



2017 Business Meeting
43rd Annual Meeting Southeastern Fishes Council
Chattanooga, TN

Business Meeting: Thursday 16 November 2017
Chair: Kyle Piller call meeting to order at 4:30 pm
Chair Elect: Tanya Darden
Secretary: Matt Wagner
Treasurer: Michael Sandel

Report of the Secretary-Matt Wagner

Much of the rest of the year was devoted to answering emails and dispersing messages to the membership via email. Most effort was made to communicate meeting announcements was focused on e-mail communication; however, posts were made to the SFC Facebook page as well. Multiple times help was given with registration on the website.

Report of the Treasurer-Michael Sandel

See attached and address treasurer's report issues to Mike Sandel at msandel@uwa.edu.
Additionally the fishy stuff auction raised \$2,632.46
Current checking account balance: \$424.48
Current Paypal balance: \$85,268.93

Report of the Committees

Awards Committee: Kyle Piller, Bryn Tracy, Alexis Janosik and Ginny Adams
For the 2017 meeting, 49 students applied and 20 were awarded travel awards (\$100 each) that encompassed multiple universities based on a random draw of names.

A request from membership notify student recipients of Travel Awards prior to the meeting to help with their planning. All present agreed would be beneficial for future meetings.

Travel Awards:

Boschung Student Travel Award: Twenty \$100 awards (to presenting students only) awarded

Oral Awards:

Etnier Best Student Oral Presentation 1st place: \$300
Etnier Best Student Oral Presentation 2nd place: \$200

Etnier Best Student Oral Presentation 3rd place: \$100

Poster Awards:

Suttkus Best Student Poster Presentation 1st place: \$200

Suttkus Best Student Poster Presentation 2nd place: \$150

Suttkus Best Student Poster Presentation 3rd place: \$75

Undergraduate Research Awards:

No individual may receive this award if they already are receiving an overall best award.

Best Undergraduate Oral Presentation Award: \$100

Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation Award: \$75

2017 Presentation Award Winners:

Etnier Best Student Oral Presentation

1st Jessica Grady (Austin Peay State University), Factor affecting scale shape variation in Etheostomatinae darters

2nd Meredith Harris (University of Tennessee), Size-specific advantage in habitat competition between Mountain Madtoms (*Noturus eleutherus*) and invasive crayfish (*Orconectes* spp.)

3rd Eric Malone (Tennessee Technological University), Prioritizing native fish reintroductions in Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Suttkus Best Student Poster

1st Nastasia Disotell (Austin Peay State University), Assessing the mitochondrial genetic diversity of the Smallscale Darter, *Nothonotus microlepidus*

2nd Amanda Pinion (Texas A&M University), Cephalic and body tuberculation of the Shoal Chub *Macrhybopsis hyostoma* (Teleostei: Cyprinidae)

3rd Jerry Kattawar III (Southeastern Louisiana State University) Comparative Population Genetics of the Relict Darter and Guardian Darter in Western Kentucky

Resolutions Committee - Pat Rakes, and Chris Skelton

Nothing to report

Program Committee – Bernie Kuhajda

Recap of Chattanooga meeting: Meeting was highest attendance on record and went over well.

Number of states: 18

Total attendance: 192

Student attendance: 92

Attendance by state: AL 15, AR 24, CA 1, FL 6, GA 23, IA 1, KY 14, LA 8, MO 2, MS 8, NC 7, OH 1, OK 1, OR 1, PA 1, SC 11, TN 59, VA 5

Constitution Committee

Nothing to report.

Proceedings Committee and State Reports - Editor in Chief: Ben Keck and Associate Editor: Brook Fluker

Goals are to publish at least four articles a year so we can apply to be listed by DOAJ. Readership is increasing steadily; we have most downloads from the eastern US, but plenty of international as well.

Request was made and approved unanimously to add a 3rd position to this team which would focus on the State Reporters.

Technical Advisory Committee

Nothing to report

Membership Committee- Jim Williams

Total 2017 members– 247 (121 regular memberships, 103 student memberships, 13 lifetime memberships, 10 Family memberships)

Recommend get info to Southern Division of AFS for meeting advertisement.

Push for more Facebook posts by members

Jim stepped down from the post at this meeting.

Website Committee - Jake Schaeffer

SFC website will be migrated to <http://www.sefishescouncil.org> and redesigned by Jake Schaeffer.

Abstract submission still to be through <http://ichthyology.usm.edu/sfc2/abstracts/>.

Meeting Site Committee - Bernie Kuhajda, Tanya Darden, Matt Wagner

Tanya Darden provided information for next year's meeting in South Carolina. Venue for 2019 was established as Knoxville to be led by Brian Alford and venue for 2020 was established to be at Auburn led by Jon Armbruster.

Nominating Committee- Rebecca Johansen, Pat Rakes, Matt Thomas

The nominating committee provided nominations for all upcoming vacancies on the ballot.

Election results included:

Chair Elect – Brian Alford

State Reporter Associate Editor (new position) – Steve Powers

Old Business

- Jake Shaefer provided an update on the Pascagoula Dam (MS) that the proposal was currently inactive (and not anticipated to go forward)
- Ben Keck initiated a discussion of moving forward with an Investment Development Committee for SFC – which was passed unanimously. Jake Shaefer and David Heins provided several potential models (SWAN) which may be useful for guidance.

New Business

- Sterlet Sturgeon – Kyle Piller informed membership that a culture request has been submitted in LA; SFC submitted an opposition letter but has not heard any updates.

- Savannah River Dam at Augusta – Jim Williams informed the membership that the dam was initially being removed as mitigation, but now a fish ladder is being planned instead and options are still being considered.
- Blue Ribbon Panel/RAWA (Recovering America’s Wildlife Act) – Brian Alford informed membership of current status and recommended SFC send letter of support; membership agreed unanimously.
- UT/CFI/USFWS partnership – a concept was discussed regarding SFC supporting the establishment of a new partnership between these entities to ensure a more stable financial future for the critical conservation work in this geographic area. The membership supported unanimously.