



2016 Business Meeting Minutes

Baton Rouge, LA

3 June 2016

The Louisiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society held its 36th Annual Meeting in the Louisiana Room at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on 2-3 June, 2016. The theme of the meeting was “Research Priorities of the Commercial and Recreational Fishing Sectors of Louisiana.” The meeting was organized by members of the Chapter’s Executive Committee (Melissa Kaintz, Michael Kaller, Steve Beck, Chris Green, and Quenton Fontenot). Additional help was provided by John Supan, coordinator of student awards and chair of student judging, and Christopher Bonvillain, Abstract Book Editor and Program Chair.

Call to Order and Quorum Verification – Mike Kaller

Quorum was met for the business meeting. According to registrations, 136 people attended this year’s LA AFS meeting in Baton Rouge (student: 35, professional: 101).

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – Steve Beck

The business meeting minutes for the 2015 meeting were distributed via email and posted on the LA AFS website. A motion to approve 2015 business meeting minutes was made by John Supan, and seconded by Melissa Kaintz. Attendees voted in favor to approve the minutes.

As of March 31th 2016 there was a balance of \$8,514.37 which was expected to increase after bills associated with the meeting were paid and additional registrations were deposited. There is also potential revenue from LA AFS merchandise (t-shirts/hats). It was noted that maintaining a balance of \$10,000 was optimal to maintain a buffer for unanticipated expenditures (Q. Fontenot), and that the national chapter might attempt to acquire LA AFS funds if the balance exceeds this amount (J. Cowan). It was suggested that we move the meeting to other areas (J. Jenkins), which can be done if balance needs reduced since non-Baton Rouge meetings typically do not increase revenue (M. Kaller, S. Beck)

SDAFS Update by Vice president of SDAFS - Dennis Riecke

Southern Division report.

-The Southern Division AFS meeting will be held in Oklahoma City, OK in 2017, and then Puerto Rico in 2018.

Old Business – Committee Reports

Webmaster Report – Quenton Fontenot

Please send Quenton photos of your work in the field or lab. The website will continue to be updated with a Featured Student(s) and Featured Professional(s) throughout the year. If you have any relevant links or content please send for the website. David Nieland also reminded the meeting attendees that he maintains a list serve for weekly postings of jobs, internships, grants, and meetings. There was also discussion that SD AFS would like to migrate all chapter sub-domains to the same webpage.

A motion was made to eliminate the Education and Outreach committee due to inactivity. The motion was discussed, seconded and voted on. The motion passed.

Student Awards – John Supan

Abstracts

1st: **Use of surface mucus as a biomarker for endocrine disruption in an estuarine fish.** Andrea Yammine*, Charles Brown, Chelsea Adams, Fernando Galvez, and Christopher Green

2nd: **Fish assemblage structure at small oil and gas platforms on and around a sand shoal in the northern Gulf of Mexico.** David B. Reeves*, Ryan T. Munnelly, Edward J. Chesney, and Donald M. Baltz

3rd: **Trophic ecology of red snapper around offshore oil and gas platforms: disentangling the effects of artificial light.** Kristin L. Foss* and James H. Cowan, Jr.

Posters

1st: **Pigmentation of blue crabs (*Callinectes sapidus*) as a result of diet: a preliminary study.** Morgan E. Ducote*, Julie Lively, and Michael Kaller

2nd: **Predator and foraging cues in the thinstripe hermit crab (*Clibanarius vittatus*).** Jace Hood* and Julie Lively

3rd: **Thermal maxima of two sympatric crayfish species in Louisiana, *Procambarus clarkii* and *P. zonangulus*.** Jordan Logarbo* and Christopher Bonvillain

Oral

1st: **Phylogeography of the Threadfin shad (*Dorosoma petenense*, Günther, 1867).** Diego Elias* and Kyle R. Piller

2nd: **Central Louisiana streams support few crayfish species locally and many species regionally.** William R. Budnick*, A. Raynie Harlan, Tiffany E. Pasco, William E. Kelso, and Michael D. Kaller

3rd: **Proximate cues underlying maternal care behavior in blue crabs, *Callinectes sapidus*.** Samantha Hicks* and M. Zachary Darnell

Special Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award: Bobby Reed

President's Award: Louisiana State University Aquaculture and Fisheries Club (accepted by Morgan DuCote)

Acknowledgments

The LA AFS would to thank Jim Cowan and the Louisiana State University Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences for providing an excellent meeting location (Dalton Woods Auditorium), The Varsity for providing an excellent social location, and all plenary speakers, presenters, and moderators, for creating an interesting, informative, and efficient meeting.

New Business

IchthyCamp: The success of the first IchthyCamp (fall 2015) as an ichthyological review for students and professionals was discussed. A motion was passed for up to \$500 be used for conducting the another IchthyCamp in the fall of 2016. The motion was seconded and passed.

2016 SEAFWA Meeting (Baton Rouge, LA): LA AFS members were encouraged to present/attend.

A survey of LA AFS membership will be conducted to determine 2017 meeting location.

Robby Maxwell encouraged LA AFS members to become involved in the Master Naturalist program as they are in need of ichthyological expertise and to inform LA AFS if you do so SD AFS can be informed with what other programs LA AFS members are involved.

A motion passed to donate \$100 to the SD AFS Warmwater Streams Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Members were encouraged to stay involved with LA AFS and to consider other events that could be held throughout the year (such as IchthyCamp).

Elections were held and there was a peaceful transition of power as Melissa Kaintz concluded her presidential service, Michael Kaller moves to Past President, Christopher Green becomes president, and Robby Maxwell was elected as the new President Elect. Steve Beck was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Meeting Resolution – Steve Beck

Whereas the 37th Annual Louisiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Meeting was held at the Dalton Woods Auditorium, College of the Coast and Environment of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 2-3 2016, and, whereas we enjoyed 30 oral presentations and 8 poster presentations

and, whereas the Chapter was informed about “Research Priorities of the Commercial and Recreational Fishing Sectors of Louisiana” and, whereas abundant food and drink were enjoyed at The Varsity social, and finally the LA AFS Chapter has enjoyed another successful meeting.

Meeting resolution was moved by Quenton and seconded by Melissa Kaintz and passed by the membership.