



Society for Freshwater Science

*Society for Freshwater Science
New Members Breakfast
Raleigh, North Carolina
June 8th, 2017
7:30am – 9:30am*

Attendees:

Emily Bernhardt-President Past
Steve Thomas-Vice President Past
Colden Baxter-President
Amy Marcarelli-Vice President
Jennifer Tank-President Elect
Todd Royer-Vice President Elect
Mike Swift-Treasurer
Kim Haag-Financial Committee Chair
Sally Entrekin-Secretary
Angus Webb-International Delegate
Stuart Findlay-Non-academic representative
Walter Dodds-Academic representative
Darrin Hunt -Student Resource Committee Representative
Chuck Hawkins-Publications Committee

Invited guests: Ryan Hill (webmaster), Ayesha Burdett and Becky Bixby (PIP Committee), Checo Colon-Gaud (Education and Diversity), Meryl Mims (Early Career Committee), Matt Whiles-(2015/2016 President), Donna Kashian (Detroit planning committee)

Actions

Meetings

- BOD send Donna ideas for outreach and education during the Detroit meeting (via Amy).
- Amy will communicate idea to Special Sessions coordinator: consider having Professors give a poster for undergraduates.
- Colden and Amy work with Kim Haag and financial planning committee to discuss how to pay for additional international engagement and in what ways engagement could occur.
- Colden will craft a proposal to work with M Pace in joint ASLO meeting
- Angus to keep in regular contact with International Coordination Committee

New committee structures

- Amy work with Eric Strauss, Chair, Conservation and Environmental Issues Committee (CEIC)-will provide proposal about what they want to accomplish that will justify them as their own committee.

- Amy work with committee chair to Integrate Primarily Undergraduate Institution committee as a formal, stand-alone committee
- Amy work with committee chair to revisit the Ad-hoc diversity committee and restructure the diversity and inclusivity committee.

Code of Conduct

- Steve will invite a senior member to join the Code of Conduct committee.

Logo

- PubComm will send around synthesis of the survey comments in ~1 week and solicit membership ideas.

Executive Director

- One task for the BOD this year is defining the list of tasks that can be done by the ED, and avoiding scope to creep beyond this.
- Amy will work with ExComm to make sure their duties are clearly defined and move forward with ED duty list.
- Emily will seek input from ASLO about the most efficient way for ED to get started.

NSF DDIG

- There should be a statement from SFS on the NSF DDIG being axed - Emily and Sudeep working on an OpEd piece

USU Contract

- Colden meets with USU on their campus to discuss how best to continue the productive relationship with SFS so far in preparation for signing new contract.

Meeting notes

Raleigh meeting update (Emily Bernhardt)

- 951 total participants
- Next year will not be able to register for meeting without being members
- Meeting will make a net profit

Detroit (Donna Kashian)

- 30 dollars per night for Wayne State dormitories
- Ideas for field trip include Community project: doing something to help other people with water availability
- **Next action:** BOD send Donna ideas for outreach and education during the Detroit meeting.
- **Next action:** Amy will communicate idea to Special Sessions coordinator: Consider having Professors give a poster for undergraduates.
- Overview sessions should be included in special sessions as either as a presentations or poster-not both.
- Call for special sessions will be October 2017

International Meetings

- Ecuador meeting in July 2018. Send delegates to represent the society
- Send ideas to Colden on ways to get more international delegation. Ask leadership to participate.
- Consider more partnering with international societies-e.g. Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS)
- **Next action:** Colden will craft a proposal to work with M Pace in joint ASLO meeting
- Contact with International Society of Limnology (SILS) **Next Action:** Colden will also contact Sudeep Chandra as the SILS representative
- **Next actions:** Colden and Amy work with Kim Haag and financial planning committee to discuss how to pay for additional international engagement and in what ways engagement could occur.
- **New Action:** Angus to keep in regular contact with International Coordination Committee.

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Motion. Colden moved to to keep PUI and Early Career as 1-year ad hoc committee for the new year. Discussion above. Motion carried.

Code of Conduct

- Colden moved to maintain the ad-hoc committee. Discussion was to develop a structure for reporting violations that are not illegal. All in favor. Motion moves.
- **Next action:** Steve will invite a senior member to join the Code of Conduct committee.

Logo

- 343 survey starts - 223 Got to the end
- Logo 2 - crossing streams had the best positive to negative sentiment
- Logo 1a was next
- Discussion over whether we needed to go through another iteration of consultation or move ahead.
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Executive Director

- Can we move to making an offer to appoint one of the two candidates from Sunday?
- Do we need to report a vote, or summary? Decided to keep as a summary.
- Both candidates would be suitable
- **Next action:** One task for the BOD this year is defining the list of tasks that can be done by the ED, and avoiding scope to creep beyond this. Reporting and communication were stated as key role of ED.
- **Next Action:** Steve or Emily will seek input from ASLO about the most efficient way for ED to get started.

New business

- **Next action:** Colden will contact Chuck Hawkins for update on Newsletter application process.
- **Next action:** Amy will work with ExComm to make sure their duties are clearly defined and move forward with ED duty list.
- NSF Dissertation Improvement grants program to be axed. Discussion for solutions were presented and action items can be found in June ExComm meeting notes (summary below).
 - Briefly-Colden contact David Lodge to communicate support of multi-society response that could include a DIG administered through societies.
 - Emily is working with the Science and Policy Committee to write a formal SFS response to the program cut.
- Discussion: Societies are being challenged to fill this gap. NSF might still have the money, but not have the resources to administer it. Societies might be able to partner to provide this? Would SFS make some funds available this year? 5 x \$5000 FDIGs around November. Any proposal needs to go through LRPC This could be an opportunity to get a freshwater program within NFS. Possibly the award could be for international students. An ad-hoc committee formation was suggested but not agreed upon.

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Membership

- Discussion: Would we be successful if we focused on how SFS/members can service the broader community? Consider membership campaigns with a target 'investment' named. An example would be The United Way model. If the website gets as good as we hope it might, and then we could attract members who can't ever come to the meeting. Can the new ED look at websites for other societies to see what they do? Refresh of website is a key roadblock here.

Meeting times 2017/2018

- 2-4pm Eastern time, quarterly BOD 2nd Wednesday of each third month
(**Wednesday Sept 13 2017, Dec 13 2017, and Mar 14 2018**).

USU Contract

- Discuss membership tracking and reminders, emails, and web integration between USU and SFS websites.
- **Next action:** Colden meets with USU on their campus to discuss how best to continue the productive relationship with SFS so far in preparation for signing new contract.

Colden moved to adjourn at 9:30am