

**Minutes of the  
Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
1996 Annual Business Meeting  
February 6, 1997**

After determination of a quorum, Chapter President Ron Dent, called the meeting to order at 3:33 P.M. Thursday February 6, 1997. There were 122 people were in attendance of which, 113 were Chapter members.

Ron recognized several V.I.P.'s in attendance; Doug Austen, President-Elect of the North Central Division (NCD) of the American Fisheries Society, Joe Dillard and Lee Redmond past presidents of the Parent Society, Jim Fry, Fisheries Division Chief, Heather Schuereberg, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Society (FASS) President. Ron then asked all of the past Missouri Chapter Presidents to stand and be recognized. Ron also recognized and thanked all of his Committee Chairpersons and the EXCOM. Ron recognized John Goddard and Dr. Jim Whitely two former Chapter members that are now retired. Other members departing since the 1996 business meeting include Dave Foster and Kathy McGrath. Ron announced that Spence Turner will be retiring April 1, 1997.

Del Lobb, Rivers and Stream Committee asked to be given time on the agenda.

Chapter Secretary, Brian Todd, presented the minutes from the 1996 Business Meeting. There were no corrections and a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Matt Matheny, and seconded by Lee Redmond. The voice vote was unanimous.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ron (attached). Dave Michaleson, Chapter Treasurer was unable to attend. After reporting the highlights, a motion to accept the report as written was made by Steve Fisher and seconded by Bill Anderson. The voice vote was unanimous.

Doug Austen, President-Elect of the NCD thanked the Chapter for the invitation to attend and complimented the Chapter on the format of the Forest, Fish and Wildlife Conference (FFW). Doug referenced the NCD's five-year plan and how he was going to implement portions of the plan.

Lee Redmond, a President of the Parent Society, spoke on behalf of Paul Brouha, AFS Executive Director. Paul was planning to attend the meeting but had to cancel. Lee endorsed Paul and said Paul was doing a good job. Lee also gave an update from the Parent Society from notes Paul prepared for the meeting. Some of the highlights follow;

- the 104th Congress ended in a draw from an environmental perspective.
- Some national legislation of interest to AFS that may come up soon include the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Magnuson/Stevens Marine Fisheries Conservation Act and the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- The membership and fund raising campaigns are progressing. The fund raising campaign (AFS 2000) has reached 1/3 of its goal. Membership was down in 1996 but back to normal in 1997.
- Award guidelines are being developed for the chapters.
- The profession certification program is undergoing some change.
- Book sales are going well and the Parent Society had it's first ever end-of-the-year book sale.
- Fisheries has been reviewed and planning has begun.
- The Parent Society has a home page.
- Seven books are slated for publication in 1997 and four more a being prepared.
- Some conservation initiatives are Federal Fisheries Plans, Wallop-Bureaux reauthorization, Teaming with wildlife, Natural Resources summit and Fisheries Information Network initiatives and training.
- The budget has been balanced. Hopefully AFS will have operated in the black in 1996.
- The audit of the Parent Society went well. Significant findings include, AFS was fiscally responsible, their staff was underpaid, the books and dues were too cheap.
- The next international meeting will be held in Monterey, CA.

Lee then talked about the Human Use of Fish resource Policy. The policy has been in preparation for a long time. Recently it was approved to go to the membership however some at the Parent Society business meeting felt it needed better documentation in the background of the policy. The policy has been table and Lee has been asked to chair a committee to address the concerns and get it approved.

Kevin Richards, Endangered Species Chair on the Parent Society Committee, reported that he was also the Legislative Liaison for the Committee. Nothing significant has happened regarding the reauthorization of the ESA since last August. Some "buzzwords" to be expecting soon regarding the ESA are "safe harbor and no surprises." There is some new legislation entitled the Endangered Heritage Act that has been drafted to protect endangered habitats.

Pam Haverland, a previous President fulfilling the duties of Kath McGrath, Past President, reported that in the election for President, Chris Vitello defeated Phil Pitts for President Elect and Mike Smith defeated Trish Yasger for Secretary.

Dan Beckman, Awards Committee Chair, reported that he was developing a best paper and best poster awards for the next FFW Conference. The Citizens Award and the Most Outstanding Member awards will be presented at the banquet several hours after the business meeting. Letters of recognition were awarded to Joe Dillard for his leadership in organizing a Watershed Management Conference in 1996 and to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Dallas County NRCS office for all of the technical assistance they provide to landowners in the Niangua Darter range. Paul Frey accepted the award.

FIN Committee Chair, Steve Fischer, reminded everyone to donate to AFS 2000. To date, 21 Chapter members have donated or pledged money to the campaign. The Chapter goal is 29.

Dr. Noltie, Student Support Committee Chair, presented the reasons why FASS wished to become a sub-unit of the Chapter. He then presented a motion clarifying their business matters and a motion to change the by laws to indicate FASS's incorporation into the Chapter. Jim Czarnezki made a motion to accept the changes. The motion was seconded by Dave Galat and passed unanimously. Dr. Noltie reported that Southwest Missouri State University was considering becoming sub unit also. He also issued a challenge for all universities to become sub-units,

Dr. Noltie reported that the endowment designated for the Student Support Committee had been invested and that Bass Pro Shops may be contributing a large item to use as a prize in a fishing tournament and the proceeds are to bolster the endowment.

Best Student Paper and Poster awards are being given out at this years FFW Conference. This will raise the number of awards from the committee to seven. Two student awards were presented; Jason Burckhardt, Truman State University, won the best undergraduate project award and Kay Goddard, Southwest Missouri State University, won the best MS Thesis award. Prizes include plaques, \$100, reimbursement of conference registration fees and one years membership in the Parent Society.

Dr. Noltie asked for fish specimens for teaching collections a the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Kevin Richards FFW, Conference Committee Chair, announced that Dave Seible is a Sub-Committee Chair and asked the FASS Club President to put a member on the FFW Conference Committee. Mike Kruse is looking for input on the technical session.

Jim Czarnezki, President Elect, presented the first budget that the Chapter prepared. A motion to accept the budget was made by Joe Dillard and seconded by Pam Haverland. The voice vote was unanimous. Pam Haverland was recognized for her hard work raising money for the Chapter by organizing registration for local conferences by Dr. Galat. Fifty one people renewed their Chapter membership at this FFW Conference and SEPRO Co. joined as an Associate Member. Approximately \$1,200 was raised at the silent auction.

Travis Moore, Resolution Committee Chair, announced that we would be considering four resolutions. Travis announced that we would be voting on the spirit of the resolutions and that editorial comments would be incorporated before final versions were mailed to the appropriate recipients. Titles and voting results are in the following table. Final version are appended.

Title	Yes Votes	No Votes
Rename the Forest Fish and Wildlife Conference in 1998	76	12

Support for the motorboat fuel tax	88	0
Support for the small engine fuel tax	88	0
Support for funding the Clean Water Program (Section 314)	86	0

Del Lobb, Rivers and Streams Committee Chair, presented a water pollution fact sheet that was revised from a similar fact sheet prepared by the Chapter in 1995 and asked for feed back. Some of the comments voiced at the meeting included "delete references to agricultural pollution," "create an urban pollution category," "do not distribute until an urban and municipal fact sheets are prepared." Kyle Reno made a friendly amendment to create additional fact sheets. A vote by ballot resulted in 61 yes votes and 18 no votes.

Ron reported that the EXCOM elected him the Arrangement Chair of the AFS International Meeting in the year 2000 and that he is looking forward to the challenge.

**New Business**

There was a discussion from the floor that the name of the Missouri Chapter Award of Excellence be changed to the John L. (Slim) Funk Award of Excellence. A motion was made by Mark Wildhaber and seconded by Dan Beckman. A motion for a friendly amendment was made to change the name of the award to the Funk Award but the amendment died from lack of a second.

Dr. Steve Fischer, Chair of the *ad hoc* Home Page Committee discussed the need to change the By Laws and convert the status of the committee from *ad hoc* to standing. A motion was made and seconded. The voice vote was unanimous.

Ron has been asked to prepare a water quality resolution for the parent society. Any assistance would be welcome.

Ron was reviewing the challenges of the past year, especially CAFOS, and encourage us all to work hard, be active and be leaders. He thanked the EXCOM, Committee Chair Persons and the Chapter Members for their hard work and support.

President-Elect, Jim Czarnezki, then presented Ron the AFS (Academy of Fecal Scientists) T-shirt and the Past President Award Plaque. Ron received a standing ovation.

As the new Chapter President, Jim vowed to continue advocacy, welcome FASS, pursue student involvement and pursue associate memberships.

After brief discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Rich Wehnes and seconded by Steve Fischer. Voice vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16.

These minutes respectfully prepared by Brian Todd, past Secretary and respectfully presented by

Mike Smith, Secretary  
February 19, 1998