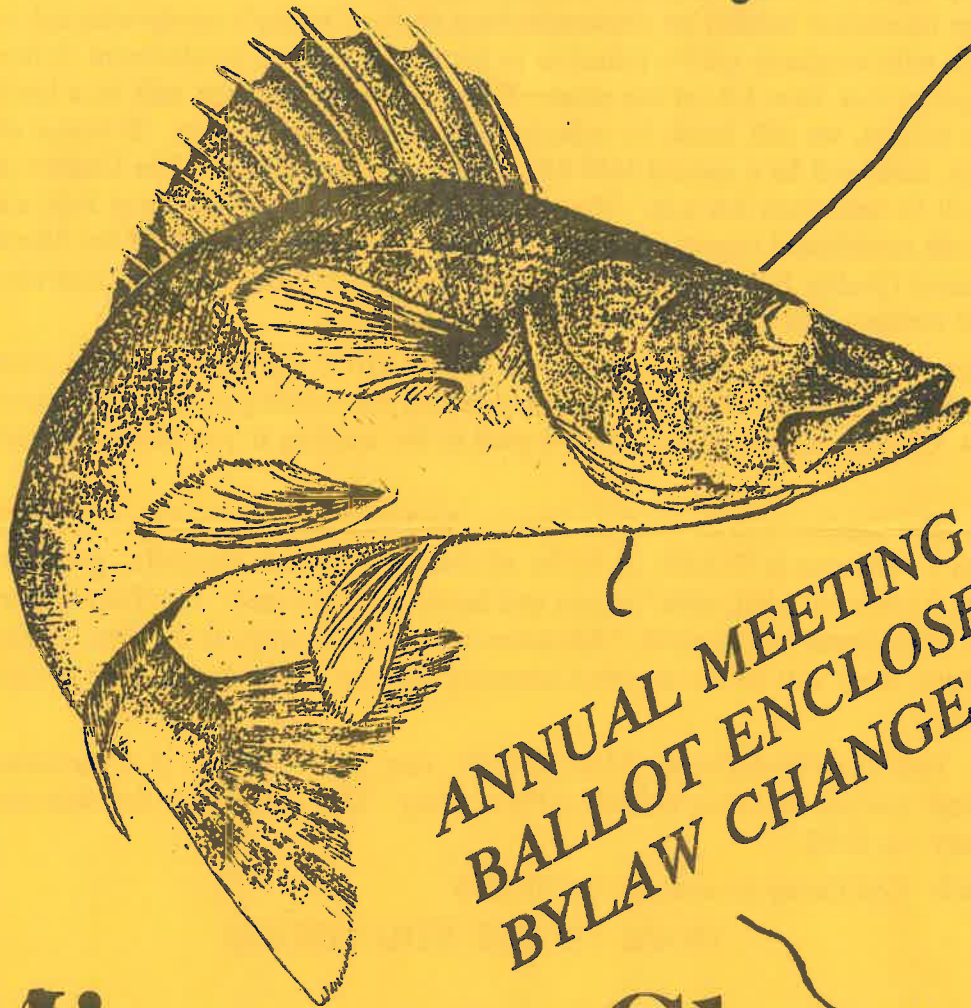


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ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

The 25th Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of the AFS will be held March 9-11, 1992 in Duluth, MN, at the Radisson Hotel.

Schedule Summary: A premeeting welcome mixer will be held March 9 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Viking Room. The meeting will convene at 9:15 a.m. March 10 (Tuesday) in the Great Hall. The program will consist largely of contributed papers covering a broad range of fisheries and aquatic science subjects. On Tuesday afternoon Brian Stenquist, MN DNR, will facilitate an interactive session on implementation of the Chapter's newly-adopted Long Range Plan, with emphasis on the initiative to increase proactive involvement in development of public policy (see item I.B. of the plan). Following what we hope will be a lively and productive session, we will break for refreshments and a poster session. In honor of our 25th anniversary, there will be a special MN-AFS Chapter History poster. The Chapter business meeting will be held from 4-6 p.m. The technical session will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. March 11 with more contributed papers. Michael Sullivan, Executive Director of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, will be the guest speaker and will present an overview of the EQB. The meeting will adjourn around noon on March 11.

Registration: The meeting registration fee is \$15 or \$10 if you are a full-time student. Registration will be held during the mixer and before the meeting on Tuesday (starting about 7:45 a.m.). Chapter dues of \$5 can also be paid at the meeting if you haven't already done so.

Banquet: The banquet will be held on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. preceded by a cash-bar social (~6:30 p.m.). The cost is \$13.00. A buffet of chicken, Swedish meatballs, potatoes, rice, vegetables, 3 kinds of salad, rolls, dessert and beverage is planned. Dr. Tom Water will present an after-dinner talk entitled, "Advances in Stream Ecology in the Past Twenty-five Years." Also, there will be an Awards Ceremony and the Raffle drawing. It should be fun. Don't miss it!

Lodging: Radisson Hotel-Duluth (218)727-8981, rate: \$50 +12% tax (1-4 persons/room). Mention that you are attending the MN-AFS meeting. The cutoff date for this room block is February 24, 1992.

Questions?: Call Ginny Snarski, (218)720-5515

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BYLAWS

The executive committee proposes to change the status of the Long Range Planning Committee from "ad hoc" to "standing" as suggested in the long range plan. The reason for the change is to provide continuity in membership and to ensure that the committee is staffed annually. The planning committee will have an **annual assignment** to work with the president to draft an "annual action agenda" to implement ideas outlined in the long range plan. The committee will also review and update the long range plan as needed.

Also, please note the discussion about elevating the student committee to a standing committee in Jeff Gunderson's President's notes.

Please be prepared to vote on these proposed changes at the annual meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Roy J. Johannes

Roy Johannes is currently the Area Fisheries Supervisor at the Bemidji Area Fisheries Headquarters. Roy received a B.S. degree (1973) in Biology from the University of Illinois, Chicago, and a M.S. (1983) in Aquatic Ecology from St. Mary's College in Winona, MN.

Roy began his career with the Minnesota DNR in 1979 at the Lake City Area Headquarters where he conducted creel census interviews on Lake Pepin. In 1980, he accepted the position of Lake and Stream Survey Specialist in the DNR's Central Office in St. Paul. Roy transferred to Bemidji in 1983 as the Large Lake Specialist, and was promoted to his current position in 1986. He has chaired the Walleye Long Range Planning Committee for the DNR, and has participated on several statewide committees, including computer and tournament work groups. He is active in the Bemidji community and in the local Take A Kid Fishing event.

Roy has been a member of the American Fisheries Society since 1980 and a member of the Minnesota Chapter since 1978. In 1985, he participated in the first functions of the membership committee and was chairman from 1986-1990. Roy is excited about the prospect of serving as the Minnesota Chapter President and feels his role as membership chairman gained him an understanding of the Chapter's needs. He would like to continue the momentum the Chapter has gained in the past few years through tools such as Long Range Planning, and in dealing with environmental, exotic, genetic, and statewide fisheries issues.

William Thorn

William (Bill) Thorn received his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point in 1967 and a M.S. from South Dakota State University in 1969. He is presently the Senior Fisheries Research Biologist and Acting Area Fisheries Supervisor in Lake City.

Bill has been employed with the Minnesota DNR since 1970 as a Fisheries Research Biologist. Over the years, Bill has been involved in trout culture, management, and habitat research. His present research focuses on habitat requirements of brown trout and their incorporation into habitat improvement projects.

Bill has been a member of the American Fisheries Society since 1967 and became a Certified Fisheries Scientist in 1973. He is a member of the Minnesota AFS Chapter, as well as a member of the Fish Management, Water Quality, and Computer Sections. Bill served the Minnesota Chapter as Secretary/Treasurer from 1977-1978. He has also been a member of the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists since 1977.

Bill sees that the Chapter and the Parent Society are becoming more active as advocates for environmental issues, as AFS members are speaking out more now. He feels that the Chapter should continue to take an active role in environmental issues in Minnesota.

Huon Newburg

Huon Newburg is the DNR's Region IV Fisheries Supervisor in New Ulm. Huon received his B.S. (1966) from the University of Minnesota in Fish and Wildlife Management. He has also participated in The Pennsylvania State's Management Program for Natural Resource Managers. Huon became a Certified Fisheries Scientist in 1983.

Huon has been employed by the Minnesota DNR for 25 years. He began his career as a Fisheries Research Biologist in Glenwood, where for the next 18 years his research included such topics as assessing walleye fry and yearling largemouth bass abundance, developing electrofishing equipment for sampling young-of-the-year fish, and implementing and evaluating an artificial walleye shoal.

A member of the American Fisheries Society since 1966 and a member of the Minnesota Chapter AFS since its inception, Huon has also held memberships in the Fish Management and Computer sections.

As President of the Minnesota Chapter, Huon would like to see the Chapter participate in Integrated Resource Management (IRM) by working with other professional groups in Watershed Management. He believes that because land-use has the potential to affect fish populations, the Chapter should endorse the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect and re-establish fish populations. He also believes that the AFS is important in lending professional credibility to fisheries management, and that the Chapter should take on environmental issues, whether they are strictly fisheries issues or not, recognizing that other agencies have responsibilities that ultimately affect fish populations.

Don Pereira

Don Pereira is the DNR's Senior Research Biologist in the Metro Region. Don directs most of his efforts towards the Large Lake Program and is also developing a research program focusing on panfish in the Metro Region. He received his B.S. from the University of Vermont and a M.S. from the University of Minnesota's Department of Fish and Wildlife (1983). In 1983, Don joined the DNR as an Assistant Fisheries Biologist at Grand Rapids and two years later moved to Glenwood as a Senior Research Biologist. He began an academic leave in 1987 to pursue a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. He is nearing completion of his dissertation, entitled "Biochronology of freshwater drum *Aplodinotus grunniens* and species interactions in the Red Lakes, Minnesota."

Don has been a member of the American Fisheries Society since 1978. While serving on the Minnesota Chapter Executive Committee (EXCOM) in 1990, he drafted the Chapter's Transgenic Fishes Position Statement. The following year, Don represented the Chapter during judicial review of the State's draft rules for release of genetically-engineered organisms (GEOs). During this process, he had the opportunity to present written and verbal testimony. On an even more positive and surprising note, scientists actively developing this technology conceded that aquatic applications pose greater environmental risk than releases for traditional agrosystems (e.g. row crops, cattle). Drawing from this experience, Don believes that the Minnesota AFS Chapter can be quite effective in providing professional testimony in the legislative arena.

Don also feels that continuing education should be available to all professionals, regardless of prior training level, and that we should look for ways to expand our program. He would like to explore the potential for combining the Chapter's efforts with those of the DNR, which is aggressively pursuing continuing education. Additional discussion with DNR administrators may identify suitable workshop topics that would assist the Section of Fisheries in upgrading their personnel. National accreditation for Chapter-sponsored workshops supports the potential for this collaboration.

**Minutes of Minnesota Chapter EXCOM
September 18, 1991**

Members in attendance: Jeff Gunderson, Don Schreiner, Ginny Snarski, Molly Negus, Brad Parsons, Steve Quinn, Jeff Denny, Tim Goeman, Greg Busacker, Dick Siefert, Derek Ogle, Dave Pederson, Loren Miller, Dave Conner, Mark Cook, Tracy Close, Steve Colvin, Peter Sorenson.

Minutes from the May 16, 1991 EXCOM business meeting were reviewed and approved. Income and expenditures since May 16, 1991 were reviewed. D. Schreiner reported that the current treasury balance was 4,878.37.

NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

G. Snarski: Leadership Retreat-Discussed AFS Publications. Timeliness of journals was discussed and editors reported that they are now caught up. No money is available to continue sending AFS News, jobs bulletin, AFS Diary, etc. to all members, but they may be available to members for a small charge. A 12 month Fisheries magazine was voted top priority, although the budget for all 12 months is not available. It was determined that the North American Journal of Fisheries Management was on target for subjects being published.

EXCOM: Concerns over Canadian fisheries were discussed. The Canadians have formed their own section. Publication issues and journals were discussed again. Illinois Chapter was selected as Best Chapter. The name change was voted down, we will continue as the American Fisheries Society for now.

Brad Parsons: Newsletter workshop. Attendance was 25-30 people. Final product will be a handbook on how to produce newsletters for all the chapters. Everyone contributed. Brad reported that changes will be made as a result of his attendance. The handbook is expected to be out in approximately one year.

Loren Miller: Student sub-section will join the Education Section and a student concerns committee will be established.

ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING UPDATE

The 1992 Annual Chapter Meeting will be held in Duluth at the Radisson Hotel, March 10-11. The registration fee will be approximately \$15. Room rates are a flat rate of \$50.00 per room. There will be a mixer on March 9th and the banquet will be held on the 10th. A raffle will be organized by Henry Van Offlen of Hinckley, any help would be appreciated. Banquet speaker/entertainment was discussed-possibly Bob Herbst or Tom Waters, if available. Past Presidents have been working on a history of the chapter. Newsletters will come out with more details in December and a final agenda in February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Continuing Education: Mark Cook-Growth Model Workshop will be held December 9-11 at Concordia Language Center, Bemidji. The cost is \$155.00/person, which includes tuition (\$55.00), food and lodging (\$100.00). Maximum limit is 25 people. Speakers will be Don Periera and George Spangler on Weisberg's Linear Growth Model and John Snutney's Growth Models. Mark explored selling calendars as a fund raiser. The production cost would be \$2.50 each with a production of at least 5,000. Each member would need to sell approximately 75 calendars. Up-front costs would be at least \$12,500. This project was discussed and the EXCOM decided that it was beyond our financial means at this point. Mark was thanked for his efforts.

Membership: Tim Goeman-The chapter dues check off will be in place for 1991. There are presently 328 members and 163 are paid for 1991. A proposal for lifetime memberships at the chapter level will go before the entire membership to be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting.

Nominating: Chantel Cook-Nomination forms will be coming out in the next newsletter.

Awards: Steve Colvin-EXCOM voted and approved chapter Award of Excellence for 1991-92. Qualified support and specific fisheries achievements have been forwarded.

Long Range Planning: Tracy Close-Long Range Planning was adopted by EXCOM. To make this a standing committee, a by-law change is required. Questions that arose about a possible workshop on the long range plan at the annual meeting were 1) How will the plan be implemented? 2) What are the most important items for the action agenda? 3) How long should the workshop be held? 1/2 day or a few hours? J. Gunderson and G. Snarski will pursue plans for the workshop.

Past Presidents: D. Siefert-Trying to reconstruct the history for the chapter. Plan to examine historical records and compile a poster organizing the history of the chapter. The University of Minnesota Library (St. Paul, Hodson Hall) may archive the records of the chapter, P. Sorenson will pursue.

Public Awareness: Steve Quinn-Has recruited some members for the committee. They are ready to start planning their activities.

Student Representatives: L. Miller and D. Ogle-Have taken no actions since the last EXCOM since school was out of session. Students have established a sub-section in the Education Section. No present plans for initiating a student chapter in Minnesota but they would like to see students become more involved and will bring their recommendation to the next EXCOM meeting.

Rivers and Streams: Henry Drewes-Committee has commented on DNR Water policies for removing woody debris from streams.

Newsletter: Brad Parsons-Newsletter scheduled for September, deadline is September 25, 1991. Other newsletters scheduled for December and February/March.

OLD BUSINESS

Transgenic Fish: Position paper was submitted and may have had an impact. EQB rules are now being debated. Mail data to Allen E. Jiles on the EQB rules board. There is a need to submit testimony and position statement soon.

There will be a new hearing on Friday, September 27, 1991, at 9:00 a.m. at the Centennial Office Building, someone from AFS should attend. J. Gunderson will pursue.

Calendars: See M. Cook, Continuing Ed.

Diversion of Interest earned on fishing and hunting licenses: D. Pederson reported that the bill will be re-written so diversion of interest will not take place.

Youth Aquatic Education: A letter of support from the MN-AFS Chapter was sent to Minnaqua and 4-H Extension supporting their aquatic education and fishing programs.

Most Active Chapter for North Central Division: Materials were due August 2, 1991. J. Gunderson and G. Snarski put together a manual that summarizes all the Chapter's activities of the past year. The one year period is from July to July.

Logo: A letter was sent to Diane Whitting (logo creator) thanking her for her efforts. T. Close will follow up on exclusive use of the logo and explore copyright procedure.

25 Year Pin: Discussed a pin to be given out annually to members who have been with the organization for 25 years. Also discussed a 25 year pin to be distributed to charter members who are still active at the upcoming 25th Annual Chapter Meeting. G. Snarski and J. Gunderson will pursue.

Lake Superior Steelhead Plan: D. Schreiner gave an update on the progress of the plan and reported on comments incorporated from public meetings that were held.

Corporate Contributions: Entire membership needs to discuss and determine their desire for corporate sponsors. Information will be presented at annual meeting. If corporate contributions are accepted (NSP, MPL, General Mills, Cargill, 3M, etc.) a plaque or other recognition should be given to corporate sponsors. They should also be listed and recognized in the newsletter.

Annual Chapter Meeting - Raffle: Henry Van Offelen will assist G. Snarski in collecting prizes.

Letters will be sent out to companies to solicit prizes, and raffle tickets will be sold well ahead of the meeting. We need to identify where the money will be spent. J. Gunderson and G. Snarski will pursue. A motion was passed to reduce student registration by \$5.00.

National Fishing Week: A discussion of how AFS members could get involved with national fishing week included: catch and release workshops, Take a Kid Fishing, educational handouts, etc. J. Gunderson will organize a task force of volunteers to pursue this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

Poster Session at Annual Meeting: J. Gunderson explained his desire for a more formal poster session at our Annual Meetings. Proposals were made for the Chapter to purchase poster boards and make them available to presenters. Want to set aside a time for refreshments and poster viewing. Need a formal time slot. Need to store and transport poster boards from one meeting to the next. J. Denny presented his ideas and made suggestions on how the session should be presented. A motion was passed that materials be purchased and used in a formal session. J. Denny will organize volunteers to assist him in assembling the boards. A motion was made that the awards committee come up with a set of guidelines to evaluate posters for this year. The same type of

award should be given to poster presenters as is given for oral presentations. A motion on the award was seconded and passed.

Special Regulations Hearing: J. Gunderson asked for input on special regulations that affect SE MN trout streams. T. Goeman will assist J. Gunderson in preparing his testimony for a hearing he will attend on 27 September dealing with these regulations.

1992 Annual Meeting: The Dakota Chapter is looking for assistance in putting on the 1992 Parent Society Annual Meeting. Need people to help with sessions. G. Snarski will coordinate our efforts in recruiting people to help.

F.I.S.H.: J. Gunderson asked for information from the EXCOM on the F.I.S.H. organization. The goals were discussed as the group understood them. It was concluded that the EXCOM should continue investigating the program and stay tuned for further information.

Wetlands Bill: The delineation manual is out for review by the public. It is different from the 1989 manual. State agency staff along with EPA and Fish and Wildlife Service are reviewing.

Streamline meeting for next EXCOM and Annual Meeting: EXCOM and committee chairs are asked to prepare reports beforehand and submit to D. Schreiner. It is hoped this will expedite future meetings.

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