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2017 Business Meeting
43rd Annual Meeting Southeastern Fishes Council
Chattanooga, TN

Business Meeting: Thursday 16 November 2017
Chair Kyle Piller call meeting to order at 4:30 pm

Chair Elect: Tanya Darden
Secretary: Matt Wagner
Treasurer: Michael Sandel

Report of the Secretary-Matt Wagner

Much of the rest of the year was devoted to answering emails and dispersing messages to the membership via email. Most effort was made to communicate meeting announcements was focused on e-mail communication; however, posts were made to the SFC Facebook page as well. Multiple times help was given with registration on the website.

Report of the Treasurer-Michael Sandel

Address treasurer's report issues to Mike Sandel at msandel@uwa.edu.
The fishy stuff auction raised \$2,632.46
Current checking account balance: \$424.48
Current PayPal balance: \$85,268.93

Report of the Committees

Awards Committee: Kyle Piller, Bryn Tracy, Alexis Janosik and Ginny Adams

For the 2017 meeting, 49 students applied and 20 were awarded travel awards (\$100 each) that encompassed multiple universities based on a random draw of names.

A request from membership notify student recipients of Travel Awards prior to the meeting to help with their planning. All present agreed would be beneficial for future meetings.

Travel Awards:

Boschung Student Travel Award: Twenty \$100 awards (presenting students only)

Oral Awards:

Etnier Best Student Oral Presentation 1st place: \$300

Etnier Best Student Oral Presentation 2nd place: \$200

Etnier Best Student Oral Presentation 3rd place: \$100

Poster Awards:

Suttkus Best Student Poster Presentation 1st place: \$200

Suttkus Best Student Poster Presentation 2nd place: \$150

Suttkus Best Student Poster Presentation 3rd place: \$75

Undergraduate Research Awards: No individual may receive this award if they already are receiving an overall best award.

Best Undergraduate Oral Presentation Award: \$100

Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation Award: \$75

2017 Presentation Award Winners

Etnier Best Student Oral Presentation

1st Place: Jessica Grady (Austin Peay State University), FACTOR AFFECTING SCALE SHAPE VARIATION IN ETHEOSTOMATINAE DARTERS

2nd Place: Meredith Harris (University of Tennessee), SIZE-SPECIFIC ADVANTAGE IN HABITAT COMPETITION BETWEEN MOUNTAIN MADTOMS (*NOTURUS ELEUTHERUS*) AND INVASIVE CRAYFISH (*ORCONECTES* SPP.)

3rd Place: Eric Malone (Tennessee Technological University),
 PRIORITIZING NATIVE FISH REINTRODUCTIONS IN
 GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Suttkus Best Student Poster

1st Place: Nastasia Disotell (Austin Peay State University),
 ASSESSING THE MITOCHONDRIAL GENETIC DIVERSITY
 OF THE SMALLSCALE DARTER, *NOTHONOTUS*
MICROLEPIDUS

2nd Place: Amanda Pinion (Texas A&M University), CEPHALIC
 AND BODY TUBERCULATION OF THE SHOAL CHUB
MACRHYBOPSIS HYOSTOMA (TELEOSTEI: CYPRINIDAE)

3rd Place: Jerry Kattawar III (Southeastern Louisiana State
 University) COMPARATIVE POPULATION GENETICS OF
 THE RELICT DARTER AND GUARDIAN DARTER IN
 WESTERN KENTUCKY

Resolutions Committee: Rebecca Johansen, Pat Rakes, and Chris Skelton

Nothing to report

Program Committee: Bernie Kuhajda

Recap of Chattanooga meeting: Meeting was highest attendance on record and went over well.

- Number of states: 18
- Total attendance: 192
- Student attendance: 92
- Attendance by state: AL 15, AR 24, CA 1, FL 6, GA 23, IA 1, KY 14, LA 8, MO 2, MS 8, NC 7, OH 1, OK 1, OR 1, PA 1, SC 11, TN 59, VA 5

Constitution Committee

Nothing to report.

Proceedings Committee and State Reports - Editor in Chief: Ben Keck and Associate Editor: Brook Fluker

Goals are to publish at least four articles a year so we can apply to be listed by DOAJ. Readership is increasing steadily; we have most downloads from the

eastern US, but plenty of international as well. Request was made and approved unanimously to add a 3rd position to this team which would focus on the State Reporters.

Technical Advisory Committee:

Nothing to report

Membership Committee: Jim Williams

Total 2017 members– 247 (121 regular memberships, 103 student memberships, 13 lifetime memberships, 10 Family memberships). Recommend get info to Southern Division of AFS for meeting advertisement. Push for more Facebook posts by members. Jim stepped down from the post at this meeting.

Website Committee: Jake Schaeffer

SFC website will be migrated to <http://www.sefishescouncil.org> and redesigned by Jake Schaeffer. Abstract submission still to be through <http://ichthyology.usm.edu/sfc2/abstracts/>.

Meeting Site Committee: Bernie Kuhajda, Tanya Darden, Matt Wagner

Tanya Darden provided information for next year's meeting in South Carolina. Venue for 2019 was established as Knoxville to be led by Brian Alford and venue for 2020 was established to be at Auburn led by Jon Armbruster.

Nominating Committee: Rebecca Johansen, Pat Rakes, Matt Thomas

The nominating committee provided nominations for all upcoming vacancies on the ballot. Election results included:

Chair Elect – Brian Alford

State Reporter Associate Editor (new position) – Steve Powers

Old Business

- SFC officially registered as a non-profit in Tennessee by Gerry Dinkins under David Etnier.
- Skelton Family Charitable Foundation donation was received in late January (\$500); SFC sent a thank you note
- Jake Shaefer provided an update on the Pascagoula Dam (MS) that the proposal was currently inactive (and not anticipated to go forward)
- Ben Keck initiated a discussion of moving forward with an Investment Development Committee for SFC – which was passed unanimously. Jake

Shaefer and David Heins provided several potential models (SWAN) which may be useful for guidance.

New Business

- Investment Development Committee: Ben has agreed to Chair the committee, with Dave Heins, Jake Schaeffer, and Mike Sandel serving on the committee. Ben reported that some homework of ‘going green’ options aren’t necessarily all ‘green’ (i.e., large companies included in many) – so will need to be careful in selections
- USFWS/CFI MOU letter: Jim Williams has agreed to assist with drafting MOU letter; but some confusion about if request was still wanted – is back on our plate now. Bo Baxter, Peggy Shute, Gerry Dinkins, and Steve Fraley were all recommended as potentials to draft letter (everyone on list recommended Bo – waiting to hear back from him). If no action, Tanya will draft initial letter for review.
- Logo contest attempted but lack of submissions resulted in lack of a new logo. Casper Cox was contacted about designing a new logo.
- Sterlet Sturgeon: Kyle shared that despite many letters opposing the approval of a permit to culture Sterlet Sturgeon in Louisiana, it was approved. Kyle’s understanding was that it still requires governor signature and Kyle is going to contact USFWS contact Rob B. to ask where we can send an addition letter of opposition prior to final signature.
- Recovering America’s Wildlife Act request (from Bill Reeves): Tanya received a request to ask SFC to sign a letter to Congress in support of RAWA; ExCom agreed was in accordance with SFC mission and agreed to provide our support. Tanya will contact Bill to add SFC to the signature list.
- Wild Apricot renewal: We have received notification that our annual cost will increase from \$540/year to \$972/year starting July 17, 2018. We do have an option of paying for 2 years at once for a discount (effectively \$918/year). ExCom agreed we would stay with Wild Apricot, but only for an annual subscription.
- Financial Audit: Anna and Jim could not recall process for internal financial audit; Jim recommended perhaps an external audit sometime after tax season. ExCom agreed cost of an external audit should be limited in both amount and time (i.e., not every year). Tanya and Mike will work to develop an internal process for time being.
- Ben Keck has spearheaded taking on developing a code of conduct for SFC after issues arose at the 2017 ASIH conference. We are mimicking

the ASIH code and Ben is having UTK lawyers review it. They hope to have it completed by 2018.

- We need to address who the committee members are for all committees and if they wish to continue to serve. We need to update the website with these committees and the members who serve on them.
- Savannah River Dam at Augusta – Jim Williams informed the membership that the dam was initially being removed as mitigation, but now a fish ladder is being planned instead and options are still being considered.
- Blue Ribbon Panel/RAWA (Recovering America's Wildlife Act) – Brian Alford informed membership of current status and recommended SFC send letter of support; membership agreed unanimously.
- UT/CFI/USFWS partnership – a concept was discussed regarding SFC supporting the establishment of a new partnership between these entities to ensure a more stable financial future for the critical conservation work in this geographic area. The membership supported unanimously.