburg, VA. At this meeting we had 21 oral presentations (13 by student presenters) and 4 posters (all by students). A pond/small impoundment CE workshop was scheduled for this meeting, but had to be cancelled at the last minute due to tornado damage of the workshop instructor's (Dr. Jeff Slipke) office and hometown. During the next 6-8 months, the Chapter will explore CE (workshop) options for the summer, and begin planning of next year's annual meeting (site TBD).

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Several Chapter members have advised various state and local leaders on aquatic resource issues; including fish health, instream flow, aquatic resource recreation, and others.

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Several Chapter members have been involved with the Virginia Master Naturalist Program by authoring the Aquatic Resources chapter of the textbook. Additionally, several Chapter members have been (or will be) involved with teaching various portions of the aquatic module of this program.

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Many chapter members have made presentations to various local/state groups on

stewardship of aquatic resources.

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

The Chapter maintains a website <http://faculty.virginia.edu/vcafs/> that is frequently updated with information. Additionally, the Chapter has reprinted an informational brochure about AFS and careers in fisheries, and made posters of both brochures.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

The Chapter co-hosted an annual meeting with the Virginia Tech Chapter AFS in Blacksburg, VA (Feb 5-7, 2008) with an attendance of 82 members (including 38 students) of both Chapters.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature**Goal ITO 4: Information Network****Goal ITO 5: Public Policy**

The Chapter submitted comments on VA Senate Bill 324 suggesting the Senate not pass this bill. The bill would have exempted hydropower and wind turbines from much of the environmental review process. This bill was subsequently tabled.

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

The Chapter recognized member Steve Reeser with its annual professional service award at the Blacksburg meeting. We are investigating options for continuing education workshops in the summer of 2008. The Best Student Paper award from the Blacksburg meeting was shared by Shannon White and Arba Williamson (both from Randolph-Macon College). The Robert E. Jenkins undergraduate scholarship was awarded to Brett Carpenter (Virginia Military Institute), and the Robert D. Ross graduate scholarship was awarded to Jamie Roberts (Virginia Tech).

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information**Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services**

The Chapter provides both a website and listserv to distribute information to our members. We distribute the newsletter via both.

Goal MS 4: Diversity**Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development****Goal MS 6: Financial Security**

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

XLV. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 20**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Nick Lapointe, President, Virginia Tech Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

DATE: 02/08/08

Office/Committee: VT-AFS**Officer/Chair:****XLVI. Motion Report:**

(RR) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**

(SS) Minority View: **Nothing to report**

(TT) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report**

XLVII. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Preside at all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, make committee appointments, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership**Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education**

-The chapter is producing a poster highlighting the endemic fishes of the New River.

-The chapter will host the 25th annual Mudbass on April 26th, 2008, a free fishing tournament promoting natural resources awareness in the community

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

-Ongoing monitoring of a stream restoration project by the chapter on Stroubles Creek has continued.

-The chapter plans to partner with Trout Unlimited for an additional stream restoration project on Big Stoney Creek.

***Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach:* AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.**

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

-The chapter has begun to collaborate with the local trout-unlimited chapter, inviting members from each organization to participate in each chapter's events

-The chapter held a joint job fair meeting with the local chapter of The Wildlife Society

-The SDAFS newsletter continues to be edited by VT chapter members.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

-The chapter will make use of free advertising in local media to promote the non-profit Mudbass event.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

-The Science and Conservation Committee submitted a letter to the Giles County board of supervisors regarding the proposed dumping of coal fly ash in the New River flood plain.

-The Science and Conservation Committee submitted a letter to the EPA for the consideration of a new EIS for mountaintop removal sites and management

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

-The chapter has implemented its mentor program for the second year, where each undergraduate student is paired with a graduate student mentor

-We are in the process of developing an annual grant to fund research for an undergraduate member

-Transportation to the SDAFS meeting was supplied for chapter members by the Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences Department at Virginia Tech.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

-The chapter hosted four speakers in 2007-2008, including Christine May, Derek Aday, John Odenkirk and Allen Wilson.

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

-The chapter website was maintained and will be overhauled in 2008

Goal MS 4: Diversity

-The chapter discussed methods for increasing female enrollment in fisheries at VT. We noted that the many women involved in the chapter serve as role models for younger students.

-The chapter has focused on recruiting undergraduate student members, and placing them in leadership positions.

-The chapter's listserv has grown to 217 members

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

-The chapter revised its bylaws and has submitted them for approval to the board of governors.

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

- The chapter continues to maintain funding through member dues and SDAFS newsletter duties.
 - The fundraising committee raised money through a raffle and the printing of T-shirts for sale
 - The fundraising committee has approached the budget board at Virginia Tech to solicit funding for our “Fishes of the New River” poster and for our invited speakers.
 - The VA and VT chapters held a joint meeting, which raised funds for both chapters
- C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:
- The chapter continues to struggle to maintain accurate membership logs, because chapter dues paid online to the parent society are not specifically reported to the chapter. Regular updates on who has paid chapter dues to the parent society for each academic year would greatly enhance our ability to track our roster.

XLVIII. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 21****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** West Virginia Chapter American Fisheries Society**DATE:** 7-February-2008**Office/Committee:** West Virginia Chapter American Fisheries Society**Officer/Chair:** Frank Borsuk, Todd Petty, Lara Hedrick, Jim Hedrick, Pat Mazik**XLIX. Motion Report: Nothing To Report**(UU) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**(VV) Minority View: **Nothing to report**(WW) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report****L. Activity Report**

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

President will preside at all Chapter meetings, chair the Chapter's Executive Committee, make appointments, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and a non-voting member of the Society's Governing Board and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary. The president and committee will be involved with the planning and hosting the 2008 Southern Division Spring Meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia. The Chapter also will assist with the 2007 SEAFWA meeting in Charleston, West Virginia. The president and committee also worked to establish a student subunit at Marshall University (Huntington, WV) which was formally recognized in September 2007 in San Fransisco. The Marshall University subunit expands the chapter's involvement into the southern portion of the State of West Virginia plus increases of membership.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

***Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship:* AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.**

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Throughout 2007, the WVAFS student sub-unit (West Virginia University) organized and setup informational booths at festivals sponsored by local watershed associations focusing on the aquatic resources of the State. The Marshall University subunit organized informational activities on campus.

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

In 2007, the WVAFS student subunit (West Virginia University) and the Wildlife Society co-hosted their annual wild game dinner. The WVU subunit hosted several speakers for a seminar series on fisheries/environmental related issues.

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

The West Virginia University Subunit continues to work with the WVDNR, Trout Unlimited and West Virginia University to rehabilitate an acid precipitation altered native brook trout fishery located on the University's research forest. Members continue to volunteer for the Friends of Deckers Creek Watershed Association by providing monitoring the water quality and fishery resources of the watershed. The Marshall University subunit initiated discussions with groups on potential restoration projects in the southern part of the State.

***Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach:* AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.**

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

The WVAFS has increased visibility through maintenance of our website. Chapter newsletters are posted on the website and contains information relevant to our membership. The West Virginia University and Marshall University subunits have developed weblinks to the WVAFS website. The WVU Subunit has volunteered to coordinate the WVAFS Newsletters and the Marshall University subunit has volunteered to coordinate the annual summary of fisheries research activities (via Scientific Collecting Permits) within the State of West Virginia

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

The WVAFS and the subunit at West Virginia University collaborated with the Pennsylvania Chapter of AFS in the coordination of the 2007 Joint PA+WV Chapter Meeting and workshops in March 2007. The WV subunit continues to work with watershed groups and Trout Unlimited on the restoration of impaired

streams in the northern part of the State. The Marshall University subunit is planning a collaborative project in the southern part of the State.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

WVAFS membership consists of state and federal agency personnel plus academic institution personnel.

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

The WVAFS collaborated with the West Virginia University, Marshall University and WVDNR to host continuing education workshops for students and agency personnel. The 2007 workshops included Mid-Atlantic Fish Identification and Freshwater Mussel Identification. WVAFS continues to facilitate professional networking opportunities for students and members. A new initiative has been implemented that directs students in our subunits to interview state/federal/academic fisheries professionals for the WVAFS Newsletter. WVAFS continues to keep our membership aware of career opportunities. Donations by the WVAFS and fundraising by the WVU subunit allowed nearly 100% support for students to attend the student colloquium.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

The WVAFS Chapter has made improvements to our website. The website hosted the 2007 Joint Pennsylvania & West Virginia Chapter Meeting and Technical Workshops. The technical abstracts for the meeting are currently posted on the website. The website has also been used to provide information on the 2007 SEAFWA and 2008 SDAFS Spring Meeting held in West Virginia.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

WVAFS continues to conduct outreach efforts through our electronic newsletters and personal communication to promote interest and participation in the WVAFS by all members of society.

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

WVAFS fulfilled a goal of establishing a subunit at Marshall University which increased membership and participation in southern part of the State.

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

The WVAFS is financially secure.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

LI. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM

To: J. Fred Heitman, SDAFS President

Report Number 23

From: Bruce Saul

Date: 25Jan08

Office/Committee: Awards

Officer/Chair: Bruce Saul

I. **Motion Report:** Nothing to report

II. **Activity Report:**

A: Charge/Workplan Goals and Objectives:

Awards Committee of five (5) shall review and recommend to the President candidates who, by their noteworthy and longstanding contributions to fisheries, aquatic sciences, and the Division, shall be considered worthy of the Division's recognition for Outstanding Achievement; candidates who, by their outstanding contributions of time and energy for special projects or activities in the service of the Division, shall be considered worthy of the Division's recognition for Distinguished Service; candidates who, by their communication of noteworthy contributions to fisheries and aquatic science research and management shall be recognized by the John F. Dequine Award for the best paper; and Division chapters who, through service to their members, communities and the profession shall be recognized as the Outstanding Chapter.

This year the committee was asked to examine applications from Division subunits who, through service to their members, communities and the profession to determine who would be recognized as the Outstanding Subunit.

B: Summary of Outcomes:

Member Services

The Committee judged presentations and reviewed manuscripts from the 2007 SEAFWA Annual Conference and will recommend a winner for the Jack Dequine Best Paper Award and a Best Paper Runner-up.

One Outstanding Achievement Award will be presented this year.

No Distinguished Service Awards will be presented this year.

The Outstanding Chapter Award for a large (over 100) chapter will be awarded this year.

The Outstanding Chapter Award for a small chapter (under 100) will be awarded this year.

The Best Subunit Award will be presented this year.

Plaques and certificates were secured for all appropriate categories and all student awardees.

C. Recommendations: Nothing to report.

III. Financial Status: Nothing to report

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 24****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Craig Bonds, SDAFS Ballot Committee Chair**DATE:** January 24, 2008**Office/Committee: Ballot Committee****Officer/Chair: Craig Bonds** (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Tyler)

Committee members: Jerry Finke (NCWRC, Raleigh)

Mandy Scott (TPWD, San Angelo)

LII. Motion Report:(XX) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**(YY) Minority View: **Nothing to report**(ZZ) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report****LIII. Activity Report**

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Receive and tally ballots for the election of Division Officers and Society Nominating Committee Representative and report the results at the Annual Business Meeting.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership**Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education****Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship**

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Elections were held for two Division positions. Nominees were Fred Janssen and Stewart Welch for Vice President, and Hal Schramm and Bob Wattendorf for Division Representative to the AFS Nominating Committee. Candidate bios were posted on the Division website in mid-August. Electronic voting commenced on August 31. Mail ballots were mailed in September to members with no email address on file. An email was sent on October 9 to remind and encourage members who had not, yet, voted to go online and vote. The deadline for electronic voting and ballot submission was October 12, allowing a six-week voting duration. Candidates receiving the most votes in their respective races were Fred Janssen (Vice President) and Hal Schramm (Division Representative to the AFS Nominating Committee).

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

The Ballot Committee migrated election procedures from paper to primarily electronic ballots administered online by Campus-Vote (www.Campus-Vote.com; 866-874-7098) for a \$695 fee (compared to \$617.54 cost of administering the 2006 paper ballot election in-house). An electronic voting web link and voter registration code was emailed to 1,698 members. Some (N = 135) email addresses were undeliverable, of which five were corrected and resent. Few (N = 8) emails were undeliverable due to white list filters, but each provided a web link for us to request that the person allow our email to go through. Total electronic ballots cast was 222, corresponding to a 14.2% return after adjusting for undeliverable emails. The electronic return rate (14.2%) compared similarly to

the 13.9% return rate in 2006 when only paper ballots were used. Over 80% of electronic ballots were cast within the initial 14-day voting period, and the remaining ballots were cast throughout the final 28 days with a minor peak following the October 9 reminder (day 39 of 42). Paper ballots were mailed to 130 members without email addresses on file and to one member who requested a paper ballot at a cost of \$53.71. Eight mail ballots were cast, corresponding to a 6.1% return. All feedback from members concerning the electronic voting was positive. The limiting factor for a successful electronic ballot election is a complete/updated email list for Division members. An updated email list is essential for disseminating secure user names and voting pin numbers for use in an internet-based voting program.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

The Ballot Committee recommends the continued use of the electronic balloting system for administering elections. For a similar cost to the division, electronic elections are much less labor-intensive to administer and can be effectively accomplished in a shorter time duration. Based on past difficulties in completing the election prior to the parent society's annual meeting and the fact the vast majority of voting activity occurred during the initial two weeks of a six-week election, we recommend that the duration open for voting be condensed from six to three weeks.

LIV. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 25****TO:** J Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Bob Curry, 2007 Nominating Committee Chair**DATE:** February 6, 2008**Office/Committee:** **SDAFS 2007 Nominating Committee****Officer/Chair:** **Bob Curry****LV. Motion Report:**

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| (AAA) Recommended Motion: | Nothing to report |
| (BBB) Minority View: | Nothing to report |
| (CCC) Background for Motion: | Nothing to report |

LVI. Activity Report – SDAFS Nominating Committee**(A) Charge or Annual Program of Work:**

To recommend a slate of Southern Division members in good standing to run as candidates for two offices in 2007: office of Vice-President and Southern Division Representative to the AFS Nominating Committee. The process included the formation of a five-member Nominating Committee, identifying and ranking potential candidates, securing candidates for office, and the development of candidate biographical sketches to be submitted to the SDAFS President, Ballot Committee Chair and Webmaster.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Strategy MS 4.4: Encourage AFS and Unit Nominating Committees to consider the social and professional diversity of the AFS membership to identify the best possible candidates to run for leadership positions.

A five-member committee was organized in May 2007; Members were: Mike Allen (FL), John Odenkirk (VA), Greg Summers (OK), Glenn Thomas (LA) and Bob Curry (NC-Chair). The Committee through phone and e-mail discussions developed and ranked a list of potential candidates for each of two separate offices. Candidates were contacted and asked to serve if elected.

Elections were held for two Southern Division AFS positions this year. Candidate biographies were posted on the web site and elections were conducted by electronic ballot. Nominees for Vice President were Fred Janssen (TX Chapter) and Stuart Welsh (WV Chapter) and the nominees for Division Representative to the AFS Nominating Committee were Hal Schramm (MS Chapter) and Bob Wattendorf (FL Chapter).

For the first time ever, we conducted the election using electronic ballots. The officers, nominating committee and ballot committee express our gratitude to Jerry Finke (NC Chapter) for setting up the electronic ballot on short notice and coordinating its success! Thanks to all members who took the time to experience this new process.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

Recommended Time Line for 2008 elections:

March 15 Committee Members are appointed by Division President;

March 31 Committee chair sends correspondence welcoming Committee members and initiates candidate search;

March 31 Potential candidates are contacted;

- April 30**
- April 30** Committee members submit list of potential candidates to Chair;
- May 7** Chair sends slate of proposed candidates to Committee members;
- May 15** Committee ranks candidates and forwards their results to Chair;
- May 31** Chair reports rankings of potential candidates to Committee members and President;
- June 1** Chair contacts potential candidates in order of their ranking to determine their interest in office;
- June 15** Candidates prepare biographical sketch and electronic photograph and
- June 20** send to Chair;
- June 25** Chair compiles biographical sketches and photographs and forwards them to the SDAFS President for final approval;
- June 30** SDAFS President forwards approved biographical sketches and accompanying photos to the Ballot Committee Chair;
- July 1** Electronic Election
- August 15**

General Observations:

The following comments were recommended by Chad Thomas, 2006 Nominating Committee Chair and I concur:

Requiring potential candidates to submit a biographical sketch and resume prior to asking them to serve as a candidate is awkward and inefficient, especially if that person is ultimately not asked to run. A more appropriate protocol might be to have Committee members identify potential candidates, gather general information about them, and then report back to the Chair. The Chair would compile this information and submit the list of potential candidates to the Committee for ranking. Once this list has been approved by the Committee, the Chair would work down the list of names for each separate office until two nominees for each office agree to run. After the candidates have been identified, biographical sketches and photographs should be compiled and submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair and then forwarded to the SDAFS President for final approval. The SDAFS President will forward the approved biographical sketches and accompanying photos to the Ballot Committee Chair.

The new Chair should obtain the complete list of potential candidates considered the previous year from the out-going Chair. This information will improve efficiency in the candidate search process.

LVII. Financial Status

Nothing to Report.

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 26**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Dennis Riecke, SDAFS Resolutions Committee Chairman

DATE: February 4, 2008

Office/Committee: Resolutions Committee

Officer/Chair: Dennis Riecke, Chairman

LVIII. Motion Report:
None.

(DDD) Recommended Motion:
None.

(EEE) Minority View:
None.

(FFF) Background for Motion:
None.

LIX. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

1. Solicit, consider, draft and recommend resolutions to the SDAFS Excom and membership at the annual SDAFS meeting.
2. Publish approved resolutions in the SDAFS Summer Newsletter for membership comment.
3. Present SDAFS resolutions at the SDAFS Excom meeting and SDAFS business meeting.
4. Provide copies of resolutions for distribution at SDAFS Excom and SDAFS meetings.
5. Provide SDAFS Secretary-Treasurer with a copy of all adopted resolutions and a list of persons/agencies/organizations and addresses who should receive a copy of adopted resolutions.
6. Submit passed resolutions to the AFS Parent Society Resolutions Committee for consideration as per directed by the SDAFS membership.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

SDAFS resolutions on instream flow and the Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership (SARP) are being submitted for consideration at the 2007 SDAFS MidYear Meeting. Both resolutions have been published in the 2006 SDAFS Summer Newsletter.

No resolutions were received from AFS subunits in 2007.

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

SDAFS resolutions on instream flow and the Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership (SARP) were adopted by the membership at the 2007 SDAFS MidYear Meeting. Both resolutions were published in several SDAFS Newsletters. Both resolutions were sent to the AFS Parent Society Resolutions Committee. Neither resolution was submitted for consideration by the Parent Society.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

Substantive changes to external resolutions that have been published in the SDAFS Newsletters, or on the SDAFS website and amended by the SDAFS Excom at their annual business meeting, as stipulated in the Division Bylaws, shall not be made to resolutions after they are read at the SDAFS Business Meeting for member consideration without approval from the resolution author. The division Bylaws state (Resolutions Committee #4) "Suggested Committee changes that substantively alter the nature of the original proposed resolution *should* be approved by the author of the resolution."

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Report to SDAFS EXCOM

Report # 27

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Stuart A. Welsh

DATE: January 30 2008

Office/Committee: Student Affairs Committee

Officer/Chair: Stuart A. Welsh, Chair

LX. Motion Report:

(GGG) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**

(HHH) Minority View: **Nothing to report**

(III) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report**

LXI. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

The goal of the Student Affairs Committee is to promote student involvement in all aspects of subunit activity of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society. The Committee also identifies concerns of students as related to Society structure, function and activities.

The Student Affairs Committee receives an annual budget of \$5,500 from SDAFS:

\$2600.00 and \$1000.00 for student lodging at the Spring and SEAFWA meetings, respectively; \$1000.00 for student colloquium; \$500.00 for student mixer at SEAFWA; and \$250 for student paper and poster awards at the Spring meeting.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

***Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship:* AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.**

The Student Affairs Committee provides students with **aquatic stewardship** skills through educational opportunities (e.g., free student workshops) at the spring meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society. Previous workshops have trained students on a range of important topics, such as job placement, research grant writing, communication skills, pond management, and taxa identification.

Student workshops summary

Approximately 40, 30, 30, 45, 20, and 25 students attended the student workshops at spring meetings in Little Rock, Wilmington, Oklahoma City, Virginia Beach, San Antonio, and Memphis, respectively.

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

The Student Affairs Committee provides an opportunity for students to develop skills in **information transfer and outreach** through scientific meetings (with free lodging and awards for student presentations). The Student Affairs Committee provides monetary awards for best presentations at the spring meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society. Also, support is provided for the student colloquium, which gives students another opportunity to present research papers at a scientific meeting, and provides educational opportunities and development of meeting organization skills for students of the host chapter of the meeting.

Student awards (2007 Memphis meeting)

Chris C. Green (Southern Illinois University) was awarded the best student presentation, coauthors R.F. Echols, A.M. Kelly, and P. Wills; Role of previous experience with piscivory and exposure to fish predators on survival of walleye fingerlings.

Justin D. Bezold (University of Georgia) was awarded the second place student presentation, coauthor D.L. Peterson; Hatchery-reared versus wild-caught lake sturgeon: comparing their efficacy for telemetry research in the Coosa River, GA, and

Tom J. Lang (University of Arkansas) was awarded the third place student presentation, Coauthors J.W. Neal and C.P.Hutt; Evaluation of biweekly versus monthly stocking of channel catfish in the Arkansas Urban Fishing Program.

Best Poster Award went to V. Malissa Mengel (Tennessee Cooperative Fishery Research Unit, Tennessee Technological University) and Coauthor J.B. Layzer; Life history and population demographics of the fluted kidneyshell (*Ptychobranchnus subtentum*) (Bivalvia:Unionidae).

Student colloquium summary

2007 – West Virginia University (connected with Charleston SEAFWA meeting, 5 universities attended, 29 students, 11 oral presentations, and 10 posters)

2006 - Auburn student chapter.

2005 - East Carolina State University (9 universities attended, which encompassed close to 75 students, 23 oral presentations, and 13 contributed posters)

2004- University of Florida (80 student attendees from 11 universities, 22 talks and 6 posters)

2003- West Virginia University (over 120 students from 13 Universities and 20 student presentations)

2002- Tennessee Tech (Over 40 students and 15 papers).

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

The Student Affairs Committee provides **member services** to students through promoting attendance with free lodging at two regional scientific meetings; the spring meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society, and the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Additionally, Student Affairs organizes the annual student-mentor luncheon at the spring meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society, an event that has been an extremely positive service to student and professional members.

Student lodging at previous meetings

- Wilmington (2003; Spring) - 20 rooms (80 students)
- Oklahoma City (2004; Spring) – 10 rooms (40 students)
- Hilton Head (2004; SEAFWA) – 2 rooms (2 students)
- Virginia Beach (2005; Spring) – 18 rooms (62 students)
- St. Louis (2005; SEAFWA) – 5 rooms (9 students)
- San Antonio (2006; Spring) – 11 rooms (44 students)
- Norfolk (2006; SEAFWA) – 2 rooms reserved (3 students)
- Memphis (2007; Spring) – 13 rooms (52 students)
- Charleston (2007; SEAFWA) – 5 rooms (15 students)

Student-mentor luncheon at previous meetings

Little Rock (2002) - 42 student-mentor pairs

Wilmington Meeting (2003) - 75 student-mentor pairs

Oklahoma City (2004) - 41 student-mentor pairs

Virginia Beach (2005) - 72 student-mentor pairs

San Antonio (2006) – 30 student-mentor pairs

Memphis (2007) – 45 student-mentor pairs

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

LXII. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 28****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** M. Kyle Briggs, Chair, SDAFS Aquaculture Technical Committee**DATE:** January 18, 2008**Office/Committee:****Officer/Chair:****LXIII. Motion Report:**(JJJ) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**(KKK) Minority View: **Nothing to report**(LLL) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report****LXIV. Activity Report**

(B) A. Charge or Annual Program of Work: To foster and facilitate communication and cooperation among producers of aquaculture products who are members of SDAFS. **The chair is responsible for arranging and presiding at the annual meeting of the committee in coordination with the annual SDAFS Mid-Year Meeting. The chair also oversees the committee membership list, maintains the hatchery listserver in cooperation with the AFS headquarters and committee secretary, and coordinates communication for the committee during the year. The committee is trying to improve attendance at committee meetings.**

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility**Goal ITO 2: Collaboration****Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature****Goal ITO 4: Information Network**

The last annual business meeting of the Committee was held in Memphis at the SDAFS mid-year meeting. The meeting was held from 1 to 5 pm on Thursday, February 8, 2007. The membership list was updated, annual production reports were discussed, and ongoing construction and renovation projects were discussed. Discussions were held regarding career ladders for hatchery technicians and VHS implications for hatcheries.

At the 2008 meeting, the committee plans to discuss methods to reduce fish feed pricing by use of multi-state feed contracts and methods to increase information dissemination among hatcheries.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

At the 2008 meeting, the committee will discuss hatchery manager hiring rates across the region and methods of improving salary scales.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information**Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services**

The committee continued to operate the SDAFS Hatchery Listserver. This service continues to be well received and used by the hatcheries and hatchery administrators. The Listserver includes a number of members from Northeast region and Midwest region state fish hatcheries in addition to all Southern Division states.

Goal MS 4: Diversity**Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development****Goal MS 6: Financial Security**

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

LXV. Financial Status: The Aquaculture Technical Committee does not keep any funds or have any financial activity at this time.

Report to SD AFS EX COM

Report Number 29

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Kevin Sullivan, Chair, SDAFS Catfish Management Technical Committee

DATE: 6 February 2008

LXVI. Motion Report:

(MMM) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**

(NNN) Minority View: **Nothing to report**

(OOO) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report**

LXVII. Activity Report

(C) Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Our 2007 goals were to:

- *Continue our collaboration with the NCDAFS Ictalurid Technical Committee*
- *Update our web page and improve information transfer, and*
- *Continue to plan the 2nd international catfish symposium in collaboration with the NCDAFS Ictalurid Technical Committee.*

(D) Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009:*

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration**Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature****Goal ITO 4: Information Network**

The mission of the Committee is to provide a forum for data and technology exchange to enhance the management, conservation, and awareness of catfishes and their habitats. This past year we 1) updated our website (www.sdafs.org/catfish) to better allow dissemination of information regarding catfishes and findings of committee projects, and 2) were represented at the NCDAFS Ictalurid Committee meeting by several members to continue our commitment for seamless cooperation between the two technical committees.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

We will discuss at our February 2008 committee meeting whether or not to award a

best student paper or poster at the 2nd International Catfish Symposium in June 2010.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

In conjunction with the NCDAFS Ictalurid Technical Committee, we will continue planning for the 2nd International Catfish Symposium to be held in St. Louis, MO in June 2010. We will devote a ½ day at the Spring SDAFS meeting in Wheeling, WV to move those efforts along. The symposium will provide a forum for the exchange of information about the biology, management, and conservation of worldwide catfish populations and their habitats. The symposium is being planned in conjunction with a National catfishing tournament as a means to increase communication and cooperation with catfish anglers. The symposium is co-chaired by SDAFS Catfish Management Technical Committee past Chair Dave Buckmeier and NCDAFS Ictalurid Committee past Chair Greg Pitchford.

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

We will continue to update and maintain our website (www.sdafs.org/catfish) as an avenue for posting scientific papers and as a tool to update committee members regarding ongoing catfish work in the member States.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

(E) Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

LXVIII. Financial Status

Report to SD AFS EX COM

Report Number 30

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society

FROM: Steven J. Rider, Chair, SDAFS Nongame Aquatics Committee

DATE: February 8, 2008

LXIX. Motion Report:

(PPP) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**

(QQQ) Minority View: **Nothing to report**

(RRR) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report**

LXX. Activity Report

(F) Charge or Annual Program of Work:

The Nongame Aquatics Committee promotes the conservation and management of nongame aquatic species, including such concepts as endangered species protection, biodiversity, and ecosystem management in the southeastern United States by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and concerns.

(G) Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*: Nothing to report.

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Aquatic Stewardship: No activity to report.

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Information Transfer and Outreach: No activity to report.

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Member Services: No activity to report.

(H) Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration: None at this time.

LXXI. Financial Status: The nongame aquatics committee does not maintain any operating funds.

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 31**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society
FROM: Vic DiCenzo
DATE: 2/4/2008

Office/Committee: Chair/Reservoir Committee**Officer/Chair: Vic DiCenzo****LXXII. Motion Report:**

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| (SSS) Recommended Motion: | Nothing to report |
| (TTT) Minority View: | Nothing to report |
| (UUU) Background for Motion: | Nothing to report |

LXXIII. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Add here a brief description of your leadership responsibilities, Committee Charge or specific activities you planned to accomplish for the year.

Organize two meetings per year; attend SDAFS EXCOM meetings; develop meeting agendas, facilitate information exchange among committee members; provide information to SDAFS newsletter; keeps financial records and submits annual financial reports to SDAFS Secretary-Treasurer for tax purposes.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership – Reservoir Committee members represent their state and employer to share and discuss reservoir related topics. As such, the Reservoir Committee represents all states and a mix of agencies and universities, providing insight and feedback on a variety of topics. Many of

these topics are listed on the web page at

http://www.sdafs.org/reservoir/projects/rc_proj.htm

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education – The Reservoir Committee offers two \$1,000 scholarships each year. The Robert M. Jenkins scholarships began in 1997 to provide financial assistance to graduate students in the southeastern United States. The history of the Jenkins Scholarship as well as a list of recipients can be found at <http://www.sdafs.org/reservoir/scolship/apply.htm>

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship – Recent activities of the Reservoir Committee that promote stewardship are the biotic and abiotic habitat manuals. The Reservoir Committee has put together a lot of information that are currently being used across the country as managers deal with reservoir habitat issues. Additionally, the Reservoir Committee invited the National Fish Habitat Initiative to hold a workshop, free of charge at the 2007 Symposium. The Fourth International Reservoir Symposium, held in June 2007, was attended by nearly 200 scientists from around the world.

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility – The Reservoir Committee maintains its visibility within the SDAFS through its two committee meetings and also by maintaining a web site.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration – The Reservoir is sponsoring its fourth symposium in June 2007. The scope of this meeting extends to all SDAFS Divisions as well as having several international speakers.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network – The Reservoir Committee's web page provides not only updates on current projects but also a history of all the projects the Committee has been involved in. The web page provides a complete history and a wealth of information.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information – In June 2007, the Reservoir Committee hosted the Fourth International Reservoir Symposium which was attended by nearly 200 scientists from around the world. A summary of the Symposium was included in the Winter 2007 SDAFS Newsletter. The Fourth Reservoir Symposium will again publish a book containing manuscripts of all presentations.

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services – The Reservoir Committee's web page provides a tremendous amount of past and current information as well as contact information for all members.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security – The Reservoir Committee earns income through book sales of previous Symposia. Income should increase in future years from the publication of a new book.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

LXXIV. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 32****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, *President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society***FROM:** *Ryan Oster, President, Small Impoundments Committee***DATE:** *January 14, 2008***Office/Committee:** *Small Impoundments Committee***Officer/Chair:** *Ryan Oster, President, Small Impoundments Committee**Don Harrison, Secretary/Treasurer, Small Impoundments Committee***LXXV. Motion Report:**

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| (VVV) Recommended Motion: | <i>Nothing to report</i> |
| (WWW) Minority View: | <i>Nothing to report</i> |
| (XXX) Background for Motion: | <i>Nothing to report</i> |

LXXVI. Activity Report**A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:**

Presided at the annual Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society annual meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. The Small Impoundments Committee successfully organized the "Pond Management 101" workshop at the Memphis Meeting. This workshop was a huge hit and was attended by over 40 people. The Small Impoundments Committee will begin discussion on a joint symposium with the Catfish Technical Committee on "Management of catfish in small impoundments" at possibly the 2009, 2010, or 2011 Southern Division of the American Fisheries Spring Meeting.

A new president will take over the Small Impoundments Committee at the upcoming Wheeling, West Virginia meeting. Nominations will be taken.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009:*

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach: AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None. The Small Impoundments Committee will continue to meet and provide a forum for the scientific and intellectual discussion of management and utilization of small impoundments for future generations.

LXXVII. Financial Status

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 33****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Dan Wilson**DATE:** 01/22/08**Office/Committee:** SDAFS Striped Bass Committee**Officer/Chair:** Dan Wilson**LXXVIII. Motion Report:**

(YYY) Recommended Motion:

Nothing to report

(ZZZ) Minority View:

Nothing to report

(AAAA) Background for Motion:

Nothing to report**LXXIX. Activity Report**

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Preside at all Committee meetings, chair the committee, serve as a voting member of the Southern Division's Executive Committee and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

The SDAFS Striped Bass Committee will conduct a workshop at the SDAFS Spring Meeting in West Virginia which will focus on sampling protocols for striped bass. The Committee is also continuing work on a striped bass symposium during the annual meeting in 2009.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area:

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report

LXXX. Financial Report will be sent by John Taylor (john.taylor@tpwd.state.tx.us).
John is our Treasurer and has all the information.

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 34****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Dave Dreves, Chair, SDAFS Trout Committee**DATE:** January 22, 2008**Office/Committee:** Trout Committee**Officer/Chair:** Dave Dreves, Chair**LXXXI. Motion Report:** Nothing to report**LXXXII. Activity Report**

a. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

The chair is responsible for developing the agenda for and presiding at the annual meeting of the committee and working with local host on arrangements. The chair also maintains the committee membership list and distributes to membership. The chair distributes meeting minutes to membership and to SDAFS President. Also coordinates communication for the committee during the year.

b. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:
<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

***Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship:* AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.**

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

The Trout Committee has encouraged members to work towards the genetic typing of brook trout populations in the Southern Appalachians.

***Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach:* AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an**

important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

Committee member Jim Habera organized and scanned all committee archives into digital format and produced a CD with Trout Committee Proceedings from 1964-2007.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

Trout Committee members initiated and served on technical committee for the new release of Microfish 3.0 for Windows, a widely-used fisheries analysis software package (the software is available free of charge at www.microfish.org)

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

The committee holds a “roundtable” session at each annual meeting for members to share the coldwater resource work going on in their agency, organization or university.

The committee also maintains a current email list to facilitate simultaneous information transfer among all members or between individuals.

Focus Area 3, Member Services: AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

The Trout Committee recently established a “Distinguished Service Award” and established a subcommittee to select deserving recipients from the committee.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

The Trout Committee has sent letters to 3 federal agencies requesting renewed participation on the committee.

- c. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:
None to Report

LXXXIII. Financial Status

To be submitted by Trout Committee Treasurer Jeff Williams.

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 35****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Hal Schramm**DATE:** 10 February 2008**Office/Committee:** Southern Division Representative to the Nominating Committee**Officer/Chair:****LXXXIV. Motion Report:**

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| (BBBB) | Recommended Motion: | Nothing to report |
| (CCCC) | Minority View: | Nothing to report |
| (DDDD) | Background for Motion: | Nothing to report |

LXXXV. Activity Report**A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:**

To solicit and encourage candidates from the Southern Division for nomination for AFS Second Vice President

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

Bill Fisher, USGS Oklahoma Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit was nominated and selected by the Nominating Committee as a candidate for AFS Second Vice President. Gwen White is the other nominee selected as a candidate by the Nominating Committee.

The 1-year term committee members also prepared a list of potential candidates for consideration by future Nominating Committees.

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 36****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** J. Todd Petty**DATE:** 15 February 2008**Office/Committee:** SEAFWA Associate Editor for Fisheries**Officer/Chair:****LXXXVI. Motion Report:**

(EEEE) Recommended Motion:

Nothing to report

(FFFF) Minority View:

Nothing to report

(GGGG) Background for Motion:

Nothing to report**LXXXVII. Activity Report**

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Coordinate the external peer review of all fisheries related manuscripts submitted for publication in the *Proceedings of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*. Work with an *ad hoc* advisory committee to make final decisions regarding manuscript acceptance, revision, and submission to the *Proceedings* Editor.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments:

I received 8 papers submitted to be considered for publication in the 2007 *Proceedings*. Three external reviewers were assigned to each manuscript and reviews were received by mid June 2007. The *ad hoc* editorial committee consisting of representatives from academic institutions, and state and federal agencies met in Morgantown, WV in late June 2007 to examine the external reviews and consider the manuscripts for publication. Five of the papers were accepted with minor revision, and three were accepted with major revision. All authors agreed to make the requested revisions and participated in the Annual Meeting of SEAFWA in Charleston, WV. Final edits to all manuscripts were made by the Associate Editor and forwarded to the *Proceedings* editor by mid January 2008.

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

None to Report**LXXXVIII. Financial Status****None to Report**

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 37**

TO: J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society
FROM: Steve Filipek
DATE: February 6, 2008

**Office/Committee: Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 Representative**

Officer/Chair: Steve Filipek, SEAFWA Representative from So. Div. AFS

LXXXIX. Motion Report:

(HHHH) Recommended Motion: **Nothing to report**
 (III) Minority View: **Nothing to report**
 (JJJJ) Background for Motion: **Nothing to report**

XC. Activity Report

A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:

Act as liaison between the Southern Division AFS and the state Fish and Wildlife Agency Directors through the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA). Specifically this year, attend all meetings of the SEAFWA Director's working group and work with the Directors to further enhance the SEAFWA Proceedings process and to continue improving communications between the Directors and the SDAFS.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://web.fisheries.org/main/images/stories/afs/sp.pdf>

Focus Area 1, Aquatic Stewardship: AFS and its members will be leaders in promoting the sustainability and sound stewardship of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems.

Goal AS 1: Local and Global Leadership

The SEAFWA Representative, along with SDAFS Excom officers, are working to keep SEAFWA Directors up to date on developments pertaining to fisheries and aquatic resource issues in the SE US.

Goal AS 2: Stewardship Education

Goal AS 3: Promotion of Stewardship

***Focus Area 2, Information Transfer and Outreach:* AFS and its members will be recognized by decision makers and natural resource professionals as an important source of science-based information about fisheries and aquatic ecosystems and their conservation, management, and sustainable development.**

Goal ITO 1: Visibility

The SEAFWA Representative worked with the SEAFWA Directors to improve the status and visibility of fisheries in the Southeast with the SEAFWA Directors.

Goal ITO 2: Collaboration

The SEAFWA Rep worked with the SDAFS Excom to collaborate with the Directors and the host state (West Virginia) to broaden the Southeastern's program content, improve networking between administration, communication, education, enforcement, fisheries and wildlife personnel. Mainly due to the hard work of Pat Mazik, Stuart Welsh and the student colloquim attendees, attendance numbers also increased.

Goal ITO 3: Professional Stature

Due to the hard work of Bob Curry and his leadership on the SEAFWA Fisheries Committee, the SEAFWA Rep's job was easier in the arena of elevating the professional status of fisheries personnel to the Directors.

Goal ITO 4: Information Network

The SEAFWA Rep is working with other SDAFS members with the electronic publication submission for the SEAFWA meeting. Dr. Pat Mazik has been instrumental in making this a reality.

Goal ITO 5: Public Policy

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

Goal MS 1: Professional Development and Recognition

The SEAFWA Rep, in conjunction with the SDAFS Excom, informs the SEAFWA Directors of awards the SDAFS will be giving out and the SE meeting.

Goal MS 2: Science Based Information

The SEAFWA Rep acted as the liaison between the fisheries and aquatic scientists of the SDAFS and the SE Directors on several fisheries issues of importance this year including recommendations on restructuring of some pertinent committees including the Fisheries Resources Committee, the Cooperative Fish Disease Committee, and the Nongame Committee.

Goal MS 3: Online and Web Services

The SDAFS has continued to work with the SE Directors and the host state of the Southeastern Conference on the use of online tools including paper and abstract submission relative to the annual SE meeting.

Goal MS 4: Diversity

Goal MS 5: Strategic Plan Development

Goal MS 6: Financial Security

C. Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration:

A meeting between the SEAFWA Rep and the SDAFS President and Excom resulted in the agreement to have Dr. Pat Mazik, who reports at the SEAFWA Director's meetings on Fish and Wildlife Coop Units, also serve the coming year as the SEAFWA Representative. Dr. Mazik attends the Director's meetings anyway and Steve Filipek has been the SEAFWA Rep for the past 2 years. Steve will bring all the SEAFWA Rep appropriate documents with him on a CD including some hard copies for Pat at the 2008 SDAFS meeting.

XCI. Financial Status

This position has no budget associated with it.

REPORT TO SDAFS EXCOM**Report Number 38**

To: J. Fred Heitman, Southern Division President

From: Dave Rizzuto, SDAFS Representative-C.W. Watson Award

Date: January 14, 2008

Office/Committee: C. W. Watson Award

Officer/Chair: Bob Warren, The Wildlife Society Representative
Dave Rizzuto, SDAFS Representative
Jon Gassett, SEAFWA Directors Representative

Charge/Workplan Goals and Objectives: N/A

Action Requested: N/A

Recommended Motion: None

Minority View: None

Background for Motion: N/A

Highlights of Office/Committee. The 2007 C.W. Watson Award winner was Pete Heard. Pete had a 41 year career working first with the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission, and second with the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service). We had a total of 5 nominations from which to choose, of which two were excellent candidates making for a difficult decision. The Watson Award is given annually at the SEAFWA meeting to an individual who has made the greatest contribution to wildlife and fish conservation during the previous year or years. Consideration includes research, administration, law enforcement, I&E, wildlife and fisheries management, teachers and students. Preference is given to nominees in the southeast.

Report to SDAFS EXCOM**Report # 39****TO:** J. Fred Heitman, President, Southern Division American Fisheries Society**FROM:** Danielle Pender and Bob Curry, SDAFS Disaster Relief**DATE:** February 8, 2008**Office/Committee:** **AFS Disaster Relief****Officer/Chair:** **Bob Curry,**
Danielle Pender, Disaster Relief Coordinator**XCII. Motion Report:**

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| (KKKK) | Recommended Motion: | Nothing to report |
| (LLLL) | Minority View: | Nothing to report |
| (MMMM) | Background for Motion: | Nothing to report |

XCIII. Activity Report**A. Charge or Annual Program of Work:**

To administer the AFS Disaster Relief Program through the Southern Division AFS. Emphasis for 2007 focused on managing a distribution center for library materials, field equipment and supplies, providing travel grants to key AFS meetings and assisting affected Chapters with their annual meetings.

B. Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area detailed in *The Strategic Plan of the American Fisheries Society, 2005-2009*:

<http://www.fisheries.org/afs/aboutus/sp.pdf>

***Focus Area 3, Member Services:* AFS will provide excellent, cost-efficient services, operations, and support for its members.**

A. Activities:

The AFS Disaster Relief Program, administered primarily through the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society completed its charge of work in July 2007. The Parent Society provided nearly \$60,000 for the two-year program; funds that were

essential for providing critical membership services to assist impacted AFS and chapter members from Louisiana and Mississippi.

A total of 56 members (37 - LA; 19 - MS) were provided with complimentary Parent Society memberships, electronic access to *Fisheries Infobase*, electronic access to one AFS journal of choice, and *Fisheries* for 2006 and 2007 and complimentary Chapter membership for 2007. In addition, 106 LA Chapter members were provided chapter membership for 2007.

Twenty scholarships were awarded for travel to AFS Annual meetings, various Section, Division and Chapter meetings and the 31st Annual Larval Fish Conference. Innumerable personal collections of journals, books, and other library materials as well as an assortment of lab and field equipment, including microscopes, trap nets and boats, were dispersed through the distribution center. Financial support for mailing libraries, books, equipment and supplies was provided by several Divisions and Chapters.

The SDAFS extends its gratitude to the individuals, chapters, Divisions, and the Parent Society for their outpouring of support, continuous encouragement, and tremendous sensitivity to the horrendous impacts that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita had on AFS members. We are extremely proud of the commitment, dedication and Herculean efforts demonstrated by the AFS Hurricane Relief Task Force members and especially Don Jackson and his commitment and hard work in accomplishing the task force mission. We greatly appreciate his foresight, energy, and commitment to ensuring that impacted member's needs are addressed as quickly as possible.

A thank you letter and the AFS Disaster Relief the AFS Disaster Relief Survey final reports are available on the SDAFS website.

XCIV. Financial Status

Financial status report to be submitted separately by Greg Summers.