



April 25, 1997

The AFS Mid-Atlantic Chapter held its annual spring meeting entitled 'Student Presentations' at Rutgers University in Tuckerton, NJ on April 17. After the presentations (agenda enclosed) a brief business meeting was held. Following the meeting, a tour of the marine field station was conducted featuring research at LEO-15.

Spring Meeting Minutes

Old Business

President Cathy Martin called the meeting to order beginning with a request for a progress report from the student awards committee (Eleanor Bochenek, Roy Miller, Bruce Halgren). Eleanor reported that the committee had worked out evaluation criteria for a Best Student Presentation Award based on a 100 point system (evaluation form enclosed). Students are evaluated by committee members on the title of the presentation, structure and organization, relevance, analytical merit, delivery, ability to field questions, and visual aids. Because of the possibility of a tie in scores, the current chapter president also evaluates the student presentations for use as a tie breaker if needed. Presentations from both spring and fall meetings will be considered. Cathy suggested that students could benefit from the evaluations if they were permitted to see how they scored and review comments from the judges.

The amount of the award was to be decided upon by general membership so a motion was sent to the floor. Bruce Halgren commented that the monetary amount should depend on if an award is given for student presentations at the AFS Northeast Meeting each year. John Clark commented that not enough members from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter attend the Northeast and that we should keep the student award within our chapter. Membership agreed to keep the award within the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. Roy Miller made a motion for the amount to be \$100.00. Ken Able seconded the motion.

John Clark, raffle chairman, gave out tickets to sale for the fall raffle drawing. Bruce Halgren is going to get a New Jersey Duck Stamp print and have it framed as the raffle prize. John thanked all members who supported the raffle and commented that it brought revenue to the chapter.

Cathy asked membership for comments regarding the newsletter. Members were satisfied with the contents and thought it was an asset to the chapter. Members were urged to get in touch with the newsletter contacts for input regarding future issues.

New Business

Cathy brought to the attention of members that AFS supports the 'Teaming With Wildlife' initiative. If passed by Congress, the initiative will provide monies to states for nongame