



# South Carolina Chapter

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## Meeting Minutes 2008 Annual meeting

Date: February 4, 2008

Location: Santee State Park, Santee, SC

- The meeting was called to order by outgoing President Marcel Reichert at 5:16pm
- A quorum was established
- We had 81 members present at the meeting
- Marcel announced some goals for the following year including increase in parent chapter participation and student participation. He also said that the Fall workshop in November was a success.
- The abbreviated minutes were read by outgoing secretary/treasurer Carrie Hendrix. The unabridged minutes have been posted on the website for almost a year. There were no additions or corrections.
- The treasury report was read by Carrie Hendrix. There were no additions and corrections.
- The minutes and treasury report were approved as presented.
- Jeff Isely gave the report of the Clemson sub-unit.
  - Due to having mostly graduate student officers, no one ever stays in office for over 2 years.
  - The current president is Beth Wrege: bwrege@clemson.edu
  - The treasury holds about \$200
  - There are t-shirts for sale
  - Current projects include community service and outreach with local children by way of fishing rodeos
  - They have joint meetings with the Clemson Wildlife society
- Dave Coughlan gave the report of the Southern Division
  - The SDAFS officers sent their greetings
  - The 2008 SDAFS meeting will be Feb. 28 in West Virginia offering leadership training, etc.
  - The Tennessee chapter won the best small chapter award for the second year in a row
  - The best student chapter award went to East Carolina University, also for the second year
  - SD held first electronic elections this year
  - Hal Schram is the new representative to the AFS nominating committee
  - Fred Janssen is the new Vice President
  - The upcoming AFS meeting will be in Ottawa
  - the 2009 AFS meeting will be in New Orleans

- The Hutton Student scholarship is available and pairs a student with a mentor
  - SDAFS encourages professional certification through AFS
- The reports of the committees
  - The awards will be given at the social. The Jack Bayless award will be given to George Sedberry for his talk “Spawning of Black Grouper (*Mycteroperca bonaci*) in Belize,” and the Conservationist of the Year award will be awarded to Victor Burrell.
  - The program committee:
    - There were 100 participants of the Fall workshop on Ecosystem based management held on November 9 in Columbia. The workshop was moderated by John Dean and attended by a diverse group. It was a successful workshop and Marcel thanked everyone involved.
- Jeanne Riley, incoming President solicited ideas for the 2008 workshop
  - Anna Toline suggested a marine restoration workshop
- The 2009 annual meeting will be held in the upstate, Jeanne solicited ideas for a location. Jeff Isely offered the assistance of the Clemson sub unit to host the meeting at Clemson University . The new ex-coms will discuss the details of the meeting with SCFWA counterparts and post the outcome on the website.
- Old business:
  - A compound microscope was donated to SCAFS for graduate student use. It is currently used by Megan Savard of CCU who is responsible for the maintenance. Marcel Reichert will coordinate the use of the microscope for until at least the 2009 business meeting.
  - The SCAFS officer travel funding for representatives to attend the national meeting that wasn’t used this year, but will remain available.
  - Tim Snoots has been doing a great job of maintaining our website. Let officers know if you have anything to post.
  - Due to a change in DNR policy the website has been moved to a new server (no longer hosted by DNR) for a cost of \$9.95/month which will be split between SCAFS and SCFWA.
  - Thanks to Karen Swanson of DNR,MRD,MRRI developing a new high resolution logo. This new logo will be used on all chapter communications.
  - the founding officers of SCAFSReginal Harrell (first president), Jim Bulak (first secretary/treasurer), andJohn Dean (first president-elect).
- New business:
  - Leo Rose, the elections committee officer took the podium.
  - Carrie Hendrix was thanked for her 2 years of service.
  - The floor was opened for new secretary/treasurer nominations
  - Marcel nominated Elizabeth Osier and a motion was made to elect her by acclimation. Ms. Osier now has authority over the bank accounts of the SCAFS, releasing M. Reichert and C. Hendrix.
  - The floor was opened for new president-elect nominations. Marcel nominated Anna Toline and she was elected by acclimation.
- Jeanne Riley, acting as the new President of SCAFS took the podium.

- She thanked outgoing President Marcel Reichert and presented him with a plaque.
- She thanked outgoing secretary/treasurer Carrie Hendrix and presented her with a plaque.
- SCAFS goals for the future:
  - Increase communication with the Southern Division and the parent chapter
  - Increase the number of active members
  - SCAFS members should become officers in the parent chapter
  - Designate a point person for contact between SCAFS and the parent chapter
- Marcel Reichert announced that we submitted an application for the best small chapter award.
- Jim Bulak informed us that the SCAFS President has a seat on the Southern Division executive committee.
- To answer a question from Scott Meister Marcel discussed the officer travel award of \$250 for travel to the national meeting.
- Jeff Isely discussed the availability of awards for students wishing to travel to the national meetings and encouraged students to apply. For information visit the AFS website.
- Elizabeth Osier discussed student travel funds that are provided via the Southern Division.
- Jeanne suggested that faculty members at various academic institutions help increase student participation by informing their students about the benefits the AFS and our chapter can provide.
- We would like to increase member diversity, to do this we would like a volunteer to form a membership committee. No one volunteered during the meeting, but the new officers announced that they would approach members soon.
- The officers also suggested to form an Ad hoc committee to support and establish student chapters at academic institutions schools like USC and College of Charleston. Gorka Sancho volunteered to head up efforts to form such subunit at the College of Charleston.
- Jeff Isely discussed the advantages to students who become officers in student chapters
  - Shows commitment to your career and field
  - Get to know people in your field
  - Students meet more often than the state chapter
  - being an officer in professional (sub)units of professional organizations can be important in CV's
- Elizabeth Osier discussed her experiences in a student chapter at W. Virginia saying that the meeting provided a meeting place for students and professionals where students learned about professional development.
- Jeanne asked for a volunteer for the awards committee
  - Chris McDonough volunteered
- Jeanne asked for a volunteer to take over the nominating committee

- Marcel Reichert volunteered
  - Please send even small articles to Jeanne for the newsletter.
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm