

# **Minutes of the Marine Fisheries Section Business Meeting**

## **Madison, WI**

Sunday, August 22, 2004  
Madison, WI

**Attendees:** I. Adelman, E. Anderson, S. Berkeley, L. Bireley, M. Collins, M. Collins, M. Fabrizio, . Giles, C. Grimes, C. Grisworld, J. Hoenig, T. Ihde, S. Jordon, T. Lankford, C. Lipsky, M. Lowe, D. Mason, R. Methot, S. Meyers, S. Oh, P. Rubec, R. Rulifson, F. Scharf, M. Staudinger, D. Vaughan, J. Walter

Following reports were distributed to the attendees: Financial Statement, Agenda, Minutes from previous meeting 10 August 2003

D. Mason recorded minutes for D. Murie

**Called to order: 3:14PM**

Quorum: 10 members identified

### **Introductions**

### **Additions to the Agenda**

Added Hutton Program announcement (Christine Fletcher) into the agenda following approval of minutes from 2003

### **Approval of minutes from 2003 business meeting**

Linda Bireley moved to accept the minutes

Seconded by Mark Collins (SC DNR)

No discussion

Vote- unanimously passed!

**Hutton Program update-** Christine reported on the Hutton program and its successes. It has grown every year: Yr 2003- 203; Yr 2004- 328 applicants. Diversity of applicants including from Mexico. Hutton committee reviewing policies- makes sure policy is consistent. Made a pitch to get involved in mentoring! Surveyed the 2001 class and found that more students are going into marine fisheries.

### **President's Report (Mary Fabrizio)**

Presented highlights of the Governing board meeting

- Strategic plan for 2005-09 was approved
- Approved- executive officers able to approve expenditures of \$5K or less. If expenditure is less than \$10K, management committee has authority to approval

Governing Board Retreat – discussed North American Agenda for Aquatic Resources and developed goals for each action item. Habitat issues were prominent.

### Member services

- 2003 section dues- \$2 for students
- 6 new members welcomed

### Symposia

- Sponsored several symposia last year- \$500
- MOTE symposium 2003- Good, the bad and the ugly
- Sponsor students \$250 at UFL
- Co-Sponsor Symposium Recent advances and recent advances in stock assessment; Weds all day session

### Beverton book

- Beverton books- 6 books sold + 2 more.

Section communications- MFS web site has been updated. Newsletter is now out twice a year. Donna Johnson, newsletter editor, stepping down, looking for volunteer

Section governances- Fred Scharf, Martha Mather, and Mike Markels are serving on the MFS EXCOM. Request went out for a representative from north-central (freshwater).

### **Secretary Treasurer's report**

Mary Fabrizio provided the Secretary-Treasurer's report for Deb Murie. Balance of \$9,555.75 at the 2004 annual MFS meeting. Doug Vaughan motioned to accept financial report, seconded by Churchill Grimes. Discussion- none. Unanimously approved

### **Student Travel awards**

Tom Ihde, Michelle Staudinger, and John Walters were the acknowledged award recipients. Student recipients received a plaque, financial award, and an AFS and MFS membership.

### **Oscar E Sette Award 2004**

The 2004 award went to Dr. Ken Able. Mary Fabrizio read the nomination. Acknowledged and thanked Ed Houde and Churchill Grimes as members of the award selection committee.

### **MFS Elections Outcome**

First year for electronic voting. Announced the new officers:

- Secretary-Treasurer – Lee Benaka
- President elect - Debra Murie
- President - John Hoenig

Mary passed presidency to John Hoenig

First order as new president- John thanked Mary for a job well done and presented her with a plaque

### **2004-05 Program of work**

#### Symposium for 2005 annual meeting

- Stated that the next meeting will be Anchorage and that MFS needs a strong showing
- John provided a little history of MFS symposium sponsorship at AFS
- Solicited membership for symposium ideas
- Christine stated that the process to submit symposium ideas has been pushed back to mid-March for next year.
- Emory Andersen stated that on alternate years NMFS and Sea Grant have co-sponsored assigned symposia at the meetings. "Cooperative research and management" is scheduled for 2005 meeting. Often publishing proceedings. Asked if MFS is interested

in contributing towards sponsorship of symposium. Steering committee meeting after MFS meeting, all invited. Often a 1.5 day symposium.

- **Motion-** Rubec motioned for MFS to co-sponsor next year's symposium. Linda Bireley 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Discussion- Benefits to section? Short funding for sponsoring. John mentioned that there is no dollar amount on the floor from the motion.
- Typical budget for NMFS-SG symposium is \$160-\$170k. Supporting this symposium does not limit MFS from sponsoring another symposium. Limited only by treasury funds.
- Does MFS want to contribute towards the symposium?
- Restructure related to marine fisheries?
- Emory- Focus is on marine fisheries.
- What is the definition of "cooperative research"?
- Emory- Constituents (eg fishing industry) working with agencies.
- Linda Bireley - Does it make sense for the MFS to sponsor travel for one of the speakers (amendment to the motion?). Rubec liked idea.
- Amendment to the motion by Linda – MFS sponsors travel of one of the invited speakers up to \$1000. Rubec 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- Emory- Would rather see all of the money thrown into a single pot.
- Amendment to amendment- Move that we amend the amendment for MFS to contribute \$500 to co-sponsor.
- 1st Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rubec.
- Further discussion- rather have money go to student travel. If it goes into a pot, lose control of money. Don't lose control if you choose someone to represent MFS on the steering committee.
- Emory- there is an invitation for all co-sponsors to be on the steering committee

***Motion- MFS will provide \$500 to co-sponsor symposium at Anchorage meeting-***

***Motion Carries!***

Peter Rubec volunteers to serve on steering committee. No other volunteers. Rubec rules!

#### Other symposium ideas

- Churchill Grimes and Steve Berkeley interested in organizing symposium on salmon ocean interactions/ecology. Contact Churchill or Steve if interested
- Mary mentioned that Eric Knudsen is interested in putting together a shark ecology symposium. Looking for contacts. Suggestions please contact Eric.

#### Social Activities

John – need more people to attend meetings. Ideas included MFS dinner, go out for beer, etc. Is there interest in organizing a get together in Anchorage? Should MFS spend treasury money on alcohol?

Statement from the floor- there are many marine people that do not belong to AFS. Why? Instead of asking should we have beer, we should figure out how to get more marine fisheries members.

John- Need to create something that is of interest to the members. Promote social activities and discussions in social setting.

Suggest estuarine section co-sponsor with MFS a social. Joint social at Anchorage.

Need to be careful on the message sent out by proving a social. Suggest leaving it to the EXOM committee.

No motion on having a social.

**ACTION ITEM:** John will talk to EXCOMM

### Newsletter editor

Need an Editor. Please let John know if you are interested

Baranov (Russian to English translation). Pull together Ricker's and Ledger's translations of Baranov into a book. John solicited help/interest by members. John will take the lead.

Hot topics in fisheries- Looking for articles. Invited articles of hot topics. If submitted through section there are no page charges. Submit through EXCOM. Others journals always looking for feature articles.

Mission statement of symposium sponsorship-

- MFS does not have one.
- John suggested MFS should have principles by which to make decisions.
- John has a draft position statement that has not been reviewed by EXCOM. Not looking for motion, just feedback. John summarized position statement. Urged members to look at draft statement and get comments back to John.

## **New Business**

### Announcements

Estuaries Section is holding reception in ROOM H Tuesday August 24 at 6PM beverages and food provided. All are invited.

Steve- asked about the possibility of a best student presentation award in marine fisheries. Interested in elevating student interest and involvement.

Mary- We haven't had sufficient student participation.

Computer section has an unannounced award for students. Must meet computer section guidelines.

### Suggestions

- There is a student judging contest for AFS. Ask for the highest ranking marine fisheries score.
- Start with poster.
- **ACTION ITEM:** John will take it up with the EXCOMM

## **Adjourn**

Motion- Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Time- 4:42.