

Mid Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Business Meeting
November 17, 2023
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Chase Center, Wilmington, DE

Attendance:

1. Welcome (J. Moore)
 - a. Meeting Overview. We had about 100 people in attendance
2. Approval of 2022 meeting minutes (J. Moore)
 - a. Approved - M. Acquafredda
 - b. Seconded - J. Brust
3. Treasurer's report (R. Wong)
 - a. Last years balance was \$66,072
 - b. Asbury Park meeting last year was a great meeting
 - i. Review of meeting last year
 - c. Had a revenue of 22,822
 - d. Expenses of 19,738
 - e. Showed Net revenue over the years
 - i. 2018 is an outlier year due to hostin the national meeting
 - f. Review of the last 4 years
 - g. We have 6 different accounts fo AFS
 - i. Checking account - 2, 964.08
 - ii. Money Market - 60,533.35
 - iii. Rutgers - 601.14 - has made about 100\$
 - iv. SSF - Student Fund - 971.66
 - v. Two "Vacant" accounts for student funding that UD could use one
 1. Each vacant account at 500.82 in it that's the base amount for student subunits
4. Election of new officers (J. Vasslides)
 - a. Ex Comm. 2023-2024
 - i. President - Mike Acquafredda
 - ii. President Elect - Audrey Ostroski
 - iii. Treasure - Rich Wong
 - iv. Secretary - Alexandria Hoffman
 - v. Student Representative - Lauren Cook
 - vi. At- Large- Keith Duton
 - vii. Past President - Johnny Moore
 - b. According to the Bylaws the at large member, the treasure, the secretary have to be open to the floor for nominations
 - c. President elect and student representative have to change each year. Ex. Comm is a great opportunity for the younger generation to get involved.
5. Installation of new officers (J. Vasslides)

6. Student Awards (J. Moore)
 - a. Oral Presentation Winner - Jackie Veatch
 - b. Poster Presentation Winner - Hails Tanaka
7. Other business/open discussion (M. Acquafredda)
 - a. Mike presented an award to Johnny Moore for all his hard work at the meeting
 - i. The last time we held a meeting in wilmington was right after Hurricane Sandy
 - b. New Business
 - i. NED - Joint Meeting 2024
 1. We have a copy of the meeting agreement if anyone wants to see it
 2. We get all the profits for the silent auction
 3. We're trying for a more regional location by doing the meeting in Philly. We will also be trying to hold a 2 day meeting instead of a day and a half.
 - a. A question was asked about the meeting size.
 - i. We are hoping to double the size.
 - b. Have we considered bringing in the tidewater chapter as well?
 - i. Maybe to get people from maryland
 4. We will have new committees for the meeting
 - a. Program committee in charge of registration, etc.
 - b. Activities committee incharge of what is going on outside of the meeting
 5. We want to try and hold some workshops during the meeting
 - a. How many sessions
 - i. Probably 1 just depending on interest
 - ii. More flex space in the venues in case it does get bigger
 - iii. Hoping to have the student subunits work together as well
 - ii. NED Meeting yesterday
 1. Send 1 student to Hawaii Meeting
 2. Does MAC want to contribute money?
 - a. Depends on who else is contributing/ how many people are involved
 - b. Put a limit on what we give - we did give money last year to the Latin American Meeting so maybe doing something similar to that.
 - c. There are 5 other chapters involved in NED. So try to pay in proportion to chapter size.
 - d. Possibly setting a limit to 20% of the cost for each chapter?
8. Adjourn