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Casey Williams, President
Dakota Chapter AFS

President's Message

Greetings from Valley City! I hope everyone is well and enjoying the great fall weather we are having.

I first of all want to thank you for allowing me to serve as president of the Dakota chapter. Throughout my career, I have been involved with the AFS in some capacity. I enjoy and value the learning and networking opportunities available through this organization. It is my pleasure to serve the fisheries community that has given me so much.

I also want to thank the past and current leadership of the Dakota Chapter. Without you fine folks, this group would not exist. For those looking for opportunities to get involved, there are numerous leadership positions and committee opportunities available. Please let me know if you are willing to become involved and active in the Chapter.

Planning for the 2017 meeting has begun. The meeting will be held in Jamestown, ND at the Gladstone Inn, February 21-23. Please start thinking ahead and get started on those presentations.

I also want to encourage our fisheries professionals to take time to encourage and speak with students during the annual meeting. As most of you know, we have a growing number of undergraduate and graduate students attending the annual meeting. In fact, several other groups of university students have expressed interest in attending the meeting. The most common comment that I receive from undergraduate students after the meeting is "I wish there was more interaction between students and professionals". I am still young enough to remember how difficult and intimidating it was to start up a conversation with a professional.

So, this year we will have a few activities that are aimed at increasing this interaction. These activities should be fun, so please take part in these events if possible.

I would also like to encourage our membership to nominate deserving individuals for the numerous awards available through the Dakota Chapter. Fisheries is our chosen career because we love it. But, we also know it is hard work and many times a thankless job. So, it is very rewarding to be recognized by our peers.

For students, please take the opportunity to apply for the Schmulbach, Klumb, Sauger (South Dakota), and Northern pike (NOP; North Dakota) scholarships. These are available to current

fisheries students and a great opportunity to be recognized.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to take advantage of the outdoor opportunities available in the Dakotas. It is easy for us to spend too much time working and not enough in the outdoors that we work so hard to protect. So get out there and have some fun!

--- Casey Williams, *President-Dakota Chapter AFS.*



*Gladstone Inn
Jamestown, ND*

Annual Meeting Information

February 21-23, 2017

Gladstone Inn, Jamestown, ND

Tuesday, February 21 – registration and welcoming social

Wednesday, February 22 – registration, papers and business meeting – awards banquet in the evening

Thursday, February 23 - papers, adjourn by noon.

Make your reservations today!

Call the Gladstone Inn at 701-252-0700 to make a reservation. Be sure to mention you are with Dakota Chapter AFS to ensure maximum benefits for the Chapter.

Call for Papers!

All Aquatic and Fisheries Papers are Welcome!



Abstract Submission Guidelines

Please include the following in your abstract:

1. Title
2. Author's name, affiliation, and contact info (for multiple authors, indicate who will be the presenter)
3. Category (Professional, Graduate Student, Undergraduate Student)
4. Paper (oral) or Poster Presentation
5. Abstract - 250 words or less.

Please submit abstracts to: Dave Fryda dfryda@nd.gov

or Casey Williams casey.williams@vcsu.edu

Deadline: December 20, 2016

Presentation and Poster Requirements

Oral presentations: 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes of Q & A. Any version of PowerPoint should work.

Posters: Must fit 3' high x 4' wide poster board. Easels and poster boards will be provided.



Scholarships and Awards

The Dakota Chapter proudly supports the following awards to individuals or groups in recognition of their efforts

AQUATIC RESOURCE CONSERVATION AWARD – May be presented annually to an individual or group that has made an outstanding effort in ensuring the future welfare of the Dakotas' waters and/or fisheries.

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD – May be presented annually to no more than two individuals who have made an outstanding contribution within the fishery profession.

BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD – May be presented annually to recognize the best student paper delivered at the annual meeting.

BEST STUDENT POSTER AWARD – May be presented annually to recognize the best student poster delivered at the annual meeting.

BEST PAPER AWARD – May be presented annually to recognize the best paper delivered at the annual meeting by a working professional.

DAKOTA CHAPTER SAUGER SCHOLARSHIP – This student scholarship provides room, conference fees, and will reimburse for other expenses (travel, food) for any amount up to \$100.00.

DR. JAMES C. SCHMULBACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – This student scholarship is a monetary award presented to a junior or senior undergraduate student who is studying fisheries science, or related field, at an accredited college or university in North or South Dakota.

DR. ROBERT A. KLUMB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – This student scholarship provides travel and reimbursement to attend the annual meeting for up to \$250. Eligibility: Any student who is studying fisheries science or related field of study is eligible to apply.

Students and Professionals! Please visit our Awards and Scholarships page at the link below – and consider applying for a scholarship or nominating a colleague for a Chapter award.

<http://dakota.fisheries.org/awards-and-scholarships/>



Training, Workshops & Webpage

Website stuff:

- We are again going to offer online registration for the annual meeting – and hope to have it streamlined for users. In addition, if anyone has any website updates, please send them to Hilary at Hilary.Meyer@state.sd.us



Workshops:

- South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks in Fort Pierre is hosting a hydroacoustics workshop on November 14th and 15th 2016. Nick Kludt from SDSU will be discussing survey design, standard operating procedures and data analysis using Sonar5 Pro. Anyone that is interested in attending please contact Hilary.Meyer@state.sd.us (open to all members of Dakota Chapter AFS).
- The Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is sponsoring a continuing education workshop entitled “*Introduction to Fish Bioenergetics 4.0*” in conjunction with the 2017 Annual meeting, on February 21, 1-5 pm. The workshop will introduce FISH BIOENERGETICS 4.0, an R-based platform that consists of a graphical user interface application (Shiny by RStudio). Knowledge of coding in R is not required. Instructor will provide an overview of bioenergetics concepts and applications, and introduce participants to the new modeling platform. Example exercises and group projects will be covered to aid in navigating the software and to answer applied questions in fisheries management. Attendees must bring a laptop (or plan to share, 2 persons per computer) and will need to install R and Shiny applications onto their computers prior to the workshop. Details for loading these free programs will be provided to registrants upon registration prior to the workshop. To register, please email Dan James, Continuing Education Chair, at: daniel_james@fws.gov Registration fee is \$10 per registrant.



Student Subunit Updates

South Dakota State University (DAN NELSON, PRESIDENT):

Student members in the South Dakota State University sub-chapter of the American Fisheries Society have been very busy with the start of another school year. A wide array of members ventured down to Kansas City, MO to partake in the 146th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society. Both graduate and undergraduate students participated by giving oral presentations, poster presentations, and even putting together an entire symposia. This meeting was a huge success for all those who attended.

When the new school semester began, returning members have pushed to recruit and retain new members. This has been done through a series of activities in the field and on our campus. Members set up at the Agriculture and Biological Sciences Ice Cream Social to recruit new members and get the AFS name out to those who had questions or were curious. Following the social our members set up an informational booth in our student union during the lunch rush to once again put ourselves out for new and curious students. Once we boosted our membership with new members we have conducted field sampling days to peak our member's interest. First, we took members to a local creek and did some backpack electrofishing and seining. Students performed outstanding and caught over a dozen species! This was our first attempt at going "Live" on our SDSU American Fisheries Society Student Subunit Facebook page. Our video of our students having a blast was featured on the AFS- Education Section's Facebook page.

Following backpack shocking we took to the big water and did some barge shocking. Despite high, turbid water our student's learned a valuable lesson on the ins and outs of safety, effectiveness and limitations to some of our more common gears in lotic systems.

Most recently we took 30 members to Lake Oahe in central South Dakota where we helped out South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks spawn chinook salmon. Students performed tasks from sorting and herding the salmon to extracting milt and eggs from salmon for future generations to enjoy this unique South Dakota fishery. It was a long, hard, messy day of work, but students were rewarded with the chance to purchase fish at the end of the day to take home for a delicious meal.



Valley City State University (LANE DAHL, PRESIDENT):

The Valley City State American Fisheries society student subunit is on its third year of involvement and it is going very well. We have a total of 31 paid members with a fair amount of new faces from the freshman class. We started our year with the annual fishing contest, followed by a cook out at the local park. The grill out was held to welcome new students and aid them in getting acquainted with current fisheries majors. North Dakota Game and Fish hosted us in Riverdale, ND to help with salmon spawning in October which gave some students experience the salmonid spawning process. Eric Smith, who discussed graduate school and his personal research was also welcomed by students at VCSU, we also have two additional speakers planned for early 2017. We plan to collaborate with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks for walleye spawning in the spring. We are currently holding an ice fishing raffle again this year so if interested buy your tickets! We are excited to continue with more events in the winter and spring!



North Dakota Happenings

Fish Management at Raleigh Reservoir, ND (JEFF HENDRICKSON, SW DISTRICT SUPERVISOR)

Raleigh Reservoir is a 60 acre reservoir near the town of Raleigh in Southwest North Dakota. Fisheries management has been for largemouth bass, bluegill and trout. A very nice fishery for trophy sized bass and bluegill was common in the reservoir. Over the years other species (pike and perch) have been illegally introduced there and at times have created problems for fish management. Several eradications have been completed in the past and were usually successful. Northern pike were caught during night time electrofishing in 2009 and by 2010 they were the most



common fish caught and had devastated the bass, bluegill and trout fisheries. The ND Game & Fish Department conducted pike removal projects during the springs of 2010 through 2013. Curly leaf pondweed was discovered in 2014 and all fish removal projects were discontinued, we weren't making any progress at reducing the pike population anyway. A new management plan was going to be for a northern pike fishery and management for other species was discontinued. During the summer of 2015, the state water commission was working on the water control structure and discovered that someone had put rocks in the bottom of the structure and they could not close the valve. The only way to remove the rocks and repair the structure was to draw the lake down 22 feet (maximum depth is 30 feet). This left a small pool of about 10 acres of water. After meeting with local anglers it was unanimous that no one in that area likes pike (or trout for that matter) and they requested that we eradicate the lake and start over. During February of 2016 we completed an under ice eradication and initial indications are that it was successful. Gill netting at ice out caught 0 fish. Further investigations haven't been possible because there was no runoff in 2016 and the boat ramp has not been usable. Local anglers requested that future management be for perch, bluegill and walleye. Maybe if we give them what they want, illegal pike stocking will be discontinued!

Sakakawea Salmon update (DAVE FRYDA, MISSOURI RIVER SYSTEM SUPERVISOR)

Sakakawea salmon fishing and fall salmon spawning operations were both extremely successful in 2016. The good salmon run is largely attributed to great smelt reproduction that occurred in 2014. Many of the salmon caught and spawned this year are from smolts stocked in 2014 when age-0 smelt were extremely abundant. Great smelt reproduction in 2014 is directly attributed to a rising reservoir during the critical smelt spawning and egg incubation period. Hydroacoustic surveys in 2015 documented the highest smelt densities since surveys began in the late 1990's. Smelt abundance remained good in 2016 and reproduction appears to have been good. The immediate future of smelt and salmon in Sakakawea looks promising given continued good water levels. The 2016 fall spawning operations also collected high numbers of jacks indicating that the 2015 stocking survived well and should contribute heavily to the fishery in 2017.

2016 Walleye Reproduction Summary (MIKE JOHNSON, SE DISTRICT FISHERIES BIOLOGIST)

As fall reproduction netting here in SE North Dakota comes to a close, we are pleased with what we are seeing for young of the year walleye recovery in many of our lakes, despite decreased water levels. In



general, we have observed better than average walleye CPUE in our ½" gill nets. A total of 25 walleye lakes were sampled for fall reproduction in the south east corner of our state. Seventeen of these lakes have five or more consecutive years' of data including this year. Of these 17 lakes, 7 have had their highest young of the year walleye CPUE this season. If we extend this to include the second highest CPUE, the number increases to 13 out of 17. Keep in mind this past data includes years of high water, particularly 2011 in which young fish had ample flooded terrestrial vegetation and invertebrate forage. Additionally, we have seen higher young of the year growth

rates in our new walleye lakes as compared to already existing fisheries. This year, average size for young of the year walleye ranged from 145mm to 200mm. (Median size 161mm). Average size in new walleye waters ranged from 156mm to 226mm. (Median size 181mm). One new lake had young of the year up to 240mm. Hopefully, these fish will survive their first winter and recruit to their fisheries to provide our anglers with much excitement for the years to come.

Walleye Tagging Project at Lake Metigoshe, North Dakota (JASON LEE, NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT FISHERIES SUPERVISOR)

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department initiated a walleye tagging project at Lake Metigoshe in 2014. Lake Metigoshe is located in the Turtle Mountains in north central North Dakota, just south of the Canadian border. In the spring of 2014, a total of 802 adult walleye were trapped from Lesmeister Lake, tagged with metal jaw tags, and stocked in Lake Metigoshe. The walleye ranged in length from 300 mm to 510 mm. An additional 778 untagged adult walleye were stocked in Lake Metigoshe in 2014. In the spring 2016, an additional 514 adult walleye were trapped from Lesmeister Lake, tagged and stocked in Lake Metigoshe. The walleye ranged from 300 mm to 540 mm in length. Another 241 untagged adult walleye were stocked in Lake Metigoshe in 2016. The primary objective of the adult walleye stocking project is to reduce the overabundant black bullhead population in Lake Metigoshe. Stomach examinations of walleye during June netting surveys have shown young-of-the-year bullheads in walleye. Hopefully, the adult walleye will eat enough young bullheads in the next several years to significantly reduce the black bullhead population. Plans are to continue with the adult walleye stockings in Lake Metigoshe for the next few years.



South Dakota Happenings

Big Sioux River – Shoreline Restoration Project (RHET RUSSELL, FISHERIES BIOLOGIST – HABITAT AND ACCESS)

The South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks and the Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Project partnered to help stabilize a highly eroded drainage area on the Big Sioux River in Watertown, SD. A couple of large rain events had created a sluff area along the bank of the Big Sioux River near the Elks Lodge in Watertown. This hole in the bank was becoming a hazard and was also adding sediment to the river. Repairs were made with gabion style baskets filled with rock to eliminate future wash outs surrounded by a shoreline buffer planting of native perennial forbes and grasses. On the morning of September 17th, over 25 community volunteers of all ages helped plant 2000 individual plant plugs. Twenty-one native species are represented throughout the planting. This planting will help demonstrate the benefits of shoreline buffer strips such as erosion protection, improved water quality, reduced maintenance needs such as watering and mowing, while providing wildlife and pollinator habitat. This project should start to show its true colors by mid-summer next year.



Contribution of Hatchery-Reared Juvenile Largemouth Bass in Southeastern South Dakota (DAVE LUCCHESI AND MATT WARD, SDGFP)

Contribution of supplementally-stocked largemouth bass fingerlings is often low (Boxrucker 1986; Buckmeier and Betsill 2002; Diana and Wahl 2009) and several studies in South Dakota have documented little or no contribution from fingerling stocking (Kolander 1992; Csargo 2011). Poor survival of stocked fingerlings has been attributed to a variety of factors, most importantly predation (Diana and Wahl 2009) and overwinter mortality (starvation, Kolander 1992). It was believed that rearing largemouth bass to a larger size over winter and stocking them in spring would reduce the chances of predation and starvation because they would be entering a lake during a period of improving (spring) rather than declining (late-summer/fall) productivity and forage availability. However, studies comparing survival and contribution of spring-stocked juvenile bass to late-summer/fall stocked fingerling bass have yielded mixed results (Mesing et al. 2008; Diana and Wahl 2009; Csargo 2011). Our objective in producing juvenile (age-1) largemouth bass was to provide a reliable source of larger fish for supplemental stocking in small impoundments and community fishing ponds (CFP) across the State.

In South Dakota, juvenile largemouth bass are reared at Blue Dog State Fish Hatchery in Waubay. The hatchery maintains brood stock bass that spawn in earthen ponds. Offspring are transferred to 0.8-ha, grow-out ponds (6,250 bass/ha) at approximately 20 mm TL in late-June. Ponds are fertilized with alfalfa meal (85 kg/ha) every 10 d and supplemented with fathead minnows, when available, from mid-July into September or until the water temperature drops below 15.6 °C. Average size of bass at harvest (October) has varied from 85-140 mm TL with pond yields varying from 38-168 kg/ha. Bass size and yield are higher when more minnows are supplemented. Bass are graded by size and marked by a 6-h immersion in a 600 mg/L OTC solution at the time of harvest.



Largemouth bass are overwintered in cement raceways in 24 °C water and fed a pelleted diet. Heated water is required for conversion to a dry diet so they grow in the winter. Many obstacles were overcome to make the heating system operational, and for the first time last winter, we had a consistent supply of warm water. We are still learning about intensively raising largemouth bass on dry diets. Ideally, bass are feed trained using Otohime EP3 (Marubeni Nisshin Feed Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan) and then converted to Richloam Bass Fry No. 14 (Skretting, Tooele, Utah) which is used as the grower diet through February. Fathead minnows are offered in March as the water temperature is reduced to 10 °C (ambient well water).

In late-March, bass are stocked into hatchery ponds containing 10 °C well water and fathead minnows are supplied as needed (approximately 190 L total) until late-May when fish are harvested and stocked. Average increase in size during production last winter was 43 mm and 42 grams (a three-fold increase in

weight) with average bass size at stocking reaching 165 mm TL. Our goal, as we refine rearing techniques, is to produce 200-mm bass.

Eighteen CFP, three small impoundments, two gravel pits, a natural lake, and two fish management agreement waters received just over 8,800 juvenile bass in 2015. Seven hundred juvenile bass were stocked into six CFP in 2016. Bass ranged from 18-33 fish/kg and were stocked at about 25 fish/ha in small impoundments and at varying rates in CFP and other waters. To evaluate 2015 stockings, three small impoundments, the gravel pits, and a CFP were nighttime electrofished in May and June of 2016. Marindahl Lake was also electrofished on June 3, 2015; 6 d after stocking. The entire shoreline was electrofished and bass were measured (TL), weighed (g) and up to 30 fish (between 92-260 mm TL) were collected to determine stocking contribution. Preparation of fish for OTC mark detection involved extracting the sagittal otoliths and affixing them (concave side down) with cyanoacrylic cement to a glass slide. Otoliths were polished with wetted 600- to 1,000-grit sandpaper and periodically viewed under an epifluorescent microscope until presence or absence of a fluorescent mark was determined. Pelvic and anal spines were extracted and frozen, but have not yet been examined for OTC marks. The percentage of marked bass in each 10-mm length increment was applied to the total number of fish sampled in that length increment to estimate catch per hour (CPUE) of stocked fish.

Electrofishing CPUE of stocked bass for the first-year after stocking varied from 12.5 at Marindahl to 174.0 at Heritage West (table below). We considered the contribution to the three small impoundments (12.5-15.5/h) substantial relative to that of fingerling stockings (Kolander 1992; Csargo 2011) and based upon our objective of 20 stock length fish/h electrofishing for a good bass population. Highest CPUE of stocked bass was recorded at the Heritage Lakes (two gravel pits stocked at about 50 fish/ha).

Lake	Size (ha)	Date Sampled	Number examined for marks	Percent marked	CPUE (all)	CPUE (stocked)	Change in mean TL (mm) since stocking
DNPW	7.9	18 May 2016	20	60	61.5	25.5	37
Heritage East	1.6	01 Jun 2016	22	50	198.0	72.0	59
Heritage West	2.0	01 Jun 2016	27	52	340.0	174.0	17
Marindahl	56.3	03 Jun 2015	20	85	170.0	137.5	
		16 May 2016	30	50	28.0	12.5	43
Tripp	4.0	01 Jun 2016	13	69	26.0	13.0	68
Wilmarth	41.7	15 May 2016	27	81	43.0	15.5	83

Of some concern was the 91% decrease in stocked-bass CPUE in Marindahl Lake from 2015 to 2016. Our guess is that 2015 CPUE was inflated because stocked fish had not dispersed from the release site. However, our first-year survival estimate (based on change in relative abundance, 9.0%) is nearly identical to that for another juvenile bass (9.2%) stocking (37 fish/ha, 2009) in Marindahl Lake and higher than for a similar stocking in Lake Alvin (1.5%, Csargo 2011).

First-year increase in mean TL varied from only 17 mm in Heritage West Lake to 83 mm in Wilmarth Lake. The mean increase in TL of bass stocked in the three impoundments (43-83 mm) was lower than the

Regional mean for fish in their second season of growth (109 mm, Willis et al. 2001). Slower growth may be a function of density; however, this relationship was lake specific as the Wilmarth Lake bass had the largest increase in TL as well as the highest relative abundance of the small impoundments.

Our results were similar to those of Csargo (2011) showing better first-year survival with stocked juvenile largemouth bass than with fingerlings. This work provides a preliminary look at the contribution of this stocking product, and further study is necessary before conclusions can be made. Many of the juvenile largemouth bass are now being stocked as catchables into CFP. Information on return of stocked bass to the angler as well as satisfaction with these stockings would be useful in determining whether or not to continue this practice.

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Regional Meetings

2017 MIDWEST FISH & WILDLIFE CONFERENCE



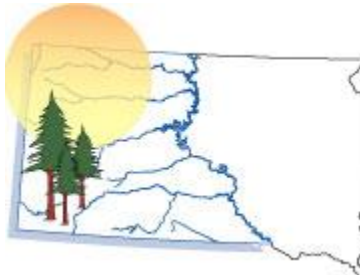
Save the Date! The 77th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference will be held February 5-8, 2017 at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information about the meeting, visit <http://www.midwestfw.org/>

2017 MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE "Habitat: The Pathway to Recovery"



Save the Date! The 2017 Missouri River Natural Resources Conference will be held March 21-23, 2017 at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska. For more information, visit <http://mrnrc2017.com/>

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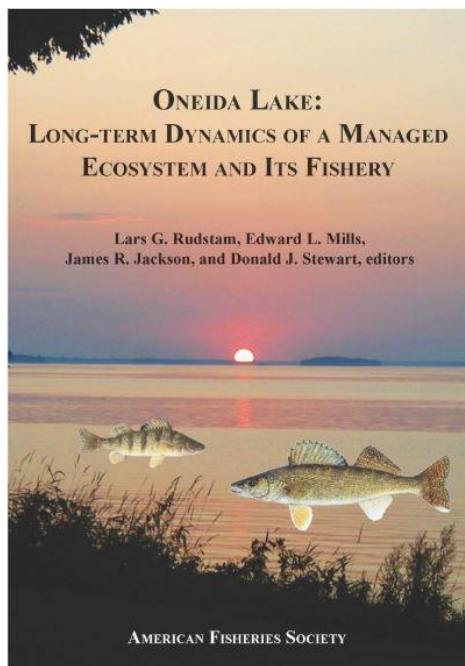


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Excom Meeting Minutes

2016 Summer/Fall EXCOM Dakota Chapter Business Meeting
September 20th, 2016 10am Mountain (11am Central)

Call to Order and Quorum established (persons in attendance of phone call, Casey Williams Lane Dahl, Dan Nelson, Steve Chipps, Dave Fryda and Greg Simpson)

Approval of the 2016 Business Meeting Minutes, motion to accept by Casey Williams and second by Steve Chipps

Officer Reports: President Greg Simpson noted that since the conference he made sure that the awards were awarded to appropriate people, finished out some specifics with the hotel where the winter meeting was held, worked on correspondence and activity with NCD and attempted to call/participate in the summer NCD meeting. Numerous email and issues were filtered for business interests and requests with the chapter during the spring and summer with some of these passed onto Matt Ward to dissemination to the general membership. Greg worked with Casey Williams and sub-unit representatives on by-law changes noted during the business meeting at the winter meeting. Submitted these changes to the parent society and they recently returned information needed for approval by the Management Committee. We have recently received a reply and they have a few friendly additions to the by-laws to which the EXCOM agreed.

Vice-President Report: no report

Secretary Treasurer Report: Jake Davis had the balances ready for all accounts. Chapter Balances: Rob Klumb \$7,437.19, Edward Jones \$6,401.62, Checking \$8,206.05 and Schmulbach \$11,520.29.

President-elect: President-elect Casey Williams noted that the winter meeting is being planned

for the Gladstone Inn at Jamestown for February 21st – 23rd, 2017. Ideas were being developed to change the social to a version where members could interact with students in different fashion. A committee between the two sub-units will be investigated and worked towards coming up with ideas for this social idea. He has also looked at possible additional funding from a grant provided by MDU and this would help defray costs for students to attend the annual meeting. Further developments will be noted in the fall newsletter.

SDSU Student Subunit Report: Dan Nelson noted that they have had their first meeting and that they have 28 members with continued involvement and the subunit is interested in ideas for retention and recruitment of additional members.

VCSU Student Subunit Report: Lane Dahl said that they have had 25 members and have had a fishing contest so far this semester and will be looking for opportunities such as salmon spawning or walleye spawning in the near future. Dave Fryda mentioned that they could see the spawning at Riverdale as they should have a good salmon run this year.

Committee Reports: no committee reports made for the mid-year meeting.

Old Business: no old business noted

New Business: Check needs to be written for liability insurance to the parent society and notification that the Dakota Chapter wants to participate in this policy.

Business from the floor: no new business

Officers were officially changed to the North Dakota elected members.

Adjourn meeting