

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Minutes of the 2005 Fall Meeting held on November 15, 2005

Craig Shirey had Pat Hamilton draw the winning ticket for the raffle of the framed NJ Waterfowl print, which was won by Bob Meadows (DE). A total of \$188 was collected by ticket sales, with the expenses being \$? (CAS). Craig then passed the Presidency over to incoming President Pat Hamilton. Pat thanked Craig for his contributions over the past year and for organizing the excellent program presented today.

New Business

The first item of new business was the election of officers. As Chair of the Nominations Committee, John Clark presented the name of Rich Wong (DE) as President. There was a request for nominations from the floor. There being none, Roy Miller moved to close nominations for president and Bob Papson seconded. John reported that Mike Stangl (DE) agreed to take the position of Secretary/Treasurer if there was no one interested in that position. Cathy Martin described the duties of the office and noted that it did not involve a big time commitment. However, all potential nominees for the office declined. Therefore, John nominated Mike Stangl as secretary/treasurer and Craig seconded. Pat said that current student representative Matt Kimball (Rutgers) agreed to remain in that position. Therefore the vote of the attending membership was unanimous for the following officers: Rich Wong, President-elect, Mike Stangl, Secretary/treasurer, and Matt Kimball, Student Rep.

Matt announced that he was surveying membership to develop a database of members and their research interests that could be useful both to familiarize new members and to keep current members updated. He will be using the old membership directory designed by John Clark as background material but will also be asking members to return an email survey on our website.

Jared Jacobini (DE) was introduced as the webmaster of the Chapter webpage. He asked all members who had announcements or information for posting on the webpage to contact him.

Cathy reported that 19 issues of the Chapter Newsletter, designed to keep members updated and connected with Chapter events, have been published since its inception in October 1995. However, the lack of contributed material, the advent of our website, and the availability of immediate email postings have made the purpose of the newsletter obsolete. Therefore, Cathy announced that the newsletter would no longer be published.

Pat led a discussion on the place and topic for the spring meeting. She will investigate some possibilities for locations in NJ. Conservation of fishes was suggested as one possible topic. Brett Bragen said that work being done by consultants could be another topic.

There being no further business, John Clark motioned to adjourn; Roy Miller seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Martin (for the Secretary) 11/18/05