

2006 Tidewater Chapter Mid-Year EXCOM Meeting Minutes

President **Anthony Overton** began the meeting via teleconference at 2:45 pm, Tuesday, August 8, 2006 with a welcome and introductions. Attendees were Anthony Overton, Dewayne Fox, Stephanie McInerny, Bob Murphy, Jim Gartland, Charlton Godwin, Lisa Kerr, Becky Deehr, and Kelly Register. No minutes from the 2006 annual EXCOM meeting could be accounted for at this time.

2007 Annual Meeting Report:

Dewayne Fox commented on the approval granted to hold this year's annual meeting as a joint meeting with the Mid-Atlantic Chapter and mentioned that Rich Wong, the President-elect for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, was all for a joint meeting. Tentative dates for the 2007 annual meeting are February 1-3 including a Thursday night poster session, Friday night social, and talks on Saturday morning. Dewayne and Tim are currently drafting a contract with the Delaware Conference Center. Dogfish Head Brewery is the potential location for the meeting social on Friday night. Concern was expressed that with a joint meeting, organization may be a little more complicated but will allow for a lot more participation from other organizations such as Rutgers and Delaware Fish and Wildlife.

The suggestion was made to possibly include a Delaware member at large in the future. **Bob Murphy** offered his services in that position for now and with the annual meeting preparation.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was delivered by **Stephanie McInerny**. Current account totals were as follows,

Checking: \$ 2249.07
CD: \$ 3027.47
Total: \$ 5266.54.

The CD will mature on August 25, 2006. Once mature, the money in the CD will be pulled out and put into the current checking account or a new savings account.

Reimbursement for taxes paid to the Sheraton Hotel, during the 2006 annual meeting are in the process of being filed. Even though the Tidewater Chapter has federal nonprofit status, NC requires filing for separate nonprofit status in NC alone. This process involved sending a cover letter, articles of incorporation, and bylaws to NC Revenue department and then filing an E585 form. One person at NC Revenue stated that they do not think that Tidewater Chapter will qualify for NC nonprofit status so before the cover letter is sent out, it will be circulated among EXCOM members to ensure quality.

Becky Deehr motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Bob Murphy** seconded. The motion was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Member at Large Reports:

Maryland:

Bob reported that the Maryland member at large contact list has been updated. He also mentioned that the MD subunit will be having a party that will be elaborated on by Lisa Kerr. **Bob** offered to help Dewayne with planning of the 2007 annual meeting.

Virginia:

Jim reported that the Virginia member at large contact info has been updated. He also informed the EXCOM that he will no longer be able to serve at VA MAL due to work obligations. Jim currently has a replacement in mind but needs to know the rules for switching positions.

North Carolina:

Charlton reported also that the North Carolina member at large contact info has been updated.

Subunit Reports:

University of Maryland:

President **Lisa Kerr** reported their subunit was holding a "Bring your own species" BBQ in Annapolis on August 12, 2006 in order for the subunit to interact with other fisheries agencies and organizations and to possibly recruit new members by broadening their horizons. The subunit is also currently organizing their fall seminar schedule.

East Carolina University:

Co-presidents **Becky Deehr** and **Kelly Register** reported that the ECU subunit is currently working on finding guest speakers for monthly business meetings as well as organizing a Take a Kid Fishing day in Greenville. The subunit is trying to build up its undergraduate membership and working on organizing this year's Clean Sweep.

Anthony Overton mentioned that the ECU subunit was the recipient of two awards this year. They received the Southern Division Student Organization of the Year award as well as the Parent Society Outstanding Student Subunit Award. Congratulations!!!

University of North Carolina Wilmington:

Past President **Stephanie McInerny** reported that the UNCW subunit is finally official on campus and paperwork to be official with the Parent Society has been sent in. Revision of the Tidewater bylaws is all that needs to be done before the Society can vote on the issue. The UNCW subunit is also trying to schedule its monthly speakers and is working to organize an on-campus fishing tournament and River cleanup.

Duke University Subunit:

Anthony Overton reported that Aja Petterson has been working on getting their petition and list of officers ready to be submitted to the Parent Society.

Audit Committee:

Anthony mentioned the Audit committee. Most other EXCOM members were unaware of the presence of an audit committee. **Anthony** will be looking into the organization of one.

Procedural Manual for EXCOM Members:

Anthony reported that Stephanie has been working on updating the current Procedural Manual but more improvements need to be done.

New Business:

Anthony discussed the subject of all active subunits having a website. **Stephanie** reported that the UNCW subunit website was up and running but needed improvements. **Lisa** reported that the MD subunit website should be up soon. **Anthony** requested a link to the new websites to be sent to him.

The convenience of this meeting through teleconference was discussed and it was agreed upon that this meeting style was a success and that a future meeting should be scheduled before the 2007 annual meeting to include news from Hank Brooks, Aja Petterson, and more from Dewayne on the meeting preparations. The next teleconference is tentatively scheduled for late October or mid November.

Open Discussion:

Dewayne and **Stephanie** discussed whether or not Delaware students should be automatic members of Tidewater Chapter similar to other students that are members of an official subunit. There was some confusion during registration at the 2006 meeting in Atlantic Beach to whether these students needed to pay an extra seven dollars to be considered TWC members.

Stephanie made a motion to extend membership to Delaware students that attend the annual meetings. **Dewayne** seconded. The motion was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Becky brought up the issue of students working at the annual meeting for a reduced registration fee. It was discussed that the state holding the meeting will have the choice to grant reduced registration to students able to work at the meeting. Therefore, it's Dewayne's call whether or not to lower registration costs to a number of students at Delaware in return for helping at the meeting.

Adjourn:

Charlton Godwin motioned to adjourn at 3:39 pm. The motion was seconded by **Kelly Register**.