



President's Blog: November 2017 Mark Pyron

Thanks for electing me your AFS NCD President and thanks to Past-President Sandy Clark-Kolaks and officers for a solid NCD. My goals this year are to continue the excellent work of previous officers and maintain communication among officers and with members.

Get Involved!

My impression of the NCD is that there are many incredible people with talents and energy. If you know these people, please ask them to become more active in the NCD and to share their experience. An additional goal I have is to encourage student members to speak up and get involved in AFS and the NCD. My experience with AFS is that a large proportion of successful professionals were active in subunits, chapters, divisions, and / or national AFS during their career. I recommend that students introduce themselves to professionals in industry, with agencies, and academics at conferences and ask about their AFS experiences.

Share your knowledge!

Is your state chapter or student subunit doing exciting or innovative activities? Please send descriptions to Jeremy Tiemann jtiemann@illinois.edu and he can include that information into the NCD Mainstream Newsletter. Do you have photographs to go with your descriptions? Please include them! If you have not read the recent Mainstream Newsletter it is available at the NCD website: <https://ncd.fisheries.org/newsletters/>

Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference 2018

Are you looking forward the 2018 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference in Milwaukee? Organizers are busy creating a meeting that will entertain you. There are 11 half-day symposia and four full day symposia. Registration is open at this website: <http://www.midwestfw.org/html/registration.shtml> Students can register for \$125 before Dec 15!