

NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We've passed the halfway point in the year, and the Texas Chapter has made significant progress toward our annual goals through the hard work of dedicated committee chairmen and members. The Pond Management Committee under Billy Higginbotham revised the Chapter's first Special Publication, STOCKING AND MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEXAS FARM PONDS. They did an excellent job, incorporating a regional guide to stocking throughout the state, and other new information. The Pond Management Committee would like to hear from you now. What should the Committee tackle next? Through the Committee, the Chapter has produced two outstanding publications in the past few years. Is there some other topic that would fit well into the same format? Suggestions to date include fish transport techniques, the use and management of supplemental forage species, and the use of commercial rations to enhance sportfish production. Or, would it be appropriate for the Committee to serve a research coordination function, similar to the Striped Bass and Reservoir Committees of the AFS an undertaking by various agencies and scientists to look at some common problems of statewide interest, such as reasonable targets for largemouth bass relative weights in small pond populations. Contact Billy or me if you have ideas to share, or if you would like to become involved in such activities.

Other Committees are also quite active. Dave Lee (Membership) is completing the transfer of the Membership Directory into a format compatible with almost any micro-computer that future chairmen will need to use. Additionally, we should have an index for the current directory available at this year's meeting. Jim Davis and the ad hoc Urban Fisheries Committee have been trying valiantly all year to line up sponsors and manpower for an urban fishing clinic. Things are finally starting to fall together, and hopefully the clinic will occur before our fall meeting. As always, the Awards (Bobby Whiteside) and Nominating (Jaime Geiger) Committees are hamstrung by a lack of nominations from the membership. Please, think about who in the Chapter deserves Award recognition or nomination for an office, and contact these Chairmen with your suggestions. The Editorial (Dick Luebke) and Newsletter (Tony Maciorowski) are always busy and would welcome your help. As the annual meeting approaches, activity in the Exhibits and Advertising (Bruce Hysmith) and Program (Joe Tomasso) assist in the important activities of all of these Committees. Remember, the Chapter can only remain a meaningful professional organization through the activities of its members.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Brian R. Murphy
President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

President Brian Murphy called the Texas Chapter AFS Executive Committee to order at 1:35 p.m. 24 Jun 1986, at Southwest Texas State University Aquatic Station, San Marcos, Texas. The members present constituted a quorum: Maury Ferguson, Jaime Geiger, Dick Luebke, Tony Maciorowski, Valerie Morrill, Brian Murphy, Joe Tomasso, and Bobby Whiteside.

- Treasury -- Valerie Morrill reported that the Chapter has \$2,417.09 in its Money Market account. There are currently 169 paid members. The EXCOM decided that a roster of nonrenewing 1985 members should be prepared for use by David Lee's Membership Committee.
- Membership Committee -- Brian Murphy reported for David Lee that a computerized list of TX AFS members has been completed. The EXCOM discussed applications to the "Directory of Texas Fisheries Workers".
- Editorial Committee -- Dick Luebke reported that the Editorial Committee has prepared a letter to the AFS Parent Society editors pending EXCOM approval. The letter requests clarification of the status of the Proceedings of TX AFS as a literature citation. The EXCOM approved the letter and additionally requested that the Editorial Committee obtain tentative clarification by telephone. The EXCOM feels that it is imperative that a final determination be received in time for the Chapter Annual Meeting.

Copies of "Proceedings VIII" will be ready for distribution at the Annual Meeting. It will contain a transcript of the panel discussion, abstracts and 4 papers. At present the panel transcript is complete, and the papers are under-going author revision.

- Urban Fisheries Committee -- Brian Murphy reported for Jim Davis that two scheduled events fell through, however a third tournament cosponsored by Zebco in Houston appeared to be a sure thing.
- Farm Pond Committee -- Brian Murphy reported for Billy Higginbotham that the revision project is complete, and the Farm Pond Committee is awaiting its next assignment. A notice of the Farm Pond Committee's recommendations for future topics was distributed. The EXCOM also suggested aquatic weeds and fish identification as possible topics.
- New Business -- Brian Murphy relayed a request from AFS Chapter Liaison, Toni Brome, for a list of AFS members interested in attending the Tackle Industry convention in Dallas. The EXCOM will contact possible interested individuals.

Brian Murphy delivered a request for donation to the Skinner Memorial Fund. Bobby Whiteside suggested the Chapter consider purchase of raffle tickets as the contribution. Maury Ferguson made a motion (Jaime Geiger seconded) that the Chapter purchase \$50 worth of raffle tickets as a donation to the Skinner Memorial Fund. The motion carried.

Joe Tomasso made a motion (Tony Maciorowski seconded) to adjourn. The motion carried. Brian Murphy adjourned the meeting of the TX AFS EXCOM at 4:12 p.m., 24 Jun 1986.

- Nominating Committee -- Jaime Geiger reported that no nominations were received from the membership. Nominating Committee recommendations for President-elect are Ed Hegen, Larry McEachron, Bob Colura, Billy Higginbotham, and Dick Luebke.

- Awards Committee -- Bobby Whiteside reported that no awards nominations were received from the membership. The Awards Committee has prepared draft guidelines for presenting publication awards. The EXCOM discussed conflicts with existing Chapter resolutions. Joe Tomasso made a motion (Dick Luebke seconded) to table guidelines presented by the Awards Committee. The motion carried. The EXCOM recommended that the newsletter contain a notice of previous awards recipients to assist members in preparing awards nominations.
- Program Committee -- Joe Tomasso reported on Annual Meeting specifics. These are included elsewhere in the newsletter.
- Newsletter Committee -- Tony Maciorowski reported that the newsletter was issued in March. The next issue will be distributed in August highlighting information relevant to the upcoming Annual Meeting.
- Advertising & Exhibits Committee -- No report.

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

The annual meeting will be held in San Marcos at Southwest Texas State University on October 31 (Friday) and November 1 (Saturday). Registration will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the San Marcos Room of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Student Center, and the meeting will begin at 1:00 in the Chautauqua Room of the Student Center.

- Schedule of Events -- The annual business meeting and a panel discussion on "red drum biology and management in Texas" will both take place during Friday afternoon. A beer and barbeque social on the San Marcos River is scheduled for Friday evening. Contributed papers will be presented on Saturday morning. The meeting will adjourn between 11:00 and 12:00 on Saturday.
- Parking -- While most universities have a parking problem, SWTSU can boast of a truly monumental problem. For that reason, a shuttlebus will be run between the hotels listed below and the student center on Friday. The shuttle will also pick people up at the Bobcat Stadium eastern bus shelter (see map). People wishing to ride the shuttle need to be in front of their hotel lobby at 11:30, 12:00 or 12:30 on Friday. People driving government vehicles may park them in front of the Aquatic Station (see map); however, space is limited so please bring as many people as possible per vehicle. Campus parking will be available on Saturday morning.
- Social -- The social will be held at the National Guard Armory just across the river from the main campus. People may walk from the meeting or ride the shuttle. The shuttle will also take anyone back to the hotels who wish to change clothes prior to the social. The shuttle will take people back to their hotels after the social. The San Marcos police department was an aggressive anti DWI policy. Anyone wishing to enjoy themselves (in an ethanolic sense) at the social should plan on using the shuttle to get back to their hotel.
- Expenses -- The social cost is \$7.00 per person. Annual dues are now \$8.00 (student dues are \$5.00). Both may be paid at registration.
- Hotels -- The following hotels, except for the Aquarena Springs Inn, are located on I-35 at the Aquarena Springs Drive exit (exit 206). They are about 2 miles from the University and the shuttle bus will stop at the offices of these hotels. Note: This is a Wurstfest weekend in New Braunfels to make your hotel reservations early.

Motel 6 (512)353-7787	1 person \$24 2 people \$28
Aquarena Springs Inn (512)396-8901	1 person \$35 2 people \$50
University Inn (512)396-6060	1 person \$30 2 people \$34
Stratford House (512)396-3700	1 person \$35 2 people \$39
Homeplace Inn (512)396-0400	1 person \$28 2 people \$33

LAST CALLS BEFORE ANNUAL MEETINGS

- Last Call for Officer Nominations -- Nominations for 1987 President-elect should be forwarded to Jaime Geiger, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744. (512)479-4859).
- Last Call for Award Nominations -- The 1985 recipients included Drs. Connie Arnold and Donald Wohlschlag, respectively, for research and education awards. If no membership response is received the awards will not be presented. Nominations should be forwarded to Bobby Whiteside, Aquatic Station, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666. (512)245-2284.
- Last Call for Papers -- Abstracts of papers for the meeting should be forwarded to Joe Tomasso, Aquatic Station, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666. (512)245-2284.
- News Items for November Newsletter -- Bring with you to the Annual Meeting or forward to Tony Maciorowski, or Anne Arzapalo, Star Route Box 385, Palacios, TX. (512)972-5483; Bruce Hysmith, Route 4, Denison, TX 75020; Carl O'Kelly, Dundee Fish Hatchery, Route 1, Electra, TX 76360. Deadline for receipt of materials is NOV 15.

PUBLICATION NEWS

The Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies has instituted a trial policy for one year to allow non-state employees to obtain copies of the annual proceedings. Meeting attendees will be allowed to include a \$19.00 prepayment charge as part of the registration costs. Please take advantage of this trial policy, so that it will be continued. In the past, it has proven difficult for non-state agency personnel to obtain copies of this important publication.

The North Central Division of AFS has published its 7th Special Publication entitled "The Paddlefish: Status, Management and Propagation. Should you be interested in obtaining this definitive work on the "spoonbill cat" send a \$9.00 check made payable to North Central Division/American Fisheries Society to Joe Dillard, Missouri Department of Conservation, 1110 College Ave., Columbia, MO 65201.

MEMBER NEWS

Robert J. Kemp, Director of Fisheries for TPWD, and a former recipient of the outstanding Fisheries worker award presented by the Texas Chapter will be retiring August 31, 1986. Bob's contributions to Fisheries in the State of Texas are well known, and will be sorely missed.

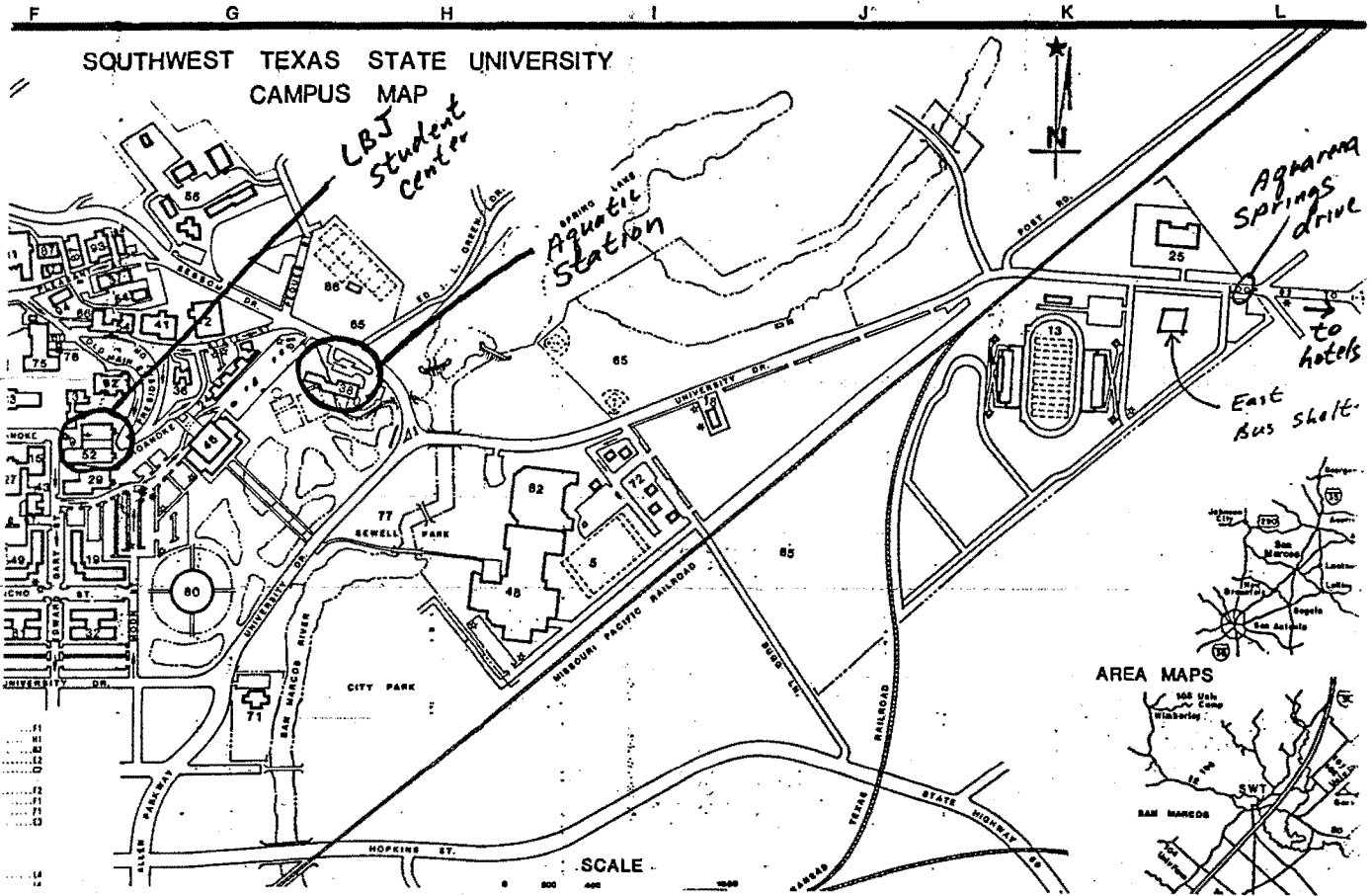


**LATE REGISTRATION &
SCHEDULE CHANGES
GRADUATION**

JUNE 9

**JULY 15
AUG. 15/16**

Schedule changes (add/drops) must be processed in Gym D, Strahan Coliseum, even if no fee is involved, by 4 p.m. on the day indicated.



TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

ENCLOSE \$5.00 FOR REGULAR OR \$4.00 FOR STUDENT

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO TX CHAPTER - AFS

MAIL CHECK AND THIS FORM TO: VALERIE MORRILL
 1102 S. 7th St.
 COPPERAS COVE, TX 76522