

Missouri Chapter

The Missouri Chapter of AFS held its 17th annual meeting on February 22 and 23, 1979 at the University of Missouri in Columbia. The first morning was spent in joint session with the Missouri Chapter of the Wildlife Society where the audience listened to Missouri Department of Conservation officials present an update on Design for Conservation, a brood program initiated in 1977 with funds from the one-eighth of one percent sales tax approved by Missouri voters. Papers presented during the first fisheries technical session described hydropower impacts and supersaturation problems below Harry S. Truman Dam, and factors influencing impingement of fishes at a power plant on Thomas Hill Lake. Aquatic hazard evaluation, effects of kepone and mirex, and fish production costs were subjects discussed at the start of the second technical session. The final papers reflected a diversity of subjects, including urban fishing, standing crops of fishes in large lakes, naiad populations, and feeding selectivity of shiners in a small stream.

Chapter members approved changes in the Chapter bylaws to replace the office of vice-president with president-elect, and to split the secretary-treasurer into two offices. Three resolutions were adopted: supported the proposed new Federal Aid to Fisheries legislation (Dingell-Johnson Expansion); urged the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Corps of Engineers to complete their studies for mitigation of fish and wildlife habitat losses on the Missouri River; and recommended deauthorization of Corps of Engineers' plans to construct five reservoirs in the Meramec River Basin. Chapter members also voted to have President Stan Michaelson prepare a letter of concern to Mr. Lynn Greenwalt, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, requesting his assistance in restoring funds cut from the budget of the Fish Farming Experimental Station at Stuttgart, Arkansas.

The Chapter Award of Excellence was presented to Mr. Jerry Sugarman for his efforts to halt construction of a Corps of Engineers dam on the Meramec River. Mr. Sugarman initiated a petition drive which gathered 40,000 signatures for presentation to the Governor of Missouri. He was instrumental in bringing about a referendum in the counties of the Meramec Basin, where voters eventually turned out 2 to 1 against the proposed lake.

Newly-elected officers include Stan Michaelson, President; Jack Jones, President-Elect; Gary Novinger, Secretary; and Bill Taylor, Treasurer. Tentative dates for the next meeting are February 14 and 15, 1980.

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The Chapter plans to participate, for the 14th consecutive year, in the career show at the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. Thousands of young people will have an opportunity to view our displays and ask questions about aquatic-oriented careers.

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