

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Chapter Business Meeting
Lewes, De
21 November 2019**

Executive Committee:

Chapter President: Mike Greco
President Elect: Mark Sullivan
Past President: Mike Celestino
Treasurer: Rich Wong
Secretary: Jordan Zimmerman
Member-At-Large: Roland Hagan
Student Representative: Taylor Deemer
Website, Chair: Lori Brown
Best Student Presentation, Chair: Jim Vasslides

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 3:37 pm

Roll Call:

Mike Greco, Mark Sullivan, Mike Celestino, Rich Wong, Jordan Zimmerman, Roland Hagan, Taylor Deemer (absent), Lori Brown (absent), Jim Vasslides (absent)

Approve Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve – Mike Celestino, 2nd Des Kahn

Report of Officers:

- President's Report (Greco): Greco announced a \$40 refund of registration fee due to contraction of meeting from 2 days to 1 day
- President-Elect (Sullivan): Mark presented Greco with a plaque for his service to the MAC over the past year
- Treasurer (Wong): the current balance in the MAC account is \$64,499. This windfall was largely resultant from the Chapter's role in the 2018 Nat'l AFS meeting in Atlantic City, NJ as the MAC earned ~\$48,000 from the event. Attendance in AC was on par with Tampa in 2017.
- Secretary (Zimmerman): no report, Jordy will be stepping down as secretary

Reports of Standing Committees:

- Membership (Celestino): MAC membership currently ~100 members. April Croxton (Nat'l AFS) encouraged meeting attendees to join AFS (more on that later)
- Program (Greco): Greco solicited comments on the meeting and reiterated that the one day format was not preferred but thought things went well despite that fact

- Best Student Presentation (Harrison): Brendan Harrison filled in for Jim and announced that Best Oral presentation went to Emily Slesinger (Rutgers) and best student poster went to Nicole Deck (Rutgers)
- Website (Brown): Grec announced to email Lori anything that needs to be posted on the MAC website. Pictures are always wanted/needed.
- Nominating (Celestino): Jason Boucher and Nilanjana Das nominated for MAC secretary and student representative respectively
- Student Affairs (Deemer): no report

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- April Croxton (AFS) was happy to be attending her first MAC meeting. April reiterated the AFS membership drive in anticipation for the 150th anniversary of AFS in 2020. The 2020 Nat'l meeting will be held in Ohio.
- The Tidewater chapter is looking for volunteers for 2021 Nat'l meeting in Baltimore, MD as the Southeast Division is helping coordinate. Brad Stevens (Tidewater president) will be circulating a spreadsheet for volunteers to sign up for help with Baltimore meeting.
- Ed Hale – Does the MAC have interest in cohosting the Nat'l AFS meeting in Baltimore in 2021? The group consensus was to move forward with cohosting. Ed also stated that the current AFS President is looking for individuals to conduct 10 action items to communicate the subject of climate change to the public.

Election of Officers

Nomination(s) for-

- President-Elect: Mike Celestino nominated Ian Park, 2nd Ed Hale
- Secretary: Grec nominated Jason Boucher, 2nd Des Kahn
- Student Rep: Mark Sullivan nominated Nilanjana Das, 2nd John Clark

Announcements: Jessica Valenti provided a summary on the Amazon Smile account which was created in April 2019 to fund Student Subunit activities. The account is listed as "Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society". Through Amazon Smile, users can donate to non-profits (MAC Student subunit) or purchase items from the Amazon Smile website for the exact same price as the normal Amazon site with 0.5% of the proceeds going to the organization of choice. The link for the chapter is unique to the MAC account <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1540862>. Amazon Smile does not have an app but you can create a link on your home screen, just make sure to select MAC-AFS as your non-profit donation choice. For support on this, go to the following site: <https://www.givefreshwater.org/how-to-use-amazon-smile/>. The process is similar for Android and Google phone users. Jessica asked that you please share this info with colleagues, friends, family, etc. and encourage them to use the Amazon Smile website to support MAC-AFS!

Adjourn: Grec thanked everyone for their help and participation in 2019 MAC meeting. Jordy Z. made the motion to adjourn, 2nd Ian Park.