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President's Message

Gordon Linam

As my year as President of the Texas Chapter enters its final quarter, I encourage you to continue your efforts in helping make the Texas Chapter the best Chapter in the country. Two things we can each do toward this effort is to encourage a membership that is diverse and healthy and to maintain and promote professionalism within our ranks. We need to continue to encourage colleagues and especially individuals from agencies and organizations that are under-represented in our Chapter to join the best chapter in the Southern Division. Who would not want to join the best? That is exactly what we were recognized as at the Southern Division AFS business meeting held in October during the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference where our Chapter was named "Southern Division AFS Chapter of the Year". You should each be very proud.

The Executive Committee is doing our part in reaching out to these under-represented

agencies, universities, and organizations who have staff working in the aquatic science field. We will be sending a letter to these identified entities next month which will introduce (or re-introduce ourself in some instances), outline the benefits of membership, and put a major plug in for the annual meeting scheduled for January 20-22 at the Texas Tech facility in Junction. Please contact me (512-353-3480) if you have particular places that you would like this letter to be sent.

As far as putting in a plug for the annual meeting, those of you who are familiar with the Texas Tech facility in Junction are already aware of the charm and beauty of the location. First time visitors - you are in for a treat. The South Llano River runs along the facility and beckons one to cast a lure or launch a canoe. Canoes are available, but please remember to bring your own fishing gear (or money to purchase it at the auction!). While I am making plugs, please consider donating a handcrafted item to the auction. We have some very talented and gifted individuals who have produced some very special items for the auction in the past. Donated items can be left at the registration desk upon checkin or you



can call Cody Winfrey (903-670-2241) should you wish to make prior arrangements.

Abstracts for technical presentations and posters are beginning to roll in. The final meeting agenda will be posted on the Chapter's homepage several weeks prior to the meeting. One poster in particular that you will want to make sure to view is the one being prepared by the Archives Committee which outlines our Chapter's history over the last 25 years. This poster will be on display at the Southern Division AFS Mid-year meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas in February as the Southern Division celebrates it's golden anniversary. The Archives Committee is still accepting photographs from past Chapter meetings as well as photographs of individuals performing fisheries related activities from around the state. This can include photographs from district and/or regional TPWD meetings as well. Photographs will be scanned and returned to the provider. Please contact Ray Mathews (512-936-0822) for more details.

Last, let me be the first to wish you season's greetings and a blessed new year. I look forward to seeing each of you in Junction.



Make plans now to attend the TCAFS Annual Meeting at Junction Jan. 20-22, 2002. Enjoy beautiful vistas that can be found within an easy two-day trip by car from Junction.

TCAFS ExCom Meeting

Debbie Wade

The third quarter TCAFS ExCom meeting was held October 15, 2001. Those in attendance were Gordon Linam, Bruce Hysmith, Cody Winfrey, Ray Matthews, John Moczygemba, Danny Lewis, and Deborah Wade.

Reports:

- **Secretary/Treasurer**-The TCAFS account with Merrill Lynch as with many member's retirement funds is still dropping in value, but as with our investment councilors the account manager has said that we should ride it out for the next few months and that things will rebound eventually. The checking account stands at a balance of \$6773.00 with expenditures of \$153.78 since the last ExCom meeting. These expenses were as follows: Aaron Barkoh (\$28.98) for postage to mail out proceedings, Robert Mauk (\$44.20) for postage for newsletter mailings, and Kinko's (\$80.60) for newsletter printing. The investments sit at \$22609.53 as of September 30, 2001.
- **Newsletter**-130 copies of the August issue of the newsletter were mailed and 135 newsletter announcements were emailed to the members. The cost of the newsletter totaled \$129.80. With the recent addition of 23 email addresses there are now only 82 members receiving a hard copy of the newsletter.
- **Endowments**-A letter has been sent to Wetlands Habitat Alliance of Texas (W.H.A.T.) to request a donation to the TCAFS scholarship fund. This organization contributes \$1000.00 each year toward our scholarship fund. Applications for the TCAFS scholarship have been mailed to 61 universities with the deadline to submit December 14, 2001.
- **Editorial**-A call for papers has been sent out to all members with the additional note that there is a poster division as well as presentation.

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- **Pond Management**-Ken is in contact with Mike Masser in order to unify the information distributed by TPWD and TAMU-AES so that everyone is giving out the same information. Ken and Fred are have gone through the out of print NRCS reports listed in the Ponds Management Manual and determined that many of them are out of date and can be replaced with other references that are currently available from TPWD or TAM-AES.
 - **Internet**-Fred has been busy lately as the entire SDAFS web site has been moved to a different server in order to obtain more disk space. The August newsletter was placed on the website and Fred worked with Danny to upgrade the awards section of the web page. Efforts to develop a history section on the website have begun with Ray Matthews helping to set this up.
 - **Awards**-One award recommendation has been received via email. Danny is hoping that others will soon follow.
 - **Continuing Education**-The Continuing Education topics are well on the way to being confirmed with the emphasis being on streams and how to monitor them and fish diseases.
 - **Issues**-Bob Edwards is working on a Position Statement for the Chapter regarding vehicle traffic on the riverbeds.
 - **Membership**-Reminders have been sent out to those individuals who have not renewed their memberships from last year.
 - **Publicity and Exhibits**-Cody has sent out letters to solicit donations for the Chapter raffle and auction. So far little has been forth coming. The membership is encouraged to contact people in their areas for donations to the scholarship raffle and auction.
 - **Archivist**-The history has been completed for the chapter. There are still some blanks to be filled in but a great deal of progress has been made. This will be part of the 50th anniversary of the Southern Division to be celebrated this year.
 - **Student Outreach and Texas Tech Student Chapter**-no report.
 - **Old Business**-none to be covered.
 - **New Business**-Gordon has proposed a change in the standing committees of TCAFS to include Internet, Continuing Education and Archives. The meeting was adjourned.

Bylaws Change

The following bylaws change is being recommended by the Executive Committee. It will be voted on during the business meeting at the 2002 annual meeting in Junction. The purpose of this change is to elevate the Internet, Continuing Education, and Archives committees to permanent standing committees (as opposed to ad hoc, which must be created or re-established each year by the Chapter President). The Internet and Continuing Education committees have been performing a very valuable service for the Chapter for a number of years and will continue to play an integral part in the future as well. The Archives Committee was just established this year as part of the Chapter's 25th Anniversary activities. Elevation of the Archives Committee to permanent status will help ensure that the Chapter's history (which this committee pulled together from a variety of boxes, individuals, and other sources) will continue to be documented in the years to come.

Section 7

Chapter Committees

Committees and chairs, except those listed in Section 5 of these Bylaws, shall be members of the Chapter and shall be appointed by the President as may be necessary for the conduct of the Chapter activities.

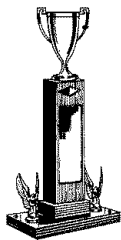
The terms of office for members of Chapter committees shall end upon the discharge of the duties for which they were appointed, or at the next annual meeting of the Chapter, whichever comes first.

Standing Committees are permanent committees established through the Bylaws of the Chapter. The Standing Committees shall be Awards, Editorial, Endowments, Issue, Nominating, Membership, Pond Management, Publicity/Exhibits, Student Outreach, Internet, Continuing Education, and Archives.

Ad Hoc Committees are created by the president to address topics that do not fall under the responsibilities of Standing Committees. Ad Hoc Committees exist for one year but may be reappointed for subsequent years by succeeding Presidents.

Last Call for Abstracts

I have been asked by Aaron Barkoh to announce that the Texas Chapter is in need of abstracts for presentations for the upcoming 2002 Texas Chapter AFS annual meeting to be held Jan 20-22 at Junction, TX. Abstracts can be sent to Aaron electronically at aaron@kfc.com. Abstracts for both, oral and poster presentations are being accepted. A best poster and paper award will be given this year. The deadline for abstracts is November 15, 2001.



Nominations for Chapter Awards Needed

Danny Lewis

As the temperatures begin to drop, and the leaves turn colors, it can only mean one thing...The deadline for nominating your peers

for consideration for this year's Chapter Awards is fast approaching!! (**DEC 7, 2001**). I want to personally ask for your help. Each year, many of your mentors, coworkers, and students, people right under your nose, are performing outstanding work in the advancement of fisheries, and these people need to be recognized for their hard work and dedication. The problem is, without your nomination, the Awards Committee will never be able to identify who these individuals are, and as a chapter, we will never be able to tell them how much we appreciate the work they do.

So drop everything, because you know if you put it off, that it won't get done. And nominate that individual that has made a difference in your life as a professional in fisheries work. You'll both be glad you did...

Send in your nomination in one of the following ways:

- (1) Electronically – go to the TCAFS website and make your nomination online.
<http://www.sdafs.org/tcafs>
- (2) Fax me: 903-566-1546 Attn: Danny Lewis, Awards Committee TCAFS
- (3) Mail me: Texas Parks & Wildlife, 11810 FM 848, Tyler, TX 75707, attn: Danny Lewis
- (4) Email me: danny.lewis@tpwd.state.tx.us

What I need is a written nomination, including contact information for the nominee, but also be sure and give me information about how to contact you (the nominator) in case I have questions regarding the nomination. The nomination needs to include specific accomplishment information concerning how the nominee qualifies for the award, based upon the criteria that are listed for that award. In addition, other non-criteria related accomplishments may be included where deemed appropriate.

Criteria may be found on the TCAFS Website. In closing, let me remind you that this year, for the first time, we are including a new award category, that of Poster Presentations. So if you've always wanted to show that creative side in regards to presenting a poster at the

chapter meeting, now is the time to do it as the Editorial Committee deadline for abstracts is even faster approaching...

Danny Lewis-TCAFS Awards Chairman



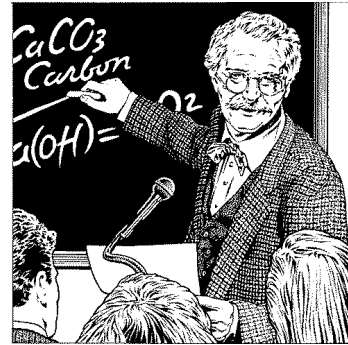
MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

BY JOHN MOCZYGEMBA

First I would like to thank committee members, Paul Hammerschmidt (TPWD, Austin), Christine Burgess (TAMU), and Joe Kraai (TPWD, San Angelo) for their help. Paul is responsible for printing the ballots and getting them mailed. Joe lets us use his bulletin board at the election booth. Christine will be at the election table during the meeting.

This year we will vote on a President-elect. The procedures will be the same as last year. Paul will mail the ballots out the first week of December. The mail-out will include each nominee's resume and their vision for the Texas Chapter in the future. The ballot will have a stamp on it and it is already addressed, mail it in by Tuesday, January 15, 2002, especially if you do not plan to make the meeting. In 1999 we had 132 ballots mailed in and in 2000 there were 116 sent back. Since we have a membership of over 200, we can do better than that. So mail in your ballot and be eligible to win a GREAT prize, which will be drawn at the annual meeting. You do not even have to be present to win. If you come to the meeting and have not voted yet, there will be voting table at the registration desk. Just pick up a ballot, fill it out, and put it in the ballot box before 10:30 am Monday, January 21. The

results will be announced at the business meeting. To be an eligible voter you must be a registered member, so make sure your dues are paid up. See you at the meeting.



CONTINUING EDUCATION 2002

BRUCE HYSMITH

This year we have lots of subjects suggested for continuing education. Two courses have already been confirmed. To begin with we have "Stream Discharge Measurements", a hands-on course on a living stream taught by Kenny Saunders, TPWD Resource Protection Division, San Marcos. This will be a two-hour course taught twice. It will begin at 1pm and conclude at 3pm, then begin again at 3pm and conclude at 5pm. (In plenty of time for the student mixer.) Next we have "Water Quality Measuring", again, a hands-on course in real water taught by Randy Rushing, a tech rep for YSI. You will be exposed to all of the water quality measuring devices in Randy's arsenal. It will begin at 2pm and conclude at 3pm, then repeat and conclude at 4pm. Three other topics which have been suggested include: "Discharges Into Streams, What to Look For"; "Fish Diseases" (including a discourse on *Prymnesium parvum*); and a class dedicated to LMBV. Five classes may however overfill our plate. With three classes, attendees would have the opportunity to attend two of three

classes. I am in a quandary about having five classes, but I will bow to consensus. So, let me hear from you folks (903-786-2389 or fisheries@texoma.net). I will say this years meeting is shaping up to be a golly whopper. We will be located on the Llano River with plenty of ambience. Our little minds should be just like sponges, ready to soak up lots of learning. Don't forget, drop me a note and let me know how you feel about five classes. See you in Junction.

Newsletter Editor Thanks You

By
Robert Mauk

I wish to thank all of you who have gone to the trouble of sending me current e-mail addresses so that you can receive the newsletter announcement electronically and download the newsletter from the chapter's homepage. This is saving the chapter money and making my job easier and from the comments I've been receiving, the members like this also. For those of you still receiving a hard copy of the newsletter that would like to begin receiving it electronically, please send your e-mail address. Some of you are probably receiving a hard copy and wondering why. This is because your e-mail was entered wrong in the database. A missing number, misspelled word, or transposed letters played havoc with the first e-mailing. It seems that the problem has now been corrected for the most part. About twenty members moved from hard copies to electronic versions this last quarter. Over a year, the savings will start adding up. So thank you to those who took the time to contact me. To those who haven't contacted me yet, what's your problem? There are 84 current members that I don't have e-mail addresses for. Please help the chapter and send them to me.



Welcome New Members

Please join me in welcoming Katherine Ramos, Danny Evanicky, Jesse Shuck, Robin Riechers, and William Daily as the newest member to TCAFS.



See you at Junction, Jan 20-22, 2002. Don't forget! This scene of Junction was taken during the Jurassic Period.



**TEXAS CHAPTER WINS OUTSTANDING
CHAPTER AWARD!!**

Dick Luebke

At the annual business meeting of the Southern Division, American Fisheries Society held in Louisville, Kentucky on October 16, the Texas Chapter won the Outstanding Chapter Award for 2001. The chapter is no stranger to this award, having previously won it in 1995 and again in 1996. In his summary of achievements that earned the chapter the award, Awards Committee Chair Gene Gilliland listed the following:

- Largest membership of any Southern Division chapter (over 200)
- 25th anniversary celebration at last annual meeting which also included technical sessions and continuing education
- Publication of annual proceedings which is sanctioned by the parent Society as citable, peer-reviewed literature
- Publication of 4 newsletters/year as well as an excellent Internet website
- Assistance with formation of a student subunit
- Giving of four \$500 scholarships with funds from a special endowment fund

- Revision of Farm Pond Stocking Assessment and Management Recommendations publication, including making it web-based
- Recognition of outstanding achievements of chapter members
- Particularly active Issues Committee

By winning the award, the Texas Chapter is automatically considered, along with the winners from the other parent Society divisions, for the Outstanding Chapter Award at the society level. Congratulations to the Texas Chapter for another job well done!



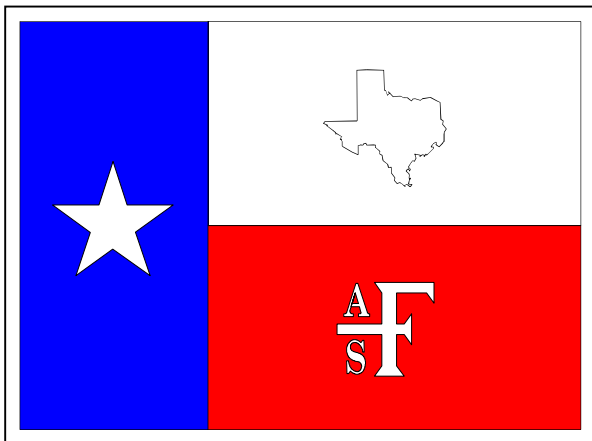
Bill Provine, left, accepts the Southern Division, American Fisheries Society's 2001 Outstanding Chapter Award on behalf of the Texas Chapter from Gene Gilliland, Awards Committee Chair at the Division's annual business meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, October 16, 2001.

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.

**Next Newsletter submission deadline:
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Submissions are encouraged. Submit a hard copy or a .TXT file by mail or email to the editor at **maukrobert@hotmail.com**



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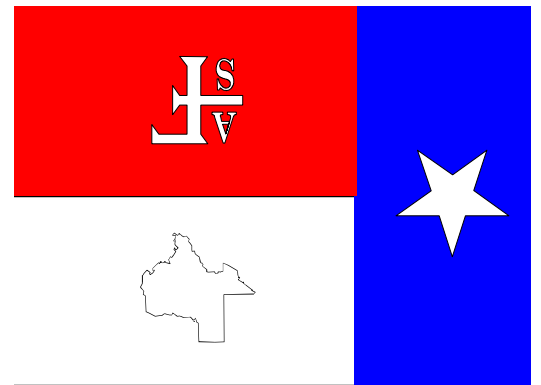
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