

November 16, 1995

The fall Chapter business meeting was held at Brandywine Creek State Park in Wilmington following five presentations on the theme, Fisheries Research in Wetlands (agenda attached). President Eleanor Bochenek opened the meeting with thanks to the Newsletter Committee for putting together the first issue. She asked Cathy Martin, chair of the Committee, to comment on the success of the newsletter and any requests. Cathy suggested that a contest be held to design a logo for the newsletter header. Some discussion was held on the need for a monetary award for the winning design. It was decided that the Newsletter Committee would handle details of the contest. Entries for the logo should be submitted to any member of the Committee. Cathy also requested volunteers for newsletter contacts from various locations. Melissa Newman (Rutgers), Frank Steimle (NMFS, Sandy Hook), Shawn Shotzberger (consultants), Bruce Halgren (NJ Marine Fisheries), and Andrew Tate (UD) volunteered in addition to Lisa Barno and Pat Hamilton (NJ Freshwater Fisheries) and Cathy Martin and Edna Stetzar (DE Fisheries) already serving on the Committee. Frank Steimle suggested that occasional issues could be theme-oriented in order to encourage participation by as many members as possible. Additional suggestions on newsletter content and timing were offered from the floor and will be reviewed by the Committee.

Eleanor reported that no student members from the Chapter attended either the National or Divisional AFS meeting, so the student travel award money will be held over for 1996. The drawing for a one-year student membership to AFS among all attending student Chapter members was held. Stacy Hagan (Rutgers) was the winner of the membership.

Eleanor reported on the various types of awards given out by other chapters. Cathy M. suggested an award for the best student presentation given at a Chapter meeting. Ken Able thought that such an award would increase student participation within the Chapter. Possible award types (monetary or plaque) and timing were discussed by Bruce Halgren and Roy Miller. John Clark made a motion that the Resolution Committee (Roy Miller and Bob Papsen) develop a student award proposal and present recommendations to the full membership. John C. also suggested that a meritorious award also be considered by the Resolution Committee. Bruce H. recommended that such an award be offered as the occasion arose, not as an annual award. This motion was also assigned to the Resolution Committee.

New Business

Stan Gorski is trying to make arrangements for the spring meeting to be held at the New Jersey Aquarium in Camden. Eleanor opened discussion on inviting a well-known fisheries expert to speak at one of our meetings. John C noted that inviting such a speaker received the greatest positive response in last year's membership survey. Eleanor suggested that a meeting topic could be "Tools for fisheries biologists". This topic was well received with recommendations that it be

organized more like a workshop, with an interactive format. Hydroacoustic applications, GPS and electronic measuring boards were some possible presentations.

Walt Murawski, Nominating Committee Chair, offered the following nominations:
President Elect: Cathy Martin (Bruce Halgren motion, John Clark second);
Secretary/Treasurer: Edna Stetzar (John Clark motion, Eleanor Bochenek second);
Student Representative: Andrew Tate (UD). There being no further nominations from the floor, these nominees were installed as officers. Lisa Barno suggested that the term of President be extended from one year to longer. Past Presidents Bruce H and John C reminded everyone that the term actually involves a three-year commitment, as President Elect, President and Past President. No further discussion was held.

Cathy M made a motion that the responsibility for the annual waterfowl raffle be given to a raffle chairman rather than resting with the Secretary/Treasurer. Edna S seconded. John C volunteered to serve this function. Incoming President Stan Gorski picked the winner of the 1995 waterfowl print raffle and stamps. Cathy M was the lucky winner.

Eleanor then turned the meeting over to the new President Stan Gorski. His first duty was to present the Past President Plaque to Eleanor. Stan opened a discussion on the scheduling of the spring meeting. A consensus was reached that April would be better than May or June. The Executive Committee will begin to plan that meeting.

Cathy M made a motion that the Chapter make a donation of \$25.00 to Brandywine Creek State Park in thanks for providing us with such a pleasant meeting location. John O'Herron seconded and the motion passed. Bruce H made a motion for adjournment; Walt Murawski seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine C. Martin,
Secretary/Treasurer

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