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President's Message

Gordon Linam

First, I would like to thank all those who contributed to making our Silver Anniversary meeting a success. An event such as this requires the hard work of many individuals. I am truly appreciative of the committed individuals in our Chapter and especially those who comprised our Executive Committee last year. I am equally excited about the Executive Committee that is in place for this year. I anticipate another great year for the Texas Chapter.

When I ran for President, I expressed two things that I wanted our Chapter to concentrate on this year. One, to ensure that our membership is diverse from a professional and geographical basis, and secondly to have our Chapter build upon its good reputation and become a familiar, steadfast, and reputable source of fisheries-related information. Concerning membership, I would like to have a membership that is comprised of professionals from all fisheries-related fields within the state. Presently much of our membership is comprised of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department employees. This is fine, but I would like to invest time and energy this year to identify other groups, agencies, universities, etc. that may be under-represented within our ranks and then to encourage those individuals to join our Chapter. Your help in identifying these parties would be greatly appreciated. In addition, I would like to make sure that our Chapter membership is fairly represented geographically, or in other words, that we have members from all corners of the state. Presently, there are areas of the state that yield no members. The largest gap is west and southwest Texas, which of course has fewer

fisheries-related professionals than east Texas, but nonetheless has individuals working in the fishery field. I seek your help in identifying potential groups and individuals from these geographically under-represented areas this year as well.

As far as building upon our reputation, I would like to see our Chapter at the forefront of the major issues facing the state's aquatic resources. We should be ready and prepared to develop position statements and provide unbiased, scientific based information on these issues. Each member of our Chapter plays a very important part in this. Another way for our Chapter to gain more visibility and familiarity is through the preparation of educational materials for the general public. Two such documents produced by our Chapter, "Guide to Developing Community Fisheries" and "Texas Farm Ponds: Stocking, Assessment, and Management Recommendations" have been very well received and have done much for promoting the knowledge and existence of our Chapter.

Lastly, I wish to make a plug for our Archives Committee. In preparing for the Silver Anniversary meeting last year, I realized that a lot of our Chapter's history could easily be lost and forgotten if we did not make a concerted effort to archive it. I asked Ray Mathews, Jr. to chair an Ad Hoc Committee to do just that. Please read his article in this newsletter and provide him with as much help as you can in assisting him and his committee on this momentous task.



Past President's Message

Charles Munger

Serving as the president for this past year has been a great experience. I thank everyone in the Chapter for giving me the opportunity to serve as president and I especially thank those people who served on the executive committee and as chairs of the committees. Without the dedication and commitment of these people, we wouldn't have much of a chapter.

I also want to encourage each of you again to become more active in the Chapter. Gordon is working with each of the committee chairs to personally contact anyone who indicated an interest in a committee. So, if you indicated some interest, expect a telephone call or a letter. If you are not contacted in the next month, make the effort to call the committee chair. Your interest and effort will be well rewarded.

Thanks again, and remember to help the Chapter grow. Bring a friend, associate or student to the next annual meeting.

Annual Business Meeting

Debbie Wade

January 23, 2001 called to order 10:28
Charles Munger, presided over the meeting as President
A quorum was established.

The membership recognized Gordon Linam for his work in preparing the meeting. Charlie took the opportunity to recognize all of the Chapter past presidents that were in attendance

Mike van Den Ayle, a TCAFS charter member is currently working with the SDAFS to put together the Southern Division 50th anniversary next year was recognized. He invited and encouraged TCAFS participation in this event.

Executive Committee Reports

- **Treasurer:** Current combined investment and checking balance is 31,389.06. Meeting, Chapter dues renewal (\$4013.00) and auction/raffle ticket income (\$2726.00) provide the Chapter with income of \$6739.00. Meeting expenses totaled are still being compiled. During the 2000 year the Chapter had a total income of \$15975.19 and expenses of \$14,946.16, which included preparations for this meeting.

As expected with the downturn in the stock market our investment portfolio has diminished in value from its high in July of combined assets of \$42,000 to its current value. The investment broker assigned to our account has advised that the best thing to do is just ride it out.

- **Newsletter:** Brian Van Zee made the report and recognized that Robert Mauk will be taking over as editor starting with the spring 2001 issue. Currently, 98 members received the newsletter through the mail, while another 127 members receive it via email. In addition to the TCAFS members, 70 people or entities receive complimentary copies of the newsletter. Of these, 45 get it through the mail and the other 25 by email. Total expenses for the year came to \$649.60, this averaged out to approximately \$1.07 per copy. By using email we saved approximately \$660.00 over the past year.
- **Awards:** John Prentice: The decision to distribute the member recognition awards at the banquet proved to be popular and will be continued. The recipients for Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the for this year were: Administration – Ken Kurzawski, Education – Kevin Pope, Management – Brian Van Zee, Research – Reynaldo Patino, Technical Support – David DeLeon, Fisheries Student – Timothy Bonner. Special Recognition awards were given to the following individuals: Rhandy Helton (management), Rosie Roegner (technical support), and Walter D. Dalquest (Pioneering Research and Management). Best Presentation Award for the 2000 meeting was given to J. Warren Schlechte for his presentation "Incorporating User Conflicts into Experimental Design: A Lake Fork Perspective". Co-authors were Richard Luebke and T.O. Smith. The Best Student Presentation Award (2000 meeting) was presented to Scott D. Hollingsworth for the presentation "Mortality Assessment of Tagging Largemouth Bass" Co-authored by Kevin Pope and Gene Wilde.
- **Editorial:** Aaron Barkoh: Proceedings 23 abstracts and 1 paper from the ArkLaTex meeting were bound into the proceedings. 19 abstracts were received for this year's meeting. Fran Gelwick and Jay Rooker were recognized and thanked for their efforts in encouraging student presentations, 6 student presentations at the meeting between them they had 6 students presenting their work. The session moderators were: Loraine Fries, Ken Kurzawski, Warren Schlechte, and Clell Guest.

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- **Endowments:** Mike Brice reminded the membership of W.H.A.T. 's annual \$1000.00 donation to the Chapter's scholarship fund. The scholarships were presented to Mandy Cunningham, Cody Winfrey, Laurieanne Dent, and D. Aubry Arrington.
 - **Issues:** Randy Blankenship not present and requested that Bob Edwards present Issues report included the subcommittee reports from Stocks at Risk and Exotic species. The continual spread of exotic weeds such as hydrilla and giant salvinia in our public waters continues to be a concern. Efforts are continuing to educate the general public on the dangers of releasing non-native aquatic fish, shellfish and aquatic plants into our state waters. The discovery of a reproducing population of channeled apple snails in a canal south of Houston is of concern to rice growers since the species has been documented as causing significant damage to rice fields in Hawaii and southeast Asia. Efforts to insure the required use of triploid black carp instead of diploid carp was instituted to ensure no reproduction would occur should these species escape into public waters. Zebra mussel spread continues to be monitored. An exotic jellyfish, the Australian Spotted Jellyfish was accidentally released in Mississippi waters via ballast water. This jellyfish grows to a meter in diameter and is consuming a tremendous amount of plankton in the Gulf. The Stocks at Risk report was presented as the presentations made by Gary Garrett and Bob Edwards during the technical sessions.
 - **Membership:** Kevin Pope, the current membership is 226 combined professional and student members. January is the time to renew memberships so if you know someone who is a member and who is not present to this year's meeting remind them to send in their dues.
 - **Continuing Education:** Bruce Hysmith, three continuing education classes were offered this year. They were Human Dimensions - T.O. Smith with 25 participants, Environmental Crime – Steve Gibson 25 participants, Audio visual aids in presentations- Bruce Hysmith (prepared by Shirley Thompson) 30 participants. Bruce is working to ensure that each continuing education class meets the AFS requirements for continuing education credit. Anyone with suggestions for Next Year's meeting please contact Bruce so that the topic can be investigated.
 - **Pond Management:** Ken Kurzawski, the committee is working to bring together information on Pond Management from all of the available resources. Mike Maiser has put together an aquatic vegetation control pamphlet that is very informative. Methods to link the TCAFS, "Pond Management Book" to a listing of commercial aquaculturists or other resources are under investigation.
 - **Publicity/Exhibits:** Bobby Miller, thanked and recognized the Exhibitor/Vendors, EDS Hydrolab, Port-a-Boat, SALT, and 4-H. He also expressed appreciation to those members who collected and donated items to the raffle/auction. Cody Winfrey will be taking over as Chairman.
 - **Student Outreach:** Larry Hysmith, he took over as chair of this committee late in the year so activity has been somewhat limited this year. He has plans for future activity within the committee and ways to increase student activity and involvement in the Texas Chapter.
 - **Internet:** Fred Janssen, newsletters and meeting details are posted on the website. He regularly updates links to related sites. Since the posting of Pond Management manual posted on June 15, 2000, it has been downloaded 1200 times. Information is being distributed to interested people. Due to the interest expressed in the site by individuals other than professionals using it for information exchanges Fred suggested that the membership consider posting additional information on the website. It is being utilized by students and the general public for research. People interested in having information posted to the website should contact Fred. The SDAFS website receives approximately 570 hits a day with about half of those targeting the TCAFS site.
 - **Nominating:** John Moczygemba: expressed his appreciation to Paul Hammerschmidt, Joe Kraai, and Dave Peterson for their efforts this year on the nominating committee. 121 ballots mailed in resulting 55% of membership voting by mail and an additional 11% voted at the meeting resulting in a total of 66% of the overall membership voting this year. Gene Wilde was elected President elect and Deborah Wade reelected Secretary/Treasurer.
- Charlie expressed his appreciation to all of the Committee Chairmen and encouraged individual participation in the chapter.
- Dick Luebke moved to have committee reports accepted as read. The motion was seconded by Brian Van Zee and carried without discussion.

Old Business

By-Law changes

Section 4

Officers

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, 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.

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 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.**

Motion to accept the Bylaw changes was made by Kevin Pope and seconded by Bruce Hysmith. The motion carried.

Gordon Linam was installed as the new president.

New Business

Charles Munger was presented with his past presidents plaque.

John Moczygamba requested discussion on the possibility of moving the meeting time from January back to the summer/fall season. The reasons originally proposed for the change to encourage the involvement of Coastal Fisheries biologists and to increase student participation having been only partially achieved. Coastal participation in TCAFS has not increased with the change in meeting time. Student participation appears to have increased, but that may be result of active recruitment and involvement of faculty members on a University level rather than due to the change in meeting time. Gordon requested that anyone with opinions on the topic contact members of the ExCom before its next meeting at which time it will be discussed.

Bruce Hysmith made the motion that the meeting be adjourned there being no further business. The motion was seconded by John Moczygamba and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. on January 24, 2001.



Charter members of the TCAFS were recognized during the 2001 annual meeting at San Marcos. 2001 was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Chapter.

March ExCom Meeting

Debbie Wade

The first TCAFS ExCom meeting for 2001 was held March 21, 2001 at the TPWD District Inland Fisheries Office in Abilene. Gordon Linam, Charles Munger, Ray Mathews, John Mocygamba, Robert Mauk, Bruce Hysmith, Aaron Barkoh, Danny Lewis, Cody Winfry, Kevin Pope, Gene Wilde, Spencer Dupont, Galen Jons, and Deborah Wade were present. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Gordon Linam, President.

- Gordon Linam opened meeting welcoming all new committee members to the meeting and introductions took place.
- Gene Wilde has begun planning the 2002 meeting with Junction as the possible site for meeting.
- **Texas Tech Student Chapter** plans on having fish fry April 7th and plans to hold a Kidfishing event in the spring.
- **Awards:** Danny Lewis reported he has received files from John Prentice and that the committee is growing. Danny has updated the website with Fred Janssen to make others aware of the past award recipients
- **Continuing Education:** Bruce Hysmith recruited Spencer Dumont to serve on the continuing education committee. Bruce reported that he sent letters to the instructors thanking them for the Continuing Education presentations that were available at the 2001 TCAFS meeting. Bruce is currently seeking topics for next years Continuing Education presentations. Bruce will be contacting people who showed an interest in serving on the Continuing Education committee at the San Marcos annual meeting.
- **Editorial:** Aaron Barkoh reported that he mailed out all of the Proceedings left from the meeting and needs to print 16 copies more to fulfill demand.
- **Endowments:** No Report
- **Issues:** No Report
- **Membership:** Kevin Pope reported 218 members have paid Texas AFS dues for 2001.
- **Nominating:** John Mocygamba reported the election went well, and he has received several names of people willing to serve on the committee
- **Pond Management:** No changes, with the possibility of updating the book to include the out of print SCS newsletters
- **Publicity/Exhibits:** Cody Winfry reported that Thank you letters were sent to donors and the committee will begin looking for vendors/exhibitors for the next meeting.
- **Student Outreach:** No Report

- **Ad Hoc Committee:** Archives: Ray Mathews: Missing Pictures from past meetings. Requested history from Charter members for developing program. Information gathering mode. Will be putting it together during the next few months. Issues and problems addressed by the membership. He is seeking additional information for the SDAFS anniversary meeting. Consider storing/donating to a library to prevent the loss of material in the future.
- Consider an Agenda item to change the bylaws to include Archivist as an appointed committee officer.
- **Newsletter:** Robert Mauk reported that Iowa State University was ripped off during the NCAA basketball tournament citing poor calls by biased refs (probably paid off!) as the reason. An attempt will be made to list new members in the newsletter. All newsletter information should be sent to Robert at: maukrobert@hotmail.com or 409 Chester Ave. Wichita Falls, TX 76301
- **Internet Report:** Fred Janssen reported that sponsors and award recipients will be on the website.
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:**
 - Discussed pros and cons of moving annual meeting date. Looking for best time to increase involvement of all members and potential members. It was decided to leave meeting date in January.
 - Discussed putting together a good brochure to send out to Universities as well as networking with faculty to encourage participation in the meeting and within TCAFS.
 - Discussed rewarding student presenters to increase participation. It was decided that no financial reward be given for presenting since students are receiving some reimbursement from their schools. Providing rooms to students to encourage attendance to the meeting was also discussed.
 - A motion to donate \$500.00 to Skinner fund passed.
 - Discussed the possibilities of examining the chapters investment portfolio to determine if it is possible to confine investments to environmental sound companies.
 - Discussed expanding courtesy copies of the Chapter Newsletter to include river issue groups and other possibly interested groups.
 - Next ExCom Meeting will be held in Abilene at the TPWD District Inland Fisheries Office on July 16 at 1:00 p.m.



Fisheries Awards

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 Danny Lewis at:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
11942 FM 848
Tyler, TX 75707-5234
Phone (903) 566-1615
E-mail = lewisd@tyler.net

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.

Administration

- 1) Development of innovative management programs, research activities, or facilities that significantly affect fisheries management and conservation on a regional or statewide level.
- 2) Leadership in implementation of regulations or management programs that address regional or statewide fisheries issues.
- 3) Development of new sources of funding for fisheries programs.
- 4) Leadership in the development of public outreach or recognition/award programs.
- 5) Significant and effective promotion of fisheries management and conservation activities on a regional or statewide level.

Culture

- 1) Development of techniques that produce fish more safely, more efficiently, or more economically.
- 2) Development of methods that produce species not formerly cultured.
- 3) Development of procedures that produce more fish.
- 4) Participation in the development of equipment that benefited fish culture.
- 5) Promotion of fish culture.

- 6) Participation in the production of a record number of fish (may be station- or species-specific).

Education

- 1) Development of an innovative approach to fisheries education as illustrated through development of a new or revised course or curriculum.
- 2) Publication of a journal article, extension publication, book, or book chapter that contributed significantly to fisheries education.
- 3) Contribution of notable service in public education programs.
- 4) Development of educational media (software, videotape, slide-tape, etc.) that contributed significantly to fisheries education.
- 5) Outstanding contributions to the profession through service as an officer or other leader of an educational organization ((e.g., the Education Section of the American Fisheries Society).

Management

- 1) Development of management plans or strategies or implementation of management practices (reservoir or pond management plans, pre-impoundment work, habitat work, development of urban fisheries). This would include private water work.
- 2) Education of the public in areas of fishing or fisheries management (conducting fishing clinics, educational programs, contact with various media, development of brochures, newsletters, bulletin boards, fliers, popular articles, etc.).
- 3) Coordination with different agencies (cities, counties, or federal government) or reservoir controlling authorities to develop or implement management strategies.
- 4) Participation in professional scientific organizations in the fisheries field to include offices held, committees served on, or other activities accomplished for the organization.

Research

- 1) Research contribution should add to the understanding of a biological problem or to solving a resource problem.
- 2) Research contribution can be basic, applied, or a combination.
- 3) Research contribution should have been disseminated, in order of importance, in a peer-reviewed journal, non-peer reviewed publication, or an oral presentation.
- 4) Participation in professional and public organizations in the fisheries research field that comment on, advise, or review research activities.
- 5) In order of importance, the nominee's role in a research project should be directing the project or program, establishing the project or program, analyzing data, or conceiving the project or program.



Technical Support

- 1) Development of new or improved design and/or construction of equipment used in field sampling, culture, lab analyses, etc.
- 2) Participation in some outstanding or unique management, research or culture activities which aided the fisheries profession.
- 3) Participation in education programs for fisheries workers or the public.
- 4) Accomplishments resulting in new or improved techniques or efficiency.

Fisheries Student

- 1) Only Texas Chapter AFS members in good standing can make nominations. All members who have knowledge of student performance or activities are encouraged to make nominations for this award.
- 2) The nominee must be a member in good standing and must be enrolled in, or recently graduated from, a Texas College or University since the last Texas Chapter AFS annual meeting.
- 3) Students can be nominated at any time during their tenure for work spanning single or multiple years, but no later than 12 months after graduation.
- 4) Notable accomplishments by the nominee should include one or more of the following:
 - a. Student research which adds to the understanding, or solution, of a fisheries-related problem. Research can be basic or applied in nature, can involve nongame or game species, and need not be conducted in the State of Texas.
 - b. Dissemination of research results in, in order of importance, a peer-reviewed publication, thesis or dissertation, non-refereed publication, or an oral presentation.
 - c. Involvement in professional organizations, including participation in committees, organizing or moderating a technical session at a professional meeting, or serving in a peer-elected office.
 - d. Academic excellence.
 - e. Merit-based scholarships or grants.
- 5) Honorable mention may be awarded, for recent graduates only (those who have graduated within 12 months after the last Texas Chapter AFS annual meeting), if more than one nominee is considered Outstanding by the Awards Committee members.
- 6) The award will not be made in any year for which no appropriate candidates are nominated.

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!



2001 recipient of the Tech Support Award David DeLeon top and recipient of the Management Award Brian Van Zee. Pictures by Brian Van Zee, text by Brain Van Zee, submitted by Brian Van Zee, article included in newsletter under threats made by Brian Van Zee.



EMPLOYERS AND GRADUATE PROGRAM MENTORS

The American Fisheries Society (AFS) annual meeting is a professional meeting of aquatic scientists throughout the world. It is AFS's primary public event for the year and it is used to help scientists share information on freshwater and marine fishes and fisheries. The 2001 meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Phoenix Civic Plaza in beautiful Phoenix, Arizona on August 19-23.

The American Fisheries Society will be organizing a student job fair and social during the 2001 annual meeting. The student job fair has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 from 6-7:30pm and the student job fair social will follow from 7:30-10:00pm.

If you have or will have job openings within your agency during the summer/fall of 2001 or if you are a graduate program mentor looking for qualified graduate students, we need you. The AFS annual meeting is a great place to find new employees or graduate students, since it attracts some of the brightest and most promising fishery students in the world. During the meeting, a job board will be provided to display your current job or graduate school vacancies so that all interested conference attendees may view your information. A second job board will also be on display in the student lounge. As with last years meeting, AFS will be sponsoring a student job fair and social with free food and drink. The students, mentors, and employers are invited to attend this social where potential employers can spend more time talking to the students one on one. In addition, the students will be instructed to bring 20 copies of their resume to the meeting. These resumes will be placed into multiple binders and available for review before the student job fair. Employers are strongly encouraged to bring extra copies of their job announcements and should be prepared to discuss their openings with prospective employees.

If you have job or graduate openings and would like to participate in these events, please contact Heidi B. Blasius at hblasius@gf.state.az.us as soon as possible. Heidi can also be reached by telephone (520) 628-5672, EXT. 136, Fax (520) 628-5080, or regular mail at Arizona Game and Fish Department, 555 North Greasewood Road, Tucson, Arizona 85745.

STUDENTS STUDENTS

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BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE ANNUAL AFS MEETING

The annual meeting is a great place to meet and develop professional contacts with other individuals interested in fisheries. The meeting provides countless opportunities to socialize with fellow students, fishery professionals, potential employers, and graduate student mentors from around the world. Often, the key to landing that first job, graduate project, or post-doctoral research position depends a great deal on your ability to network and sell yourself to potential employers or graduate school mentors.

The AFS meeting also provides the opportunity to meet and learn from some of the leading pioneer fishery scientists in both casual and formal settings. The majority of the fishery professionals are quite approachable and will spend time talking to students who have an interest in learning more about their research or will provide valuable guidance to students who need assistance. In addition, the technical sessions, symposiums, and workshops will address many of the current and critical issues facing our freshwater and marine fisheries. These issues include, but are not limited to fish culture and health, genetics, habitat loss, and nonnative organisms.

STUDENT JOB FAIR AND SOCIAL

The American Fisheries Society will be organizing a student job fair and social during the annual meeting in Phoenix. The student job fair is being held on Tuesday, August 21, from 6-7:30pm, and the student job fair social will follow directly after from 7:30-10:00pm. If you are interested in employment or graduate school opportunities at this time, I recommend you attend both events. The AFS meetings are attended by representatives from state and federal government agencies, universities, and private organizations. Last years meeting in St. Louis had representatives from 18 countries and 48 states including the District of Columbia attending. As in the past, a job board will be displayed with employment vacancies and graduate school opportunities. All interested students are encouraged to bring at least 20 resumes triple hole punched. These

resumes will be placed into binders for potential employers and graduate mentors to view before the student job fair and social. The student social, besides having free food and drink, will provide an opportunity to talk one on one with potential employers or graduate student mentors. All employers and graduate student mentors will be strongly encouraged to bring extra copies of their job or graduate school announcements and be prepared to discuss their openings with prospective students.

STUDENT WORK PROGRAM

The opportunity to attend the meeting and earn some extra money to offset the cost is also available. As in the past, a student work program will be available for highly motivated students who want the chance to work and earn money for the meeting and gain invaluable experience. Students will be paid \$8.00 per hour and must agree to work at least six hours during the meeting. Students who agree to work will be able to recoup the cost of their registration and may even be able to cover the partial costs for meals, lodging, and other expenses. All work assignments will be based on experience, conference needs, and student availability. Student assignments will include operation of audio/visual equipment, selling raffle tickets, registration assistance, transportation assistance, entertainment assistance, poster assistance, and general help as needed.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee for student members is only **\$85.00**, which includes membership into the AFS Student Subsection (Education). Non-member student registration is only \$115.00. Special hotel room rates are available at the Ramada Inn (**\$59.00 single/double, \$69.00 triple, \$79.00 quad**) and the Hotel San Carlos (**\$77.00 single/double**). The Crowne Plaza Hotel is the host hotel and also has very reasonable Room rates - \$80.00 for a single or double with a \$10.00 extra charge per person per night. Please mention that you are a student when making reservations at the Ramada Inn and Hotel San Carlos. To reserve a room call the hotels directly: Crowne Plaza 1-602-333-5000, Ramada Inn 1-602-275-5746, Hotel San Carlos 1-602-253-41.

Students wanting to work during the meeting or requiring further information should contact Student Affairs Chair Heidi B. Blasius at hblasius@qf.state.az.us as soon as possible. Heidi can also be reached by telephone (520) 628-5672, EXT. 136, Fax (520) 628-5080, or regular mail at Arizona Game and Fish Department, 555 North Greasewood Road, Tucson, Arizona 85745.

We Hope to See You in Phoenix!!!

Continuing Education Courses

The AFS Continuing Education Classes are being given on Sunday, August 19th, 2001 from 8 AM to 5PM at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix during the AFS 131st Annual Meeting. Don't miss this opportunity to attend! Please note the River Morphology class is 1.5 days and is on Sat. Aug. 18th. Registration is available through the annual meeting registration form in FISHERIES magazine, or on the web at <http://www.fisheries.org/annual2001/ce.htm>

AFS T-Shirts on sale now!

These 100% cotton T-shirts with the AFS logo on the front pocket, include a colorful silk-screen design by renown artist H. Steven Logsdon on the back, with 7 marine and freshwater species. Color of shirt: Off-white. Available in S, M, L and XL (specify size with order).

The cost for this shirt is:

AFS Members: \$15.00, includes shipping and handling

All Others: \$20.00, includes shipping and handling

To order, call the American Fisheries Society at (301) 897-8616, ext. 200, or Fax your information to (301) 897-8096, and ask for Stock #699.08. For mail orders, please send a check to:

AFS T-Shirts
American Fisheries Society
5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110
Bethesda, MD 20814-2199

Welcome New Texas Chapter Members!

I would like to welcome all new 2001 members and to remind all 2000 members that have not already paid their fees for 2001 to do so now or risk not receiving their next exciting newsletter edition which among other things will preview and predict the upcoming college football season. I know many new members joined at the recent meeting but I don't have a comprehensive list. I would like all members to join me in welcoming William Forbes and Joseph Schwartz as new members (they got special recognition since they slipped me some money).



MESSAGE FROM EDITOR

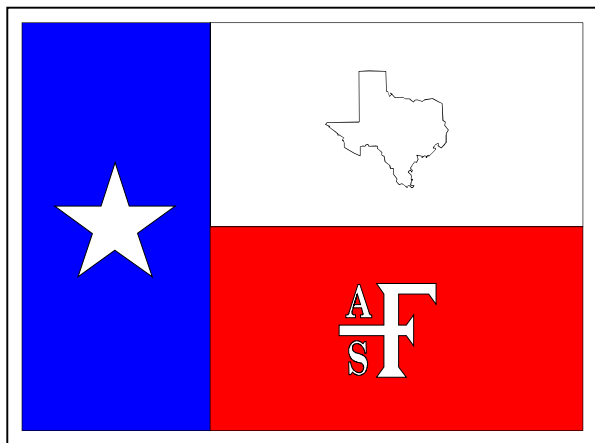
Robert Mauk

I would like to request your help in assuring that everyone receives the service they deserve from the editor of the newsletter. This newsletter is being sent by e-mail to all members that I have e-mails for. This method will save the chapter money on printing and mailing costs. If you receive a copy in the mail and wish to have it e-mailed, please let me know.

Also, please contact me if you or someone you know does not receive the newsletter that should. Also remember the newsletter is online at the Texas Chapter web page. Thank you.



Past president Charlie Munger and new president Gordon Linam



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, kevin.pope@ttu.edu** or the newsletter editor to obtain application information.

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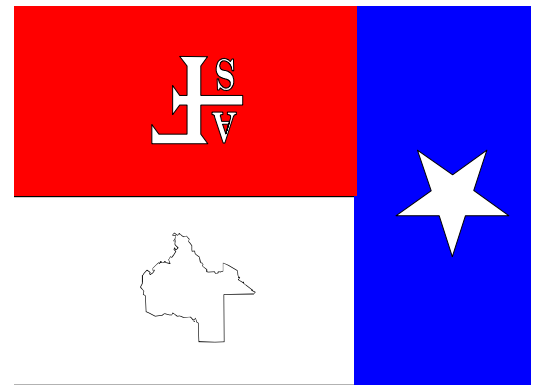
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