

**Mid Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Executive Committee Business Meeting (MAC-AFS Fall Chapter Meeting)
Friday 13, November 2020
4:50 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

Ex-Comm Attendance: Jason, Mark, Ian, Roland, Rich, Lori, Nilanjana, Jim

1. Welcome & Attendance (M Sullivan)
 - a. 41 people in attendance
2. Approval of 2 November 2020 meeting minutes (attached from J Boucher)
 - a. Rich moved to approve the minutes
 - b. Des Kahn asked if we are approving minutes from last year's meeting
 - i. Not available at the moment – need to obtain
 - ii. Will send to members after the meeting
3. Nominations for open MAC-AFS Executive Committee positions (M. Greco)
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. President elect - Jim Vasslides
 - ii. Treasurer - Rich Wong
 - iii. Secretary - Jason Boucher
 - iv. At-large - Keith Dunton
 - v. Student representative has two nominees:
 1. Devon Scott (UD)
 2. Robert Roose (UD)
 - b. Des moved to approve all nominees except student representatives by consensus
 - i. Ed Hale seconded
 - ii. We will move forward with a vote for the student-rep position
4. Membership, MAC-AFS meeting attendance report (J. Boucher)
 - a. Membership
 - i. Total membership since 2019 has increased by 14 people
 - ii. AFS membership
 1. In 2020, 51 regular, 17 young professional, 34 students, 3 retired
 2. In 2019, 46 regular, 16 young professional, 52 students, 3 retired
 3. Loss of student members is not surprising, but should be a focus for new recruitment
 - iii. Affiliate membership
 1. Affiliate members join primarily to attend our annual meetings
 - a. Not counted/considered by national to be actual members.
 - b. Cannot vote, hold office, or chair/serve on committees
 - i. <https://fisheries.org/about/units/guidelines/frequently-asked-questions/>
 2. In 2020, 43 members
 3. In 2019, 17 members
 4. National AFS members should be discouraged from signing up at meetings for affiliate membership
 - a. Technically there is a mechanism to get those members recognized by national, but all inquiries remain unanswered... so in practice this does not occur
 - iv. Des and Eleanor Bochenek took issue with affiliate membership
 1. Asked when this began
 - a. Jason – no idea. I've been on ExComm for 1 year
 2. Difference in price?
 - a. Jason – no
 3. Celestino – tried to have an exemption for affiliate members when writing our new bylaws, but National would not approve bylaws if we didn't include language about affiliate members
 - b. Meeting attendance
 - i. 83 people registered to attend the meeting
 1. Only 2 people have not paid

- ii. Greatest number of people on the call today was 66
 - 1. Actual number of listeners was higher as Rutgers had more than one person with Roland
 - iii. Nilanjana - Attendance at the networking event reached 36 participants
- 5. Amazon Smile - Jess
 - a. If you use amazon smile, a 0.5% donation will be made to the chapter
 - b. Started April 2019, since June 2020 we raised \$75
 - c. 17 supporters so far
- 6. Treasurer report (R. Wong)
 - a. Current balance \$62,184.85
 - i. 6 accounts
 - 1. Money market holds most of it for highest interest
 - ii. Jim – what did this meeting cost us?
 - 1. ~\$300 for stickers, \$32 for GoTo Meeting
 - b. Daphne Munroe moved to accept Rich's report
 - i. Jim V. seconded that
- 7. NED & AFS updates (M. Sullivan) (started here)
 - a. Chapter affiliate membership committee
 - i. Re-engage folks involved at the chapter level
 - b. 150th Anniversary Chapter Exhibit for 2021 Baltimore
 - i. 2021 meeting – joint meeting between many chapters and divisions
 - 1. Ed will solicit volunteers for help planning the meeting
 - ii. We will be assembling that over the next 5 months or so
 - 1. Video summary and/or multimedia clip showcasing history and culture of our chapter
 - 2. Will be at a booth in the trade show
- 8. Transition to new president
 - a. Des asked who the new president is
 - b. Ian accepted the presidency
 - c. Next year, we would have our annual meeting at the national meeting
- 9. Mark moved to adjourn the meeting
- 10. Adjourn