

### Annual Meeting

Those who attended the annual meeting at Lake Brownwood (and 1/3 of our membership did) found an interesting program, profitable rap sessions, good fellowship, and all in an excellent facility with fine sunny weather. This year's host facility will have to work hard to match the hospitality provided by the Texas Extension Service.

One good suggestion was that we need more papers on marine fisheries research and management. This we hope to have at this year's meeting in San Antonio. So here is advance warning to our salt-water members: Be prepared.

### Dues

Now is the time to pay your annual dues. If you find a red ✓ beside your name on this mailing label, you are in our records as having paid your 1977 dues. If not, you may send the convenient, attached application along with your check. Don't miss out on the events planned for this year.

Copies of this newsletter are being distributed to colleagues in the fishery field as invitations to join our Texas Chapter. Membership in our parent society is not a prerequisite for joining the Chapter.

### Retirements

President Jim Davis has sent letters of congratulation to recent retirees, Harmon Henderson and Leo Lewis of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Harmon served in fish hatchery operations and Leo worked in Inland Fisheries out of San Angelo.

We were saddened to learn of the death of our colleague, Dr. George A. Rounsefell, in Mobile, Alabama in late December. Dr. Rounsefell was author of several textbooks on fisheries management, Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Lab at Galveston in the 1950's, and most recently, a member of the staff at the University of Alabama.

### Minutes

Business Meeting  
Texas Chapter, AFS  
December 4, 1976, Lake Brownwood

Meeting was called to order by President Ed Bonn. He verified the presence of a quorum by a show of hands; 44 members present with a quorum being 20 members.

Secretary-Treasurer Terrance Leary read the minutes of the 1975 meeting. The minutes were approved.

President's Report - President Bonn reported on problems of loss of committee members by resignation due to transfer. He pointed out the need for attracting more attendance at the annual meeting. He outlined the purposes and objectives of society, to unify the relationship of fishery workers throughout the State. The Chapter can also assist researchers in development of their efforts by presentation of their papers at the meeting for constructive review. Another objective is recognition of quality work in the fisheries field. The President suggested establishment of a resolutions committee to provide input to the parent organization.

Introduction of Meryle Broussard, President of Texas A & M Chapter AFS, who reported on activities of that group, an independent chapter.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report - Presented by Terrance Leary:

Income from dues and contribution from Texas A & M Chapter totaled \$449.02, while expenses for printing, office supplies and postage totaled \$139.02. Cash on hand November 15, 1976 was \$310. Membership at that time stood at 133.

Audit Committee's Report - Presented by Nick Carter verified the Secretary-Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's Report was adopted by voice vote.

Membership Committee - Presented by Rich Noble. Chapter membership has grown from 82 members at our first meeting a year ago to present membership of 133. A list of some 200 prospective members has been compiled with copies of the newsletter distributed to them. This list will be updated and persons contacted once again.

Awards Committee Report - Presented by Joe Lock. Although a call for nominations for fishery worker of the year was made in the newsletter, none were received by the committee.

Program Committee Report - Presented by Billy White. A copy of the excellent program was submitted as evidence of accomplishments.

Nominating Committee Report - Presented by Bob Stickney. Included a slate of nominees for Chapter offices for 1977. President-Elect Jim Davis moves to President. Those elected were: Bill Rutledge, President-Elect; Terrance Leary, Secretary-Treasurer.

Old Business: The newly received Chapter Charter was presented by the Secretary-Treasurer to President, Ed Bonn. The Charter will be held by the incumbent president for his term of office. Thus, the Charter is now with Jim Davis.

New Business: The membership approved a slight revision in the award program for various categories. The President is to appoint an Awards Committee to receive nominations. A call for nominations will be made three months prior to the annual meeting. Nominees must be Chapter members. The following fishery categories will be considered for award: Research, Management, Culture, Education, and Special. The latter category in the case of outstanding service (news writing, etc.) may be a non-member.

The suggestion was made that dues be for somewhat more than calendar year so that dues may be paid at regular fall meeting for the next year. The Executive Committee was authorized to adopt practical dues regulations.

Discussion was held on whether or not Chapter meetings should be held in conjunction with other meetings such as TPWD staff meetings and whether mail vote might provide better representation. No action was taken.

Next year's meeting to be held in San Antonio, October 9-12, 1977 in conjunction with Southern Division meeting.

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing President Ed Bonn was made by Secretary-Treasurer on behalf of the President-Elect.

A motion that the President be authorized to send letter of recognition to those individuals retiring from fisheries field was approved. Members were requested to notify the President on retirement of colleagues.

Adjourn.

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APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP TEXAS CHAPTER-AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

I hereby apply for membership in the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and am enclosing a check (payable to Texas Chapter-AFS) for annual dues.

check one:  Regular Membership (\$3 dues)  Student Membership (\$2 dues)  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send with your check to address below.  City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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