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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by *Charlie Munger*

“The people are that part of the state that does not know what it wants.” Hegel

Could Hegel be correct? Could his statement be applied to members of fisheries organizations or the fishing public in general? Do you know what you want from your Chapter and your Society of fisheries professionals or where you want to go? The Parent Society has addressed this problem of knowing where it wants to go and how it will get there by developing a strategic plan that maps out specific goals for the future. The strategic plan was developed to update an earlier (1994) version and guide AFS's activities from 1999 through 2004. This plan will help us target those areas where we most need improvement, provide a way to gauge our success, and document past activities. Is it time for our Chapter to do the same?

The introduction to the AFS strategic plan states “**Although the Plan was developed for the AFS as a whole, AFS units are encouraged to adapt the Plan to meet specific unit needs, particularly emphasizing those subgoals and strategies most pertinent to unit missions.**” Unit plans may only include small subsets of the items mentioned in the AFS Plan but should be designed to complement the AFS strategic plan. The plan would create a database of accomplishments

and performance indicators that will be useful in developing future direction, aid in developing reports to the Southern Division and Parent Society, and would provide some continuity within the Chapter through administration changes. We will be discussing the possibility of developing a Chapter Strategic Plan and we need your input. You can review the AFS Strategic Plan on the web site (www.fisheries.org) – it's about 32 pages long – and begin thinking about whether this is something that can be applied to our Chapter and help guide our future.

On a related note about our future, please review the article on the changes to our bylaws. The Society's Constitutional Consultant, Joe Margraf agreed to review our bylaws and make suggestions that will bring them into alignment with the Parent Society's bylaws. There were relatively few changes. The biggest change is one that will allow student subunit presidents to sit as voting members of the Executive Committee. This will allow us to accept both the Texas Tech University Student Chapter and the Stephen F. Austin Student Chapter as subunits of the Texas Chapter. These changes will effect us all and they must be approved by 2/3 of the membership before they are enacted. After approval by the Chapter, they will be submitted to the Governing Board of AFS for final acceptance. Please review these amendments and be ready to discuss and vote your opinion.

“Knowing the Latin name of the insect that is mysteriously absent lets you piss and moan in a dead language, but otherwise doesn't help much.” *John Gierach*



SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS

by Debbie Wade

Texas Chapter American Fisheries Society
September 19, 2000

Attendance: Charlie Munger, Gordon Linam, Aaron Barkoh,
John Prentice, Bobby Miller, Deborah Wade

Called to Order by Charlie Munger

Treasurer's Report: The combined balance of our investments and checking account on August 31 was 47,028.60. This represents a \$4074.01 increase in the investments since June 30. However, I do not expect the September statement to look quite so positive with the downward trend in the Stock Market.

Newsletter: Distributed 285 copies; to members and Chapter exchange with other Chapters. Deadline for next newsletter is September 27. Robert Mauk is taking over as newsletter editor. A meeting issue will be sent out in December.

Awards: John Prentice – has received no nominations as of yet. Please send nominations to him or contact him if you have any questions

Editorial: Aaron Barkoh – emailing people in his efforts to get the manuscripts to and from presenters for last years' meeting. 4 manuscripts and 8 abstracts still to be reviewed. The proceedings will contain 4 manuscripts and the rest will be abstracts. Call for papers for the 2001 meeting has been issued.

Membership: Kevin Pope reported that the current membership totals 217 combined professional and student.

Endowments: Mike Brice has sent A letter to WHAT for endowment request. Sent out list of applications to 60 universities. Committee consists of Kirk Pratas, Vernon Hodges, Howard Elder, Todd Engeling, and Joe Warren

Continuing Education: Bruce Hysmith reported that the continuing education topics for the January meeting are Environmental Investigation Group (from TPWD Law Enforcement), Human Dimensions, Audio Visual, and will be in the same format as last year.

Nominating: John Moczygemba will mailout ballots during December. He is still seeking candidates for both Secretary/Treasurer and President elect

Pond Management: No report

Publicity/Exhibits: Bobby Miller, will be stepping down following the January meeting. 5 tables have been reserved. Larry Hysmith 4-H exhibit. C.C. Lynch, Hydrolab, Redwall, Intergraph, Trinity Bay Chapter – Saltwater Club, Art Morris is working to get a Coastal Tackle vender to get a table.

GSC has an option for teleconferencing meetings. This could be examined as a possibility for future ExCom meetings.

Student Outreach: Larry Hysmith is probably be the new chair of student outreach committee.

Internet: No report

Student Subunits: By-laws changes are being reviewed by the Parent Society. Texas Tech has been tentatively approved as a student subunit. Stephen F. Austin is still in progress. The subunits will function as ad hoc committees until the Bi-law changes are completed in January 2001.

2001 Meeting: Gordon Linam

Charter Member recognition: Certificates for Charter members, Debbie will handle, Gordon is still trying to get addresses for some of them. Certificates will be printed for each of the Charter members and presented to them during the meeting. Dave Peterson is preparing a piece of artwork for the meeting, which will be put on the meeting T-shirt. Registration form and meeting agenda were discussed and reviewed. Panel Discussion: one member of the panel is confirmed and final arrangements are being made with the remaining speakers. Key Note speakers will be Ed Bonn and Dick. There is no home hotel for the meeting. Nametags for charter members will be different denoting that they are charter members. (Debbie will take care of)

Strategic Plan – Chapters are being encouraged to develop a strategic plan based on the plan of the Parent Society. Develop target areas for long term development. The ExCom discussed the idea at length and agreed that it warrants further investigation into the process of developing and implementing a Strategic Plan. With the following questions requiring answers: 1) Does TCAFS wish to do this? 2) If so how would it be implemented? Charlie agreed to take on that charge.

Meeting Adjourned 3:30.



Proposed Bylaw Changes

During our efforts to include both Texas Tech University and Stephen F. Austin University Student Chapters as Subunits of the Texas Chapter, our bylaws came under review by the Constitutional Consultant of the American Fisheries Society, Joe Margraf. He has suggested that we amend our bylaws to more accurately reflect the current bylaws of the Parent Society and to allow inclusion of the student subunits. The following is the full text of each Section that had changes proposed. Additions to the bylaws are indicated by underline and deletions by strikeout text. Please review these changes as we will be voting on the changes at our annual meeting in San Marcos in January.

Section 4

Officers

The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect and a Secretary/Treasurer. Elected officers must be members in good standing of the Chapter and the American Fisheries Society.

Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer holds office for a period of two years, but the term of the other officers shall be until the next annual meeting. In case of a vacated position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified replacement to fill an unexpired term. The President-Elect shall automatically ascend to the office of President, at the annual meeting or if the position of President is vacated.

In the event of a cancellation of an annual meeting, the officers and the members of any committees shall continue to serve until the next scheduled meeting.

Section 6

Executive Committee

The executive Committee of the Chapter shall consist of the elected officers, ~~and the Immediate Past President, and President(s) of Student Subunit(s) operating under the auspices of the Chapter.~~ The committee is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and to perform appropriate duties and functions. ~~Elected officers must be members in good standing of the Chapter and the American Fisheries Society.~~

Section 9

Voting and Quorum

Decisions at meetings of the Chapter shall be by simple majority, except where a larger majority is in order based on the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order,

Newly Revised and for changes to the bylaws as set forth in Section 11. A quorum at any annual meeting for the transaction of official business shall be 20 members.

Section 11

Amendments of the Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended and approved in accordance with ~~Article VI and VII~~ of the Constitution of the American Fisheries Society. Proposed amendments shall be provided in writing to the membership at least 30 days prior to the vote, and their adoption shall require approval of a 2/3 majority of those present and voting and by Section 9 of these Bylaws.

2001 TCAFS ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

by Gordon Linam

The theme of this years conference is "Values and the Aquatic Environment". Beyond the biological assessment of value which includes parameters such as water quality, species diversity, and habitat complexity, lies an often harder value to quantify and articulate concerning the contribution of our natural resources and a healthy environment to society as a whole. The panel members lined up for the Monday morning panel discussion will address this as they speak on the value of the environment from several angles including economic, social, and religious. The Continuing Education Committee has once again arranged for a number of different classes to be offered during the meeting. Each of the three classes will be taught twice (one hour long), so you have the opportunity to participate in two of the three listings. This will take place at Aquarena Springs on Sunday, January 21 (see registration form included in this newsletter for topics and times). A mixer will follow shortly after the completion of the continuing education classes, complete with glass bottom boat rides on Spring Lake. On Monday, the conference will move to the San Marcos Activity Center for the rest of the meeting. The Monday night banquet with its usual flurry of activities will be held there as well. The keynote speakers for the banquet are Ed Bonn (first TCAFS president) and Dick Luebke. Charter members will be recognized during the banquet and chapter awards will be presented at this time as well instead of during the business meeting as done in years past. The meeting will conclude Tuesday, January 23 around noon. See you in January.

TCAFS Registration Form

San Marcos, Texas, January 21-23, 2001

Registration includes access to all technical sessions, the continuing education workshops, the Student/Professional Mixer, and the Banquet. Early registrants will receive a commemorative T-shirt especially designed for the meeting. Please circle shirt size: L, XL, XXL. The deadline for early registration is January 3, 2001. Please fill out one form per person.

Name	Date	
Street Address	City	
State	Zip Code	
Work Phone	Email Address	

Student - will work for free lodging (first come basis)	
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	Cost/person	Total Cost
Regular Member Registration - Received before 01/03/01	\$25	
Received after 01/03/01	\$30	
Student*/Spouse Registration - Received before 01/03/01	\$15	
Received after 01/03/01	\$20	
Chapter Dues (Professional/Student*)	8/\$5*	
Total Registration	XXXXXXXXXX	

***Student registration and membership is for full-time, currently registered students only.**

Continuing Education: Please check the box(es) indicating the time(s) and course(s) you wish to attend. This will facilitate planning for seating and handouts.

	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
Audio/Visual Design		
Human Dimensions		
Environmental Crime Investigation		

Committees: Please check the box(es) for the committee(s) you are willing to serve on.

Awards	
Editorial	
Endowments	
Issues	
Stocks at Risk*	
Exotic Species*	
Membership	
Continuing Education	
Nominating	
Pond Management	
Publicity/Exhibits	
Student Outreach	
Internet	

*Subcommittees of the Issues Committee.

Mail completed registration (1 form per person) and payment to:

Debbie Wade, TX Chapter AFS Treasurer, 5550 FM 2495, Athens, TX 75751





Fisheries Awards Call for Nominations

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for outstanding work in Fisheries? The Texas Chapter AFS awards committee would like to hear about this individual or group. Nominations based on the following criteria should be sent to John Prentice by **December 15** at:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Heart of the Hills Research Station
HC7, Box 62, Ingram, TX 78025
Phone (830) 866-3356, Fax (830) 866-3549
E-mail = jprentic@ktc.com

Each year nominations are solicited for Special Recognition and Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year in seven (7) categories: Administration, Culture, Education, Management, Research, Technical Support, and Fisheries Student.

AWARD CRITERIA

Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year

- Nominations can be made only by members in good standing.
- The recipient must be a member in good standing.
- The award is based on fisheries-related work accomplished in Texas and can span more than one year.
- The worker may not be on the Awards Committee.

Special Recognition in Fisheries Work

- Nominations can be made only by members in good standing.
- The recipient may or may not be a member.
- The recipient may be an individual or an organization.
- Recognition should be based on fisheries-related work done in the State of Texas, but can span more than one year.
- Work may, but does not have to, fit into the 7 categories listed above.

Remember – Everything about this award and recognition program starts with YOU nominating someone!

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All aquatic resource professionals, educators, students, and industry personnel are invited to submit abstracts for the technical or poster session of the 2001 TCAFS meeting scheduled for 21-23 January 2001 in San Marcos, Texas. The deadline for submission of abstracts is November 1, 2000. Please send abstracts by email attachments or on 3.5-inch diskettes in MS Word or WordPerfect format to Aaron Barkoh (Email: aaron@ktc.com; Mailing: Texas Parks and Wildlife, HC 7 Box 62, Ingram, Texas 8025). Abstracts must follow the format below:

Title: (brief but descriptive)

Authors: (List all authors, their mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses. Underline speaker's name)

Abstract: (No more than 200 words and double spaced)

Discipline/Interest: (Indicate the appropriate area of study. Example: Fisheries Management, Fish Culture/Hatchery Management, Human Dimension, Ecology, Etc.)

Presentation: (Indicate Oral or Poster Presentation)

Visual Aid: Slide Projector or Computer Presentation

NOTE: Slide projector for 2x2 slides and LCD projector for computer (PowerPoint) Presentation will be provided.



VOTING TIME IS NEAR AGAIN

FALL IS IN THE AIR AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL BE UPON US SOON. BUSH OR GORE? NO, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE TCAFS PRESIDENT-ELECT. THE SLATE IS NOT MADE UP YET, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES. DROP US A LINE WITH YOUR IDEAS FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES. THEY HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS CHAPTER AND THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY. THIS YEAR IS ALSO A YEAR FOR PICKING A SECRETARY/TREASURER. THE POSITION HAS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS. SO LET US KNOW AT fisheries@texoma.net OR MAIL IT TO 628 LARIAT DRIVE, DENISON, TX 75021-4200.

AFTER THE GREAT SUCCESS WE HAD LAST YEAR WITH THE MAIL-IN BALLOT, WE ARE GOING TO DO IT AGAIN. AND AGAIN THERE WILL BE THE EXTRA INCENTIVE TO WIN A GREAT PRIZE AT THE MEETING FOR THOSE MAIL IN. ABOUT DECEMBER 1, THE BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED OUT WITH THE NOMINEES= RESUME AND THEIR VISION FOR THE TEXAS CHAPTER IN THE FUTURE. A PRE-PAID POST CARD BALLOT WILL BE INCLUDED TO BE MAILED BACK. WE WILL HAVE A VOTING TABLE AT THE MEETING FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO VOTE AT THE MEETING. JUST BE A REGISTERED MEMBER WITH PAID UP DUES.

JOIN THE TEXAS CHAPTER

If you are interested in joining or renewing your membership to the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, you can get membership materials at our web site <http://www.sdafs.org/tcafs/default.htm> or contact **Dr. Kevin Pope, Box 42125, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-2125, (806) 742-2843, kpope@ttu.edu** or the newsletter editor to obtain application information.

**Next Newsletter submission deadline:
December 5, 2000Winter Issue**

Submissions are encouraged. Submit a hard copy or a .TXT file by mail or email to the editor at tpw1a@arn.net

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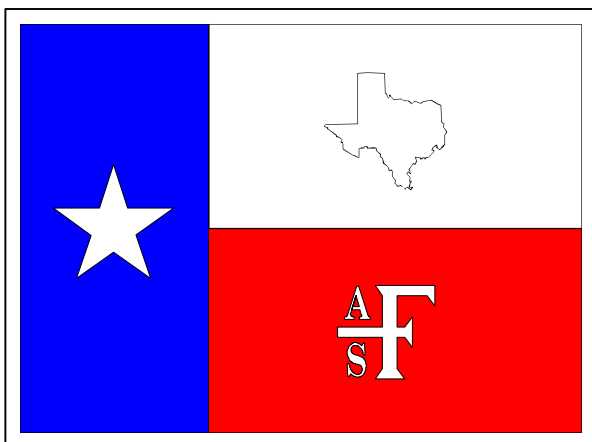
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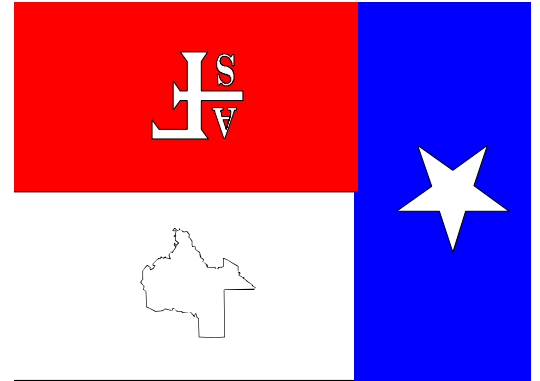
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