

Minutes from the 2016 OFWIM Business Meeting
Ponca, NE
October 5, 2016

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Keith Hurley, OFWIM President
2. Determination of Quorum
 - a. Jeanette determined quorum is met.
3. Old Business
 - a. The 2015 Business Meeting Minutes were posted earlier on the OFWIM website for membership review and printed copies brought to this meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.
 - b. Officer Reports. The officer and committee reports were included in the Annual Business Meeting document as part of the **2016 Conference Proceedings** and posted to the OFWIM website prior to the conference. Oral statements were brief summaries of the Annual Report and only highlights are recorded in the minutes.
 - i. 2016 President's report – Keith Hurley
Keith thanked fellow board members and the committee chairs and members for their commitment to OFWIM. Keith recognized Kristin for her outreach effort that initiated contact with over 500 natural resources professionals. Commendations were also given to Dyanne Cortez and the CMO Committee for incorporating PayPal into our accounting methods for online membership renewal.
 - ii. 2016 Secretary's report – Jeanette Jones for MaryEllen Wickett
MaryEllen did a superb job recording minutes of the monthly ExCom meetings, maintaining the OFWIM membership database, serving as Vice-Chair of the CMO committee, and maintaining the member email distribution list.
 - iii. 2016 Member-at-Large Report – Joe Kirby
Joe worked closely with DSTT committee to keep the data standards processes moving forward. Joe worked to improve the visibility of OFWIM and solicit understanding and engagement from conservation minded organizations..
 - iv. 2016 Treasurer's report – submitted by Jay Kapalczynski
Balance entering the 2016 conference, \$34,966.35.
Income and expenses from the 2016 conference have not been calculated yet. Kristin handled reimbursements and received payments during the conference.
 - c. Committee Reports.
 - i. Communications, Membership & Outreach – Dyanne Cortez for Julie Defilippi
Published and distributed four newsletters. Maintained the OFWIM website, Groupsite, LinkedIn, and Facebook. Administered travel grants. Developed an online payment option using PayPal for membership renewals. This was tested by Julie D., MaryEllen, and Dyanne and received the approval from ExCom for trial at the conference.
 - ii. Conference Planning – Jeanette Jones
Jeanette thanked the committee members for helping plan this conference from the start. Thanks given to Keith and volunteers from Nebraska Game & Parks Commission for handling all the local arrangements. Conference registration is down this year; but the conference has been a great success. We look forward to meeting next year in Chattanooga, TN.

- iii. Data Standards & Technology Trends – Kristin Rogers for Amy Ewing
Two projects were attempted this year. The Data Life Cycle Tool – a proposed tool to assist data managers plan their project. Kristin introduced this as a session presentation and showcased it during the Hacker’s Ball. Second, the committee formulated a response to a request from NEAFWA on a NE SWAP data roll-up.
- iv. Elections, Nominations, & Awards – Jim Husband
A record number of seven students applied for the student research scholarship this year. A review and scoring process selected Kayla Key, University of Missouri, as the winner. The committee offered the three runner-up applicants the opportunity to present, plus a one-day registration fee waiver. Tim Swearingen, Western Illinois University, accepted and presented remotely. This year we also had a record number of five applicants for the Innovation Award. A review and scoring process selected the winner for this award. This committee also handled the nominations and ballots for new officers; President-elect, Member-at-Large and Treasurer. Score sheets were passed out at the conference for attendees to rate the best poster and best presentation.
- v. Training & Education – Don Schrupp for Michael Barbour
This committee posted the Groupsite tutorial videos to Groupsite, and helped organize two webinars in preparation for the conference workshop, “Creating production quality graphics and charts with R”. They also posted 35 notices of external webinars of potential interest to OFWIM members to Groupsite.

4. Awards

- a. Innovation Award – Beth Stys
The five applicants and their innovations were announced earlier during the conference and are listed in the conference proceedings. The winner of the 2016 Innovation award went to Missouri Department of Conservation for their “Missouri waterfowl hunting check-out system” submitted by Joe Kirby. Joe accepted the certificate on behalf of MDC and will receive a one-year OFWIM organizational membership.
- b. Student Scholarship Award – Jim Husband
There were seven applicants this year. Student Scholarship awards were presented on Monday during the Student session. The award this year went to Kayla Key from University of Missouri. Kayla was awarded \$500, plus a one-day conference registration fee waiver. As part of this award, Kayla will return to the conference next year and present her research results to receive an additional \$500, travel expenses and full conference fee waiver. Daniel Walker, last year’s student scholarship winner, returned to present and was awarded his second \$500, travel expenses and a full conference fee waiver.
- c. 2016 Best Poster - by popular vote was awarded to Jeanette Jones, TWRA, for “Tennessee’s Update to the Protected Areas Database”.
- d. 2016 Best Presentation - announced Wednesday evening and by popular vote went to Jeff Kopaska, IDNR, for “Factors Affecting Fishing License Purchase Patterns and Angler Retention Strategies in Iowa”.
- e. Geocache Award – announced on Wednesday evening, went to a group effort of several geocachers. Captain Jack Sparrow will begin his travel adventures with Sabra Tonn, before returning to Chattanooga, TN next October.

- f. Service Awards were given to:
 - Jay Kapalczynski (outgoing Treasurer for 2015- 2016)
 - Joe Kirby (outgoing Member-at-Large for 2016)
 - Keith Hurley (outgoing President for 2016)

5. Election Results

- President-elect – Joe Kirby
- Member-at-Large – Rebecca Scully
- Treasurer – Michael Barbour

6. New Business

Jeanette opened by saying she was looking forward to serving OFWIM in the coming year. Jeanette reiterated what was said throughout the business meeting that Committees were the life blood of OFWIM and encouraged members to participate in a committee. Many thanks given to the Conference Planning Committee and the volunteers from NGPC for all their hard work and assistance in planning this conference. OFWIM has a good connection to AFS-FITS. Jeanette queried if anyone knows of a connection with TWS to please let us know. OFWIM 2017 will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 1 – 5. We hope to go to the Northwest in 2018.

There was no other new business. The motion was made to adjourn, was seconded and passed.