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President's Message

Fall is already here and things are in high gear with new activities highlighted in this issue of BRIEFS.

Symposium Update: The symposium is an important event for AIFRB. I really encourage you to attend if at all possible. We have a great preliminary list of speakers and financial support from a number of agencies and private organizations. So we hope you will really support the symposium as well. See the article in this BRIEFS and the www.aifrb.org for more details. For student AIFRB members, the AIFRB Research Assistance Award could help provide some funding to attend the symposium (see web site for more information or contact jault@rsmas.miami.edu).

Awards: Congratulations to Dr. Richard Krause, George Mason University, on winning the W.F. Thompson Award for 2004 publication. Nominations are now open until April, 2007 for student papers published in 2005. Send your nominations to William Bayliff (wbyliff@iattc.org); details regarding nominations are on the AIFRB website.

A committee has been set up to develop the guidelines for the new Kasahara Early Career Award. Steve Cadrin, New England District Director, agreed to chair the committee.

See you in Seattle in February!

Linda

And Congratulations! New President-Elect! Congratulations, Dick Beamish

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Richard (Dick) Beamish, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, has been elected President-Elect of AIFRB. He will begin his responsibilities immediately and become President of AIFRB in September 2008 at the annual Board of Control Meeting. We look forward to Dick's leadership in building the organization for the future. He has broad experience and scientific excellence to bring to this new role and we are excited about working with him. Please welcome Dick to his new position.

We also want to thank Dr. Jerry Ault for agreeing to running for this position. We appreciate all his hard work for our organization over the years.

Good Science Rewarded: W.F. THOMPSON AWARD FOR 2004 Awarded to Dr. Richard T. Kraus

Richard T. Kraus, a recent graduate of the University of Maryland, is the winner of the W.F. Thompson Award for the best student paper published in 2004. His paper, Dynamics of white perch *Morone americana* population contingents in the Patuxent River estuary, Maryland, USA, was published in Marine Ecology Progress Series, Volume 279, pages 247-259. It was co-authored with Dr. David H. Secor of the University of Maryland.

The W.F. Thompson Award is given for the best student paper on freshwater or marine biological resource problems published in a peer reviewed journal. The papers are reviewed and evaluated by fisheries professionals on the contribution to

fishery science, originality of the research, and presentation of the research and results. Dr. Kraus' paper received high scores in all of those categories. One reviewer said, "I thought this paper was exceptional. Very well written, comprehensive and addressing interesting questions regarding age class strength in estuarine fishes. The findings offered lots of potential for additional research in this area and offered an alternative explanation for a very common and misunderstood phenomenon." Another reviewer commented, "This paper did an excellent job of determining the contribution of both life history strategies and the contribution each make to the population. It was very well thought out and used many different techniques to get at their answer and justify their methods, so their results seem very sound."

Dr. Kraus is currently an assistant professor in the Environmental Science and Policy Department at George Mason University. He is now completing the following projects that he first undertook as a post-doctoral fellow at Texas A. and M. University:

Determining movements of blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) in the Gulf of Mexico from pop-up archival tag data on light intensity, depth and temperature; assessing offshore banks in the Gulf of Mexico as nurseries for snappers and groupers; and developing chemical tracers in otoliths to understand movements and habitat use in southern flounder (*Paralichthys lethostigma*).

The membership of the AIFRB is grateful to the fisheries scientists who used their valuable time to review these papers. They did an excellent job of reviewing and evaluating all the submitted papers.

Nominations of student papers for the W.F. Thompson Award for 2005 (to be awarded in 2007) are now being accepted. Send papers based on student research in freshwater and marine biological resource problems to Dr. William Bayliff, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, California, 92037-1508, USA. e-mail: wbayliff@iattc.org. The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2007. Papers must be published in peer reviewed journals in 2005 to be qualified for the award. The award includes a cash award and one year membership in AIFRB.

50th Anniversary Symposium

“The Future of Fishery Science in North America”

February 13-15, 2007 Seattle Washington

www.aifrb.org

Have you registered yet? Submitted an abstract? Made your hotel reservations?

If your answer is no to any of these questions, visit the newly revised AIFRB website and do so. We hope you will join us in Seattle in February for this exciting symposium! Register now and save \$\$\$.

Below is a preliminary list of invited speakers for the symposium, who will present their views on the future of fisheries science. They are sure to present new and challenging ideas.

Convenors: **Richard Beamish** (Fisheries & Oceans Canada), **Linda Jones** (American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists), **Steven Murawski** (NOAA Fisheries), **Brian Rothschild** (School of Marine Science and Technology, UMass Dartmouth), **William Fox** (NOAA Fisheries) and **John Boreman** (NOAA Fisheries)

Keynote address:

Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister for Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Dr. Bill Hogarth, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA
Dr. Steve Murawski, Chief Science Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA.

Session 1, Management: research requirements—current successes and challenges

Co-chairs: James Balsiger and William Fox, Jr.

James Balsiger, NOAA Fisheries: Management: research requirements, current successes and challenges - the US experience

Invited speakers:

Management: Research requirements, current successes and challenges—the Canadian experience. Kevin Stringer, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Future research requirements for understanding the effects of climate variability on fisheries for their management. Frank Schwing, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries. Future research requirements for understanding the effects of fisheries on the genetics of populations as it affects their management. Robin Waples, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries. Future economic and social research requirements for improving the management of fisheries. Dale Squires, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries.

Session 2, Ecosystems

Co-chairs: Michael Fogarty and Jake Rice

Michael Fogarty, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries: Environment forcing of ecosystem dynamics and implications for ecosystem approach to management. Jake Rice, Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Spatial and habitat implications of ecosystem approach to management

Invited speakers: Trophodynamic implications of ecosystem approach to management. Mariano Koen-Alonso, Centro Nacional Patagónico Biodiversity. Jesse Ausubel, Rockefeller University. Marine and freshwater linkages. Phillip Levin, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries. Quantifying ecosystem goods and services. Ben Halpern, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Session 3, Ocean environment—ocean and climate influences

Co-chairs: Kenneth Drinkwater and Anne Hollowed

Kenneth Drinkwater, Bedford Institute of Oceanography: **title to be determined**. Anne Hollowed, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries: **title to be determined**

Invited speakers: Early life history response backups. Kevin Bailey, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries. Bottom-up vs. top-down. Kenneth Frank, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The future of fisheries science with respect to ocean and climate influences. Alec MacCall, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries. Long-term climate influences. James Overland, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, NOAA OAR

Session 4, Stock assessment

Co-chairs: Richard Methot and Robert Mohn

Richard Methot, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries and Robert Mohn, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Where we've been; where we're going

Invited speakers: Two-way link to ecosystem research. James Ianelli. Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries Space – the final frontier. Marc Mangel, University of California, Santa Cruz. Stock assessments: operational models or research projects? Robert O'Boyle, Title to be determined. Daniel Goodman, University of Montana.

Session 5, Technology

Co-chairs: D. Van Holliday and Kenneth Foote

D. Van Holliday, BAE Systems: **title to be determined**

Kenneth Foote, Woods Holes Oceanographic Institute: **title to be determined**

Invited speakers: Ecosystem modeling. Dr. Kevin Stokesbury, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Ecosystem technology. Dr. Olav Rune Godø. Institute of Marine Research. Platforms and observatories. Stephen. B. Brandt, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, NOAA. Genetic methods. Lorenz Hauser, University of Washington

Co- Sponsors: NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service and Sea Grant; Fisheries and Oceans Canada; North Pacific Research Board; AIFRB.



Treasurer Allen Shimada (r) accepts from President Jones the certificate signifying the AIFRB Distinguished Service Award for 2005. The award recognizes Allen's assiduous and truly exceptional performance as treasurer.

Website Confirms Evolution, Darwin Wins Another One New website: www.aifrb.org

Frequent and sometime visitors to AIFRB's Virtual Home will note the almost daily changes to the homepage, largely driven by the requirements of our 50th Anniversary Symposium Registration Site. Looking back on its evolution, the genesis of the AIFRB website dates from Michael Hinton's registration of our domain name, *www.aifrb.org*. The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission has provided generous support from its host server for a number of years. We greatly appreciate their support. A significant step forward in organization of the Institute's major subject areas, and importantly, the creation of the new 'look and feel' was initiated this year. This project was possible only from the hard work and artistic talents of Student Associate, Kim Anthony, from Ray Wilson's lab at Cal State, Longbeach. Kim's work was instrumental in the improvement of the web page and we are very appreciative of her excellent work and outstanding efforts on the AIFRB web page.

As the web-based needs of the 50th Symposium became apparent to the Organizing Committee, Dr. Dave Somerton engaged Vickie Lingwood as a new programmer to write the dynamic program code that provides the critical functionality required of the symposium website. Their work resulted in online registration, payment, and account management functions. Before our next fiscal year-end, we anticipate a fully functional dynamic website that will permit members to make address changes, dues payments, and communicate with the BOC. The membership database will be integrated into the website, be able to generate the BRIEFS mailing list and to assist the day-to-day responsibilities of the Institute's officers and Committee Chairs. The website will have up to day information about nominations for awards, events and activities. Prospective members can review AIFRB's activities and make applications to membership.

Stay tuned, Linda Jones

Volunteers Needed

There are a number of opportunities for volunteers to help with various AIFRB activities. If you are interested in any of the following opportunities, contact the designated person or Linda Jones, President (ljones.wa@verizon.net)

- 1. Assistant to the Secretary:** The AIFRB Secretary has announced that she will be stepping down at the end of her term, which ends in September 2008. We would like to have someone work with her and learn the intricacies of this job. Some of the Secretary's duties are: Maintain all current records of the Institute; prepare notices of BOC and membership meetings for publication (in Briefs and web site); prepare the minutes of BOC and membership meetings; maintain a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Policy Statements and standing rules with any amendments to these documents properly recorded; assist the President in preparing the agenda for meetings; maintain a list of all standing committees and all special committees and keeps on file all committee reports; maintains a list of names, addresses, phone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses of all officials of the Institute, including District officials, terms of office, and distributes list to officers. Contact: Barbara Warkentine (Synodus@aol.com) for more information or to volunteer.
- 2. Computer Committee:** The AIFRB web page has been updated thanks to the efforts of Kim Anthony, CSULB, and Vickie Lingwood. The web site is becoming a major source of information about AIFRB and potentially will link to other fisheries and conservation information. We need to add members to this committee, particularly those who have computer talent, and/or web site ideas and expertise. Contact: Chair Neal Foster or Linda Jones.
- 3. 50th Anniversary Symposium:** Help is needed during the symposium for various activities: registration, setting up, preparing materials. Contact: Fred Utter to volunteer.

Be a volunteer: learn new skills, meet new people and support AIFRB.
Linda Jones

Losses

Kiyoshi George Fukano

(Not a Member but known to much of our membership)

Age 89, born in Seattle, September 24, 1916 and died September 10, 2006. Survived by wife, Yasuko; son, James; brothers, Frank (Micki) Fukano, Sequim, WA and Henry (Rose) Fukano, Seattle; many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by sisters, Mitsu Fukui and Toshiko Ishil. George graduated from the University of Washington, School of Fisheries 1939. He was employed as a Fisheries Biologist by the Fisheries Research Institute in Ann Arbor, Michigan from 1944-1964. In 1965, he returned to Seattle to work for the National Marine Fisheries Service as technical and managing editor of Fisheries Bulletin until his retirement in 1981. He was a lifetime member of the American Fisheries Society. During retirement he became an avid gardener. Attended classes at the Urban Horticulture Center to qualify as a Master Gardener. He was a member of the Japanese Garden Society and served as treasurer for the Japanese Bonsai Club. Private family services were held. Remembrances may be made to the University of Washington Foundation, School of Fisheries, Box 358240 Seattle, WA 98195 or to a charity of choice.

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September 4, 2006

Your Institute at Work!

Board of Control

Minutes

2006 Annual Meeting

Crown Plaza Hotel

Lake, Placid 9-10 September 2006

The 50th annual meeting of the Board of Control of the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists (AIFRB) was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Lake, Placid 9-10 on September 2006.

President Jones called the meeting to order at 0900 on Saturday, 9 September 2006.

Roll call and determination of quorum (Warkentine): The following Officers, Members of the Board of Control (BOC), Committee Chairs and/or Co-Chairs, and AIFRB members were attending:

Officers President Linda Jones, Past President Richard Schaefer, Past President Clark Hubbs, Secretary Barbara Warkentine, Treasurer Allen Shimada, Membership Chair Thomas Keegan; **District and Regional Directors** - Alaska & Western Canada, Southeast Alaska Bruce Wing, SW States & Mexico, Northern California Thomas Keegan for M. McGowan, Northeastern States & Eastern Canada, Keystone Joseph Rachlin, New England Steven Cadrin, Southeast States & Eastern Mexico, Florida Thomas Schmidt, **Member** Douglas Vaughan.

President's Report (Jones): President Jones received a letter of thanks from Jack Helle. Jack indicated that he was overjoyed at receiving the AIFRB Distinguished Service Award and that this award meant a lot to him. AIFRB is very important to him and he plans on becoming more active.

President Jones reviewed her actions since assuming the Presidency after the last BOC meeting. She welcomed three new District Directors to the BOC. Letters of congratulations were sent to all AIFRB award recipients. The position of AFS-AIFRB liaison has been filed. The web-page has been completely redesigned thanks to Kim Anthony's hard work. The 50th Anniversary Celebration is moving along nicely.

President Jones extended her thanks to the BOC for their support in helping her during her first year as President.

Secretary's Report (Warkentine):

a. Minutes of 2005 BOC meeting (Anchorage, Alaska) were approved: On a *motion*, by Director Rachlin.

Secretary Warkentine announced that the election process for President-elect was underway and thanked all involved for their assistance.

Secretary Warkentine announced that she plans to give up the position of Secretary in the not too distant future (*Ed Note: What a loss!*). She would like to have a candidate for this position in place before the next President takes over. She has been doing this job for 10 years and feels that there is a need for a change.

Treasurer's Report (Shimada)

a. State of the Treasury: Treasurer Shimada's report, which reflects the period from 9/1/05 – 8/31/06, was distributed for review by the BOC. At the close of this period the total income was \$24,333.79. Total expenses for the period were \$23,436.88. This yielded a positive balance of \$896.91. The balance brought forth from last year was \$3,324.83. Thus the Institute's cash revenue, at the end of this fiscal year, stands at \$4,221.74. As of 31 Aug 2006 the Smith Barney – Capital Fund (market value \$83,651.86) and the FBR – Founders Fund (market value \$38,280.80) representing a combined value of \$121,932.66. This value combined with cash on hand in these funds (\$1,285.35) yields a total of \$123,218.01. This represents a \$14,671.22 increase from fiscal year-end 2005.

A *motion*, by Director Rachlin, to accept the Treasurer's report was unanimously **approved** by the BOC.

b. Delinquent members: Treasurer Shimada pointed out that the dues increase has kept us level but didn't increase our revenue. At the close of the books on 31/Aug/2006 dues revenue stood at \$15,334.92. If all members were in good standing this item would be \$18,000. He pointed out that approximately 100 Emeritus Members will be lost to the Institute as a result of the new dues structure. President Jones expressed the need to recruit new members. She also reported that she sent letters to emeritus members informing them of the new dues structure. Letters were also sent to delinquent members informing them that they would be dropped from membership, in accordance with our bylaws policy, if they did not pay their arrears dues. Treasurer Shimada expressed the importance of maintaining a physical presence between the President and the membership in helping to keep members in good standing.

c. Advice from Capital Management Committee: Member Weststad continues to Chair this committee. No formal report was given.

d. Founders Fund: Treasurer Shimada reported that dividends generated from the Founders Fund will not be reinvested but will be held as a cash reserve. These funds can then be used for the Thompson Award, symposia, and/or receptions.

e. Outlook for 2006-2007: President Jones asked "How can we make the job of the Treasurer easier?" One suggestion is to have better coordination between the Treasurer, Membership Chair, and BRIEFS with regard to the membership roles. The web-site might provide the best means for coordinating information among these three parties.

Chair Keegan suggested that if revenues allow we might want to have a reception at the 2007 BOC meeting in San Francisco as this will be a well attended meeting ripe for recruiting. It was also suggested by the BOC that we might want to consider having a hospitality suite for the reception. President Jones stated that we need to get a budget in place for action items for 06/07 so that we know or at least have an idea of our fiscal needs. Treasurer Shimada informed the BOC that we have to place in that budget: 1) \$1,200 for Outstanding Achievement Award plaques; 2) \$450 for the cost of running the President-Elect election; and 3) \$450 for dues mailing. To save cost in mailing items to the membership, Treasurer Shimada suggested that he can incorporate into the dues mailing items from the BOC. A letter from President Jones announcing the Symposium in Seattle will be included along with an announcement from Chair Keegan regarding the 2007 San Francisco Meeting of AIFRB.

f. Adoption of Authorization for Treasurer (Fiscal 06-07):

A *motion*, by Director Rachlin, to authorize the Treasurer, Allen Shimada, to conduct business for the forthcoming fiscal year 2006-2007 (from the AIFRB Annual Meeting in 2006 to the AIFRB Annual Meeting in 2007), was **seconded** and unanimously **approved** by the BOC.

Report of Membership Committee (Keegan):

a. Results for 2006: Chair Keegan reported that there were 15 new members this year. It was the first year, however, in which there were no new members in the Northern California area. Chair Keegan pointed out that the location of the recruitment table at the annual meeting may play a part in how much interest we receive. Alaska wasn't as fruitful as was Madison, although Director Wing was happy to note that there were three new members from Alaska, two from the north and one from the south.

b. Recommendations and plans for 2007: The BOC reviewed the membership brochure. Chair Keegan informed the BOC that there is now a Spanish version. Chair Keegan will set up a committee to work on a more attractive brochure in time for the San Francisco meeting.

BOC members suggested that Chair Keegan write a piece for BRIEFS which would include: 1) requirements for membership and promotion, 2) a short bio on each Committee member and the Chair, and 3) a request for members to review their membership

status.

The BOC agreed that every issue of BRIEFS should have a Membership Section that would include such items as: highlights of fellows, a list of new members, and promotions. Director Rachlin will join the Membership Committee and has agreed to work with Chair Keegan on items for BRIEFS. Chair Keegan will draft a letter from the Membership Chair to individuals that have been nominated for membership. Treasurer Shimada also suggested that we encourage individuals that are working on the Celebration 2006 Symposium to encourage them to join AIFRB. Chair Keegan will act on this.

Report of W.F. Thompson Award Committee (Jones for Bayliff):

a. Award recipient and plans for presenting the award: President Jones acknowledged the great job that Chair Bayliff did in setting up the committee to review papers for this award.

This year the committee selected Richard T. Kraus to receive the 2007 W.F. Thompson Award for his paper entitled "*Dynamics of white perch, *Morone americana* population contingents in the Patuxent River Estuary, Maryland, USA.*" published in Mar. Ecol. Prog. Ser., 279:247-259 (2004). Co-authoring with R. Kraus is David H. Secor.

President Jones will send a letter of congratulations along with the check, certificate, and an invitation to join AIFRB.

Award winners will receive BRIEFS at no cost for one year. District Directors will be notified of winners that reside in their districts so that he/she can contact them.

Report of Research Assistance Award Committee (Jones for Ault):

There were four award recipients this year.

The Committee's full report is presented in BRIEFS, July-August, 2006

Report of Outstanding Achievement Awards Committee (Jones for Williams):

a. Nominations (individual) for 2006: The BOC unanimously voted to award the 2007 Outstanding Achievement Award to Dr. Peter Moyle. The presentation will be made at the 2007 BOC meeting in San Francisco.

b. Nominations (group) for 2006: The committee did not have any candidates to present to the BOC for consideration in this category. President Jones asked the BOC to think of groups for consideration and to forward their nominations to the Committee.

Distinguished Service Award (Sakagawa):

a. 2005 award presentation to Allen Shimada: President Jones presented Dr. Shimada with the Distinguished Service Award. Photos of the presentation were taken and the write-up (prepared by the Committee) will be forwarded to Editor Huntsman for inclusion in an upcoming issue of BRIEFS.

b. Committee (Sakagawa, Schaefer and Jones) to consider 2006 award:

The Committee voted to give the 2006 Distinguished Service Award to BRIEFS Editor Gene Huntsman for his service to AIFRB. (*Well, golly-gee and a sincere thank you. Ed.*)

Report on Briefs (Jones for Huntsman): President Jones indicated that every issue of BRIEFS should have a paragraph from every District. There is a need for more AIFRB news. The frequency of publishing BRIEFS was discussed. The BOC generally agreed that, since this is the only direct contact that we have with the membership, the frequency of six issues per year should remain the same.

Director Cadrin indicated that we might wish to look at the design of the newsletter. Make it more appealing. He has agreed to send ideas for upgrading to Editor Huntsman. (See full Editor's Report, BRIEFS July-August 2006).

Report on Productions (Merriner): Secretary Warkentine suggested reevaluation of the duties of the Productions Editor given that many of the jobs formally done by the editor are now done by other committees (e.g. brochures-Membership Chair, mailing labels & postage – Coastal Press).

Merriner reported stated the postal bulk mail permit was renewed.

Report on Web Page Project (Jones): Production of the web-site involved needs for more help of monetary support for assistance, and security of the server. Government sites are not secure enough. They can't handle items such as symposium/meeting registration.

A *motion*, by Director Cadrin, to budget \$1500 - \$2000 per year for web support and if more is needed that the BOC be consulted, was **seconded** and unanimously **approved** by the BOC.

David Somerton will work with Shimada to implement the move and be a member of the web-page committee. The move to a new server should be completed within 2-3 weeks and will free Kim Anthony from the day to day web-site maintenance, while allowing her to concentrate on the major aspects of the site.

District sites should reflect the Districts' activities. It was suggested that they look at the Southern California as a model.

The BOC discussed a standard format for District postings. President Jones will ask the Web-page committee to develop standard guidelines for postings on District sites.

Selected Reports on District Activities (Directors):

Written reports, provided by District Directors, are presented in Appendices J through S and are not repeated here.

Northwest Washington: Director Myers reported much activity on the AIFRB 50th Anniversary symposium including local arrangements (*i.e.* housing, evening social).

Northern California: Director McGowan reported active participation in AIFRB District sponsored events. For the sixth year the District sponsored and organized the judging of student presentations and posters at the 2006 *Cal-Neva Chapter Annual Meeting of AFS*. Twenty three student papers were judged and six awards were presented. The District currently has \$1571.58 in its treasury.

Southern California: Director Wilson reported three meetings with good attendance and continued sponsorship of its “Best Student Paper in Fishery Biology” Award Program. One award was given at the Western Society of Naturalists meeting and one at the Southern California Academy of Science.

South Central Great Lakes: Director Passino-Reader reported that five special awards were presented at the 48th Annual Southeastern Michigan Science Fair. District members judged student projects. The District currently has \$127.52 in its treasury.

Capital: Director Panek reported updating the district’s web page.

Keystone: Director Rachlin reported an election successful launch of its web page, and a luncheon meeting and recruitment drive at the State Museum in Albany.

New England: Director Cadrin reported a planned joint meeting with the AFS - Southern New England Region. AIFRB would provide the keynote address speaker.

Florida: Director Schmidt reported that due to a rather extensive hurricane season last year planned presentations were put on hold. He has also discovered that he has had more success with daytime meetings rather than nighttime ones.

Candidates for the now vacant Oregon area were considered. President Jones will contact them.

Regional Directors are to design posters for their respective Districts for the San Francisco Meeting.

Project Reports:

a. Celebration 2006 (Jones): President Jones reported that we are making significant progress and distributed the symposium flier to the BOC. Larger poster versions of the flier were displayed throughout the AFS meeting areas. A new logo for the symposium was designed.

President Jones will open the symposium with a brief history of AIFRB. There are five session topics which are as follows: Management: research requirements—current successes and challenges; Ecosystems; Ocean environment—ocean and climate influences; Stock assessment; and Technology. Director Cadrin indicated that we might get more abstracts submitted if the proceedings are published.

The meeting hotel is the Red Lion Inn near the convention center. One hundred rooms are guaranteed. We must use 20% of these or we will be charged for all. We also guaranteed \$18,000 in food usage.

There will be a poster venue for student presentations.

There are a number of sponsors for the symposium. The help of all BOC members is needed to help secure more sponsors. A grant for \$30,000 has been secured and another for \$15,000 looks promising.

b. Biographies of Founders (Warkentine): Secretary Warkentine reported that she has complete bios for 11 founders with pictures for five of these. Biographies of 15 founders remain to be done. Director Cadrin has agreed to write up bios for Lagler and Walford.

c. Proposal for Founders Fund (Shimada): Treasurer Shimada distributed, for BOC review and action, a proposal prepared by G. Sakagawa, V. Weststad, and A. Shimada. The proposal is to use Founders Fund resources for an award that will be called the “Kasahara Early Career Award.” The intent is to grant one \$2,500 award in its first year. After reviewing the criteria the BOC recognized the need to clarify what is meant by a “young scientist” and the composition of the committee. Regarding the “young scientist” issue the proposal will make no reference to youth or age but will focus on time since terminal degree and will read as follows: “*The Kasahara Award is intended to recognize the Institute’s most promising scientists (no more than 7 years post Ph.D.) early in their research careers....*” With regard to the committee structure the document will now read: “*The committee is comprised of five individuals appointed by the President.*” The BOC agreed that the committee should have balanced representation from academic institutions and agencies.

A *motion*, by Treasurer Shimada, to accept “The Founders Fund – Kasahara Early Career Award” and to establish the Committee, was **seconded** and unanimously **approved** by the BOC.

President Jones will inform Mrs. Kasahara and invite her to one of the receptions in Seattle where the formal announcement of this award will be made. The award itself will be made to the recipient at the AIFRB social in San Francisco, site of the 2007 BOC meeting.

New Business:

Electronic journal: Director Cadrin presented Kevin Friedland's proposal for the initiation of an AIFRB e-journal. The BOC supported the idea. It was agreed that the BOC needed to address the cost options presented in the proposal. The BOC agreed that the journal must pay for itself with at least a small overage to cover inflation.

The following ***motion***, was presented by Director Cadrin. *The BOC authorizes a peer-reviewed e-journal for the Institute. The BOC selects an Editor for the journal to serve for a three year term. The Editor is authorized to select an editorial board with overlapping terms of three years. The Editor has final approval of the journal contents, and may authorize members of the editorial board to make approval decisions. The journal will provide an outlet for research, methods, and topical discussion relevant to the mission of the Institute. The Institute was founded to promote the conservation and proper utilization of fishery resources through application of fishery science. The Institute pursues this goal through advancing the theory, practice, and application of fishery biology and of related sciences, by maintaining and promoting high professional standards of conduct for practitioners of fishery science, and by recognizing outstanding achievement and competence by fishery scientists. The journal shall be an open access journal available only as electronic files via the World Wide Web. The Editor will report annually on the progress of the journal at the annual BOC meeting.*

*The cost of the journal will be recovered via a word charge to authors. Once a paper is accepted for publication, the Editor will issue a bill to the author that must be paid to the Treasurer before publication. The Editor will send journal costs to the Treasurer for payment. Page charge rate to the author will exceed the page charge cost to the journal by 25%. The **motion** was **seconded** and unanimously **approved** by the BOC.*

Kevin Friedland has volunteered to serve as Editor. Ellen Martinson expressed interest in reviewing papers.

Proposed names for the journal include: 1) Journal of the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists, 2) FIONN, 3) Journal of Fishery Research and Conservation. The name FIONN raised some concerns in that its reference to salmon might turn people away from the journal and that unless the legend is posted along with the name some individuals would not appreciate its meaning. The name "*Journal of Fishery Research and Conservation*" was modified to "*Fisheries Research Ecology and Conservation*". The BOC felt that the selection of the name should involve the membership at large. The three proposed names (1, 2 and modified 3 above) along with a request for suggestions of other journal names will be published in BRIEFS. President Jones will incorporate this into her letter that will accompany the dues mailing.

The BOC commended Kevin Friedland for his hard work on this project.

c. Discussion of AIFRB in the next 50 years: The question "*How do we attract, maintain and encourage members to become more active?*" was discussed. BOC members suggested that we consider having a town hall type meeting at the symposium meeting in Seattle. Also suggested was that we look into estate planning.

President Jones will set up an *ad hoc* committee called the "**Future Focus Committee**" that will have representatives from each region. The committee will be charged to: 1) determine what we can do better in the area of recruiting, 2) explore the possibility of having more symposia as we are doing in Seattle, 3) develop new initiatives, and 4) draft a new mission statement that is consistent with the policy of AIFRB. The committee will prepare their recommendations for presentation at the next BOC meeting.

Review of reimbursement at annual BOC meetings (Jones): The BOC discussed pro-rated reimbursement: if a BOC member only attends one day of the meeting their level of reimbursement should be less.

A *motion*, by Director Rachlin, to give full reimbursement to those that attend the two days of the BOC meeting and ½ that rate to those that only attend one day was **seconded**.

Discussion of the motion: Many members spoke against the motion.

The **motion** was brought to a vote and was **denied**.

The reimbursement policy for this year remained at \$400. The budget for reimbursement for next year was set at \$6,000. This will cover 15 voting BOC members at a rate of \$400. President Jones will place on the agenda for the mid-year meeting a review of the state of the treasury and the budgeted amount for reimbursement.

f. Review of committee assignments (Jones): President Jones reviewed committee assignments and members:

1) Computer Committee: David Somerton, Allen Shimada, and Kim Anthony
2) The Founders Fund - Kasahara Early Career Award Committee: Bruce Miller, G. Morris Southward, Kate Myers, and Clark Hubbs. Two additional members will be appointed.

3) Future Focus Committee: Marty Golden, Gil Radonski, and Tom Keegan

4) Editorial Board for E-Journal: Kevin Friedland (Editor). K. Friedland will select reviewers.

5) New Brochure Committee: Tom Keegan and Joe Rachlin

President Jones will add additional members to these members as needed.

h. AIFRB-AFS Liaison: Douglas Vaughan has agreed to serve as the AIFRB-AFS Liaison.

The idea of having liaisons to other organizations was passed to the Future Focus Committee for their consideration.

i. Brochures: Keegan and Rachlin will work on a redesigned brochure perhaps with help from a professional graphics group.

j. Logo items: Logo embossed shirts for the San Francisco meeting are under consideration.

k. Next meeting plans: The next BOC meeting will be held in San Francisco, Sept 1-2, 2007. Meeting plans and goals which are as follows: 1) a strong AIFRB presence, 2) brochures (two versions) available for recruiting purposes, 3) a hospitality suite for the meeting period, 4) a reception, 5) presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Peter Moyle, 6) regional display reflecting District's fisheries related activities, 7) sponsored symposia, 8) solicitation of corporate donations, 9) judging of student papers by the Northern California and Southern California districts.

President Jones and Treasurer Shimada set up a budget at the mid-year meeting.

Appointments (Jones):

a. Regional Director: For the 2006-2007 year the following Directors are to advance to the position of Regional Director: Kate Myers for Northwestern States, Bruce Wing for Alaska & Western Canada, Dora Passino-Reader for Central States & Middle Canada, G. Morris Southward for Southwest States & Western Mexico; Steven Cadrin for Northeast States & Eastern Canada, and Patrick Harris for Southeast States & Eastern Mexico.

b. Officers and/or Interim Directors: President Jones appointments as: Secretary - Barbara Warkentine, Treasurer - Allen Shimada, Membership Chair - Thomas Keegan, BRIEFS Editor – Gene Huntsman, and Production Editor – John Merriner.

c. Special Committee Chairs: President Jones established an *ad hoc* committee – the Future Focus Committee. The BOC approved the appointment of Kevin Friedland as the Editor for the e-journal.

Barbara E. Warkentine, Secretary

4th North American Reservoir
Balancing Fisheries Management and Water
Uses for Impounded River Systems
June 6-9, 2007
Atlanta, Georgia

The Southern Division AFS Reservoir Committee invites abstracts for contributed oral and poster presentations for the 4th North American Reservoir Symposium. This symposium will address the challenges of managing reservoir fisheries in the context of competing water use. Within this scope, topics for contributed papers and posters include: (A) Balancing fisheries issues with basin-wide water uses; (B) Aquatic habitat; (C) Human dimensions; and (D) Catch and release and use of regulations to manage fisheries.

Additional information about the symposium can be found at www.sdafs.org/reservoir/symposium or by contacting Vic DiCenzo at Vic.Dicenzo@dgif.virginia.gov.

First Mediterranean Congress
on Sea Game Fishing

The First Mediterranean Congress on Sea Game Fishing was held September 20-22, 2006 in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. The event is promoted by the Federacion Mediterranea Para Una Pesca Responsable and sponsored by the European Union, the Spanish Government and the Government of the Balearic Islands, in cooperation with the International Game Fish association.

The overall conference goal was to develop and encourage responsible recreational angling in the Mediterranean. Specific conference topics include: 1) To define the social, economic, and environmental aspects of recreational angling; 2) To develop recreational fishing as a form of sustainable tourism; 3) To unify recreational fishing regulations in the Mediterranean as well as possible measures for self regulation; 4) To promote conservation of marine resources for recreational fishing.

Presentations will deal with all aspects of recreational fishing in the Mediterranean Sea. Special emphasis will be placed on sustainability, status of bluefin tuna, the marine charter industry, European legislation and the collaboration between recreational fishing and scientific institutions.

For more information on the conference visit: www.mediterranea-congress.org

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Board of Control Meets at Lake Placid, September 2006

Having debated climbing mountain at rear right the BOC wisely chose instead to pursue quality testing of local stumpblaster



*Rear (l-r): Douglas Vaughan, Barbara Warkentine,
Tom Schmidt, Allen Shimada, Tom Keegan,
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A Grateful Thank you to the Kasahara Family

Mrs. Hiroshi Kasahara
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Dear Mrs. Kasahara,

On behalf of the American Institute of Fisheries Research Biologists (AIFRB), it is with great pleasure that I write to tell you of a new membership initiative just approved by the Board of Control at its 2006 Annual Meeting in Lake Placid, New York. This initiative creates the *Kasahara Early Career Award* and is established to honor the memory of your late husband, Dr. Hiroshi Kasahara (Fellow 1970, Emeritus Fellow 2000), and also recognizes the lasting contributions made by Dr. Hiroshi and Mrs. Toshiko Kasahara to international fisheries science and the work of the Institute.

The *Kasahara Early Career Award* is intended to support and encourage the Institute's most promising scientists, who show exceptional potential for leadership at the frontiers of fisheries science. Outstanding young Professional Associates and Members, at the outset of their independent research careers, are eligible for the award. Successful candidates will receive a certificate of recognition and a significant monetary award.

In taking this action, the Board of Control believes the Kasahara initiative will foster innovative developments in fisheries science and policy, and further increase awareness of the AIFRB and the benefits of membership. The *Kasahara Early Career Award* promotes the connections between fundamental and applied research and highlights the importance of integrating science with public policy for the future of living marine resources and their ecosystems.

We plan to announce the creation of this new award at our 50th Anniversary International Symposium on the "Future of Fisheries Science in North America" in February 2007 here in Seattle. We would be honored if you would attend the symposium when we make this announcement. Dr. Katherine Myers and I would be pleased to meet with you to present further details of the award, our plans to name the Kasahara Selection Committee and make the inaugural award at the September 2007 AIFRB Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Please feel free to contact me at (425) 488-1446.

The Institute honors the many contributions of Dr. Kasahara to fisheries science over the years and deeply appreciates your generous support of its programs and goals.

Sincerely,
Linda L. Jones, Ph.D.
President

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