



North Central Division American Fisheries Society

Esocid Technical Committee



Chair – Keith Koupal: Nebraska GPC (keith.koupal@nebraska.gov)
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Chair Elect – TBD (see agenda)

Sunday, January 27, 2019 2019 Winter Business Meeting Agenda

Joint Committee Meeting with Walleye and Centrarchid committees; Cleveland, Ohio

Meeting Place: Veterans Meeting Room C/D, Hilton Cleveland Downtown
Meeting Time: 2:30-4:30pm (Eastern time)
Moderating in Chair Koupal’s stead: Curtis Wagner (ODNR)

Agenda

- Call to order

Attendees: Nick Haunert (Indiana), Janice Kerns (Ohio), Jordan Weeks (Wisconsin), and Curt Wagner (Ohio).

Approval of Summer Business Meeting minutes (see ETC webpage / handout)

Reviewed and approved unanimously

- Budget

2018				
ETC	Description	Expenses	Deposits	Balance
1-Jan				\$5,000.28
4-May	plaque	\$25.00		
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31-Dec		\$25.00	\$0.00	\$4,975.28

Budget reviewed. Thanks to Drew Holloway (NCD, Indiana) for budget status. Current funds = \$4,975.28.

- Old Business
 - State ETC Reports (handout / in-person updates)
 - Complete summary of state reports will be completed and included electronically with the minutes following the meeting

Nick briefly discussed Indiana's update, Curt discussed Ohio's update, and Jordan committed to providing Wisconsin's update electronically. Jordan asked for Ohio's specs on PIT tag antenna systems below reservoir spillways; Curt will facilitate this information exchange to Jordan.

- Discussion of Esocid(s) Symposium at AFS 2020 – Columbus OH (Kovacs / et al)

The idea of having an ETC sponsored symposium at AFS 2020 in Columbus was discussed. Jordan reminded the group that Muskies, Inc. is a key player (among other groups) in the roughly every decade frequency of an international muskie symposium (most recent = 2016 Minneapolis). He suggested that this time frame is appropriate for key new findings with a long-lived spp and that we want to keep fostering this partnership with Muskies, Inc. and other clubs. It was suggested that an ETC-sponsored symposium at AFS 2020 might not necessarily include publication, but rather a fulcrum for ETC to highlight the entire Esocidae family, stressing that talks submitted are not entirely muskellunge focused. Cory Kovacs contributed this as an agenda item and was also delegated to lead the charge (albeit without his consent) at the July 26, 2018 ETC meeting; so possibly he would like to chair this? If not, Curt will be highly involved in AFS 2020 planning and noted he'd be willing to shepherd this symposium idea along, but also very fine to have someone else lead this. Symposium should be discussed further at ETC Summer meeting including identifying/confirming Cory as symposium chair and a more focused dialogue of scope and theme.

The idea of a travel award (~\$500) was suggested, open to students and professionals, for travel to said Esocid symposium and to promote a diversity and volume of submissions. A set of judging criteria could be established, and award selected from submitted abstracts. Again, this can be discussed when (hopefully) a larger group of ETC members convene this summer.

- New Business
 - Update ETC state reps on NCD webpage: inventory by state w/ contact info

With only 3 states represented at present meeting, little movement was made on this topic. It is suggested that when Keith distributes these meeting minutes to membership he includes in the email a highlighted action item for each state to review their ETC state rep and update/confirm current name and contact information. In situations where we don't have a current ETC rep listed or know the one listed isn't still involved, we can reach out to the state AFS Chapter leadership. This will be assembled by Keith and forwarded to ETC web representative.

- Others from the floor?

No other topics submitted/discussed from the floor.

- Membership
 - 2020 Chair Elect
 - Would be installed January 2020 at Midwest FWC in Illinois
 - A 1- or 2-year term
 - 2021 Midwest FWC is scheduled for Minnesota

- Ideally would find someone in the central part of the ETC region for the 2020 and/or 2020-2021 ETC Chair role

Next two Midwest Conferences will be Springfield, IL and then Minneapolis, MN. It was discussed that it would be ideal to have the incoming chair (Jan 2020, Springfield) be either an IL or MN person or someone from fairly close to these locations for highest likelihood of attending the annual business meetings. A call can be put out to the membership for volunteers. Jordan said that he would be willing to take his turn at some point and could step into the Chair-elect role if no one else from the membership (notably IL or MN) desired or came forward. Both Nick and Curt also said they see themselves eventually taking a turn but currently Nick expressed out-of-state travel permission concerns and Curt suggested he would rather wait until after he carries out his involvement with AFS 2020 in Columbus, Ohio.

- Certificate of Appreciation to Past-Chair Janice Kerns

Janice was thanked for her service and made aware that a certificate of appreciation should be arriving at her office in short order. Thanks Janice!

- Adjourn