



MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

American Fisheries Society

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The fall business meeting was held at the New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden, NJ on Wednesday, October 16. After four presentations on exotic species research (agenda enclosed), the meeting was called to order by President Stan Gorski. Stan turned the meeting over to incoming President Catherine C. Martin. Cathy presented Stan with a past-President plaque in appreciation of his contributions to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter while serving as president.

Old Business

Cathy asked the Resolution Committee if they had decided on a Best Student Paper Award and how a winner would be chosen. Roy Miller and Bob Papson, who serve on the committee, requested additional input. Bruce Halgren and Eleanor Bochenek volunteered to form a committee and work on award criteria. They will report back to chapter members at the 1997 spring meeting.

Cathy thanked all those who contributed to the fall 1996 newsletter. Edna Stetzar read off the names of members whose newsletters were returned by the postal service. Several members have moved out of the area. Stan Allen suggested that a 'Letter to the Editor' column be added to the next newsletter, of which he would like to make a submission. Bernie Petrosky inquired if photographs could be submitted along with an article. Cathy explained that the newsletters are copied by a xerox machine with a photo option, so it was possible to reproduce photographs.

John Clark mentioned that the National AFS was having financial difficulties. In order to gain financial stability, the parent chapter had decided not to grant chapter rebates for two years. Also, in addition to the Best Student Paper Award, they are going to initiate a Best Student Poster Award.

New Business

Cathy asked if all dues-paying students had filled out a raffle card for the student AFS membership raffle. All those students present had, so Eleanor drew from the cards and picked Melissa McHale from Rutgers University, Cook Campus. Melissa will receive a 1997 American Fisheries Society Membership, which includes a subscription to 'Fisheries'. Cathy also announced that she had information on joining the AFS if anyone was interested.

Stan Gorski asked where the next meeting could be held and what topic to pursue.