

# TCAFS EXCOM and Committees Meeting Report

April 6, 2011 Tyler, Texas

by Robert Mauk, Secretary Treasurer

Those attending Craig Bonds, George Guillen, Robert Mauk, Dan Bennet, Chris Moret, Kevin Storey, Greg Conley, Mandy Scott, and attending via Skype were Dave Terre, John Taylor, and John Tibbs.

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of the previous meeting's minutes were tabled until the next EXCOM meeting to allow for some minor editing.

## **Secretary Treasurer's report: (Greg Conley)**

- The Chapter's cash account balance as of the EXCOM meeting was slightly less than \$28,000.00.
- After all of the annual meeting bills are paid, it is anticipated that around \$16,000.00 will be moved into the endowment fund.
- Greg was completing the training of Robert Mauk who took over as the chapter's newly elected secretary/treasurer.

## **President Elect report: (George Guillen)**

- Discussed planning and possibilities for the 2012 TCAFS annual meeting.
- Considering the topic of "Invasives" for the meetings theme.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Awards (Matt Chumchal)**

- Matt would welcome and encourages chapter members to serve on the committee.
- Matt requested that a solicitation for volunteers to serve as judges for oral and poster presentations at the chapter's annual meeting be added to the registration form so members can check a box if they are interested in serving.

### **Continuing Education – (Dan Bennett)**

- The committee is currently exploring topics for the next annual meeting continuing education session. Most likely the topic will tie in to the theme of the 2012 annual meeting.

### **Editorial – (Dan Daugherty and Tim Birdsong)**

- The committee is continuing with the preparation of the 2010 and 2011 proceedings for electronic format publication.

### **Endowments – (Dave Terre)**

- Dave announced that the endowment fund balance as of February 28<sup>th</sup> was \$122,700.00.
- Endowments had received thank you notes from all the students who received scholarships at the 2011 TCAFS annual meeting.
- Dave had not heard anything new from the Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth on the new scholarship award program.

### **History – (Michele Nations)**

- Michele reported placing TCAFS photos at N:/Michele/TCAFS 2011.
- Michele is cataloguing photos with names and dates.
- Michele requested an updated membership list.

**Internet – (John Taylor and Janet Wisian)**

- Committee reported that the website has been updated to show the new EXCOM leadership.
- John discussed the use of new online technology such as Google Docs for Chapter website information such as a current membership list.

**Issues – (Chris Moret and Niki Ragan)**

- Reported on efforts to control giant salvinia that is currently being undertaken.

**Membership – (Dennis Smith)**

- Dennis announced his intention of leaving the chair position of the membership committee after nearly a decade of service.

**Newsletter – (Kevin Storey)**

- Kevin requested an updated membership list for newsletter distribution.
- Requested news items and committee reports be sent to him by a May 13<sup>th</sup> deadline for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

**Nominating – (John Clayton)**

- No report

**Pond Management – (John Tibbs)**

- John requested a list of those who expressed interest in serving on the committee when registering for the annual meeting be forwarded to him.

**Publicity/Exhibits – (Ben Neely and Greg Conley)**

- Reported that thank you notes have been sent to those who supported the chapter through donations for the annual chapter meeting.
- Reported several new members have joined the committee.

**Scholarships – (Mike Morgan)**

- Stated that the goals for the Scholarship Committee this year are to 1) add more university point-of-contacts, and 2) possibly revise committee procedures with respect to number of awards per degree category.

**Student Outreach – (Mandy Scott)**

- Reported that Bass Brigades received more applications than they had open spots for the upcoming camp.
- Thanked the TCAFS for a \$300.00 donation to support the Bass Brigade.
- Discussed student subunits at Texas universities.

**Old Business:**

- No old business.

**New Business:****1. Donation solicitation to AFS and SDAFS meetings**

- TCAFS is being solicited by the parent society and the southern division to make donations to help defray the costs of their meetings.
- Members at the meeting stated their believe that it would better serve the Texas chapter membership not to give donations directly for the cost of the meeting, but look at a case by case basis of supporting individual travel to these meetings. Factors to consider when deciding if to support travel would include such things as financial need, importance to chapter and state of an individual attending these meetings (e.g. chapter, divisional, and parental AFS office holders), etc.

**2. TCAFS Guidance Document/Bylaws Update**

- The .pdf online TCAFS Guidance Document is lacking items such as endowments and needs to be updated.
- John Taylor suggested that it be put in Google.doc format for easy sharing and updating.
- Craig will assign document sections to committee chairs for their suggestions as how to update/improve the document.