



Spring 2000 Meeting Minutes

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter Spring Meeting 2000 focused on student presentations. There were several informative presentations including Edward Martino (Rutgers University) and Richard Wong, William Davidson, Kristin Ferrari, and Cecily Natunewicz (University of Delaware). These presentations and any student presentations given at the Fall 2000 meeting will be eligible for the Best Student Presentation Award given at the Spring 2001 meeting.

Old Business

Meeting was called to order by president Cliff Day (USFWS - Pleasantville, NJ). The minutes from the Fall 1999 meeting were approved. There are still plans to have the Mid-Atlantic Chapter Spring 2001 be held in conjunction with Tidedwater Chapter and be entitled "Rivers Life Lines of a Continent: Fragmentation of River Habitats". The Fall 2000 raffle will be a Bluefish print. Jon Clark reminded people to get tickets from him to sell for drawing at the next meeting. The Best Student presentation award of \$100 was given to Ursula Howson of the University of Delaware. Cliff Day contacted national AFS for the annual dues rebate. A rebate check for \$151.42 will be sent to our Chapter.

New Business

The treasurer's report was read. Cathy Martin requested for articles to be included in the Fall Newsletter. Cathy Martin dispersed the membership directory to representatives from the University of Delaware, Rutgers University and Delaware State University. These directories contain contact information and research interests of members who filled out a survey. The hope is that this directory will facilitate communication among members of the chapter and students. President Elect Mike Stangl (DE Division of Fish and Wildlife) suggested that the chapter put together a web page linked to the National AFS homepage. Costs will be approximately \$60/year. His wife Greer Stangl will do the initial setup and he will serve as the "webmaster". Contact him with any suggestions. Steve Rideout of the AFS study team asked if the chapter would put together a policy regarding dam removal. This was voted against by the chapter. Walt Murawski is putting together a paper summarizing the history of the chapter. Anyone with information can contact him. Mike Stangl will be the chapter representative at the NE Division meeting being held Spring 2000 and will give us a report at the next meeting. The Fall 2000 meeting will be held in Delaware during late October / early November and will focus on fish assemblages as indicators of land usage.

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Secretary/Treasurer