



Kansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

2021 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting
January 30, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Luke Kowalewski around 1:20pm.

Minutes for the 2020 meeting were reviewed individually.

Mark VanScoyoc moved to accept the minutes.

Susan Steffen seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Chapter Treasurer Vanessa Salazar discussed the 2020 treasurer's report.

Committee reports

Fundraising Committee Chair Jeff Conley provided a fundraising report – no fundraiser this year 2021, there was a refund received from KNRC, Vanessa Salazar did a donation tab on the chapters square site. Jeff Conley is stepping down as chair.

Membership Committee Chair Mark VanScoyoc, and Martha Mathers provided membership committee report - Nothing to add, trying to move forward with recruits from new universities.

Sean Lynott presented the scholarship winners -
Klaassen Scholarship (Aaron George)
Otto Tiemeier-Frank Cross Scholarship (Elizabeth Renner)

Nick Kramer and Connor Ossowski presented the communications report – update members list serve, develop communication plan to motivate chapter to post more content.

Student sub-unit report-

K-State – Aaron George did hands on with Ely Sprenkle at Pottawatomie #1, 5-year fish salvage at Tuttle Creek Reservoir with the Army Core of Engineers.

ESU- Katie Shrag ESU was unable to participate in any activities this year. They are working on officially becoming an AFS student Sub-unit in combination with wildlife students. With the transition of fisheries professors and construction of the aquatic research center, we are hoping to recruit and be involved in more fisheries-related activities

Resolutions Committee Chair report – Chapter should oppose a bill that threatens the Kansas Endangered Species Act

Old Business

Luke Kowalewski – Tri-state meeting cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. 2025 is the earliest date for tri-state meeting due to Midwest hosting being near in 2023.

CD fund update will be sent when received, the parent chapter had not completed the reports.

New business

Fundraising chair fill ins?

Awards Committee Chair Bryan Sowards presented the Past-President award to Susan Steffen for her efforts the past year. Best professional paper was awarded to James Whitney.

Best professional poster was awarded to Ernesto Flores. Best student poster was awarded to Kali Boroughs. Best student presentation was awarded to Crosby Hedden.

Election of new officers

There was only 1 candidate for each position, this is usually not the case. The chapter needs more active members.

Brett Miller new chapter president

Vanessa Salazar remains secretary treasurer

Bill Stark motioned to adjourn meeting.

Susan Steffen seconded adjourn.

Motion passed.