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1971 ANNUAL MEETING

Official registration commenced at 0800 on January 29 but a good number of attendees registered the evening of the 28th prior to the business meeting. Official attendance for the two day meeting was 95 AFS members, 210 TWS members and 62 guests.

General Sessions

The general sessions were well attended and good coverage was given by the local news media. Reporters were present during both days of the meeting.

The Honorable John Dingell, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and - Wildlife, set the stage for the meeting by delivering a forceful "Keynote Address". The second day also got off to a good start with a well received address by the Honorable John Nejedly, of the California State Senate, who led off a panel discussion on "Perspectives, Reflections and Expectations by Conservationists and Public Officials". It was extremely gratifying, and a credit to our program chairmen, that our meeting was able to attract speakers of such stature.

Technical Sessions

The general sessions each day were followed by fisheries and wildlife technical sessions. All of the papers presented were of extremely high quality. It was noteworthy that there was considerable shifting of attendees between the concurrent technical session. The meeting provided a fine opportunity for all present to broaden their areas of interest. Altogether the meeting proved to be very stimulating.

Photo Contest

A wide variety of excellent photographs and slides were displayed again this year. John Cowan, Manager of California's Gray Lodge Waterfowl Management area, was the overall award winner but he failed to corner the top individual honor. For the next meeting, the chairmanship of the Photo Contest has been given to the Fisheries Society.

Business Meeting

President Allen, having ascertained that a quorum was present, called the business meeting of the Chapter to order at 1930 hr. on January 28, 1971. The President's opening remarks summarized his report to the membership appearing in the January 1971 newsletter.

Secretary-Treasurer Emil Smith reported that Mr.

Robert Hutton and the officers of the Western Division were invited to the 1971 annual meeting but none of them were able to attend. He also reported that a letter and a check for \$240.87 were received from the Secretary/Treasurer of the recently disbanded American Association of Fish and Game Biologists. The AAFGB decided as their

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Editor's Note: The remarks and the program outlined below were prepared for presentation at the chapter's business meeting last January. Due to a scheduling conflict at the meeting, President Skinner was unable to deliver them prior to adjournment.

I accept the honor, the responsibility, and most of all, the challenge which the membership has entrusted to me for the coming year.

"Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business, industry of profession in which he is engaged. No man has the moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere" - This quotation by Theodore Roosevelt is part of my personal creed and, I hope, yours as well.

As president during the coming year, my singular goal will be to promote the involvement of the members of the Chapter in the affairs of our profession and our Society. I hope to reach out and let every member know he is part and parcel of a profession - and of a Society that has a purpose.

Instead of a lot of philosophical rambling, I shall proceed directly to a number of programs and activities that I believe we in the California-Nevada, Chapter might undertake. I choose to believe that as a professional >'Society we have a purpose greater than simply putting on an annual meeting. I believe we must expand our activities to the public arena and to demonstrate to the membership that we have their interests in mind.

I have in mind a number of changes, programs and activities which I will discuss briefly. There are many things we in the Chapter can do. The important question at this time is: "are each of us willing to become involved in an action program"? Harkening back to Roosevelt's quotation - Are you willing to put in a reasonable amount of "outside" effort to protect the resources which are the foundation of your employment - to further the goals of the profession and add to your own development by participating in these kinds of programs. I will offer you the opportunity to do more than talk about your concerns and interests. I am going to ask each of you to become involved in the affairs of the Society.

Except for the annual meeting, the Chapter has been relatively inactive since it was chartered in 1963. Since that time the public mood regarding conservation, ecology, and the environment has changed tremendously in our favor. I would like to see us make the most of our opportunities to serve the public and protect the resources.

Finally, the Executive Committee is here to serve you, not to pass its desires on to you. Therefore, I ask that you advise any member of the Executive Committee of any

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problems or programs that you believe the Chapter should resolve or implement.

The following is an outline of various programs I feel the Chapter should strive to implement.

Chapter Organization and Operation

1. Executive Committee. Enlargement of Executive Committee from four to seven members would provide greater perspective to important actions, provide better regional representation on the Executive Committee and provide for subcommittee assignments. This proposal will require amendment of the bylaws. (The membership increased the Executive Committee from 4 to 5 at the 1971 meeting.)

2. Newsletter. I intend to appoint an Editor and formalize the publication of the Chapter Newsletter on a regular basis. (Three issues annually January 1, May 1 and September 1; funds permitting.)

3. Student Affairs. I propose the establishment of a Student Affairs Committee (standing committee) to promote rapport and liaison between the student the Society and Chapter, the academic institutions they represent, and to facilitate seasonal employment of fisheries students.

4. Dues and Registration Fees. I recommend that the Chapter assess annual dues of \$ 3.00 for active members and \$1.00 for students. I further recommend that the bylaws limiting the registration fee to \$3.00 be repealed.

The Chapter simply cannot provide the membership with any kind of service, including a Newsletter without additional financing. The registration fee should be established jointly with The Wildlife Society or by the Executive Committee in planning the annual meeting. Income under the present system (about \$175 - \$200) is barely adequate to pay the expenses of the annual meeting under the joint format with the Wildlife Society. (These proposals will require amendment of the bylaws).

5. Membership Committee. I believe the Chapter should appoint a standing committee to stimulate the growth of the Chapter and to develop ideas that will encourage all elements and disciplines of the profession to join the Society. This Committee could help motivate the membership to become more active through incentive awards associated with membership in the Chapter or the Society.

A special effort should be made to enlarge the membership of marine biologists. The Chapter should provide greater incentive to this large group in California.

6. Chapter Representation to Parent Society. The Chapter should undertake a study to assess the effectiveness of the liaison and working relationships between the Chapter, the Western Division, and Parent Society. Presently the Chapter has no official voice in Society affairs except through the Western Division President. (It should be noted, however, that individuals may participate in Society affairs through mail ballots or by attendance at the annual meeting of the Society.)

Programs and Activities

1. Member Award of Excellence or Outstanding Achievement. I propose that the California-Nevada Chapter provide for an annual award to a member or members for excellence in research, or outstanding contributions to the profession through science, management or publication. The Chapter should encourage and reward such effort. The monetary cost of such recognition is small in relation to the potential benefits that may be stimulated.

2. Public Award for Outstanding Service. The Chapter should consider an annual award to non-member agencies or individuals for outstanding service to fisheries manage-

ment; conservation, or other resource-oriented activities. An award of this nature would foster good will, should help in public recognition, and aid in the development of a public image of the profession. Again the cost is small and the benefits are potentially large.

3. Registration or Licensing Review Committee. This committee would review, evaluate and provide recommendation to the Executive Committee concerning the present legislative proposal to register or license natural resources personnel. This committee would work cooperatively with a similar committee to be established in the Western Section of the Wildlife Society. [Formation of this committee was ordered at the annual meeting ... Ed.]

4. Management and Personnel-Relations Committee. The establishment of a Management and Personnel Relations Committee would be for the purpose of working with management, civil service agencies, and the parent Society regarding matters of personal or professional interest to the members. (This is a follow-up to the 1969 meeting.)

5. Professional Register. Establish a Chapter Register of Professional Personnel. The idea behind such a register is to have a list of members of known competence or expertise in specialized areas of the profession upon which the Chapter could draw for special studies or committee assignments.

6. Liaison with Conservation Organizations. Consider establishment of a special committee to provide formal liaison with the California Wildlife Federation and/or other conservation organizations for the purpose of providing consultation and resource personnel on matters of mutual interest.

7. Endangered Species and Habitat Committee. The Chapter could provide a real service to the parent Society the public and the Federal "Endangered Species" program by identifying, monitoring and reporting annually on the status of fishes and habitat in imminent danger. I believe we in the Chapter should take a positive step in establishing a policy as to which species are endangered and identify the relative importance of efforts to maintain or preserve them. In California this committee could work with the Natural Areas Coordinating Council to supplement that organization in its efforts to preserve areas of outstanding aesthetic or resource importance.

8. Angling and Public Water Supply Reservoirs. Many terminal public water supply reservoirs are closed to angling because of the potential effect on public health. We in the Chapter can bring the facts to bear on this longstanding problem and possibly provide the basis for a reconsideration of present restrictions or establish guidelines for consideration by public health officials.

9. Review of Public land law Review Commission Report. This report should be of great interest to fishery management and administrative personnel. The findings by the Commission will lead to legislation regarding public use, and state and federal management of fish and wildlife on the public lands, their disposition and water rights matters. A.F.5. should review relevant aspects of this report and provide appropriate comments to the Commission and/or Congress. This Chapter should assume a leadership in the Society on this assignment because of the large amount of public land in California and Nevada.

10. Fishery Program Priorities. The Chapter, through independent study, should evaluate the kinds of fishery programs that are being emphasized in the states of California and Nevada and the relative priorities assigned to them. Furthermore, I believe the Chapter should also undertake a serious effort to define the kinds of programs, studies, and priorities that we in the profession believe to

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be necessary and in the best public interest. The endpoint of this study would be the development of a report indicative what we in the American Fisheries Society can and should do to implement the objectives of the Chapter and Society.

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EDITORIAL

The publication of this newsletter marks what many hope will be a significant milestone of change in the outlook, activities, and direction of our professional organization, the California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. In the early years of our existence we were an organization whose primary function was to have an annual meeting to exchange papers on various fisheries research and management problems. In recent years, as concern for the environment has grown, we have broadened our outlook to the point where various aspects of the political and social arena are discussed and included in programs as part of our annual meetings. This broadened outlook developed at the time we collaborated with the California-Nevada Section of The Wildlife Society to hold our annual meetings jointly.

As the scope of our meetings has grown so too should the function and organization of our chapter expand and adjust to meet its professional responsibilities and the needs of its members. A step in this direction was taken at our 1969 meeting where we overwhelmingly decided to form a Policy-Resolutions Committee as a vehicle for letting our collective professional views on matters affecting the welfare of our resources be known to the public and the decision-making powers that be. It took a full two years, however, before we were able to work out an acceptable procedure for operating this vehicle; a symptom of the growing pains of an organization treading in unfamiliar territory. But we must not step here. There are many more matters to which the Chapter should address itself if it is to more completely fulfill the functions expected of a typical professional organization.

We must consider the state and health of the profession and the Chapter itself. For example, public awareness of environmental and ecological problems has stimulated a growing interest in the field of fish and wildlife biology among students. Curriculae in fisheries are springing up at numerous colleges and universities around the nation. Established fisheries schools are literally bursting at the seams with record enrollments. But what do these students have to look forward to upon graduation? Not much. At a time when the fisheries profession should be rising to a position of prominence in the scientific community and the public view, we find ourselves shackled with the humiliating burden of having to face reductions in spending, freezes in hiring, and various other indignities in most of the institutions where fisheries scientists are employed. Instead of an expanding job market to absorb them, graduating biologists, at all levels of training, are finding exceedingly limited opportunities for employment. Our chapter should address itself to these problems in California and Nevada and seek to find ways to promote the expansion of the job market in these states. We should seek greater active involvement in the Chapter by students, and the Chapter in turn should seek to aid students in their search for seasonal or permanent employment. President Skinner has proposed that a Management and Personnel Relations Committee and a Student Affairs Committee be established. If and when these come about, they will not have difficulty finding areas in which conditions for both student and nonstudent members can be improved, with benefits accruing to the Chapter and the profession as a whole.

President Skinner also has proposed several other com-

mittees, programs and activities he feels the Chapter should undertake. Some of these will involve amendments to the Bylaws, others will not. For the most part, the merits of these proposals will be easily seen. Whether you favor them or not, however, you should seek to more actively participate in the decision-making processes that will determine the future direction and vitality of this Chapter. The enthusiastic involvement of all members is needed if we are to become a thriving and successful organization. At the last business meeting there were barely enough members present to provide a quorum to conduct business. Let us hope this was only a fluke. Now is the time for all of us to make a commitment to do what we can to help insure that the Chapter's efforts, as it embarks in this new direction, will be fruitful. 0

MAIL BALLOT

Included in this edition of PISCES is a mail ballot, authorized by the Executive Committee, which will allow the members to decide whether they wish to have one of President Skinner's proposals for revising Chapter operation and two of his proposed programs for Chapter involvement become reality. These are presented, as amendments and additions to the Bylaws and are explained both on the ballot and in President Skinner's acceptance message (printed elsewhere in this newsletter)

Members are urged to respond to the challenge of involvement in their Chapter's affairs by giving these important proposals their careful consideration and by returning their marked ballots to the Secretary, Brian Waters, Department of Engineering Research, Pacific Gas and Electric Co., 4245 Hollis Street, Emeryville, California 94608.

Treasurer's Report for Period January 31, 1970 to January 28, 1971

Balance January 31, 1970:	Savings Account	\$103.08
	Checking Account	<u>\$129.70</u>
	Total:	\$232.78
Income:		
1970 Meeting net	\$179.00	
Check from AAFGB	\$240.87	
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$ 9.98</u>	
	Total Credits:	\$429.85
Disbursements:		
Xerox Charge	New letter	\$ 3.00
Stationary	s	11.78
Postage	Expense	48.00
	George Allen (Newsletter Expense)	41.46
	Total Disbursements:	\$104.24
Cash Balance January 28, 1971:		
	Savings Account	\$213.06
	Checking Account	<u>\$345.33</u>
	Total:	\$558.39

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RESOLUTION

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March 30, 1971

Dear Bob:

You will find enclosed a copy of a proposed resolution commending the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Interior on their efforts subsequent to resolution #1 that was adopted by the Society last year.

I believe it is important that the Society adopt the resolution for the following reasons:

1. The effort initiated pursuant to the resolution has potential long range benefits of great importance to fish and wildlife and these efforts should be continued.
2. The initial efforts of Interior and the Service have been quite substantial and in keeping with the intent of the resolution. Consequently, I believe we should recognize and commend those responsible for their efforts. We too frequently fail to recognize good work.
3. Due to the fiscal squeeze in the administration and the wholesale changes in organization and personnel, I believe the Society should keep this matter before the Service to assure its continuity to the point where some positive action will result.

I would appreciate any help you can provide in seeing that the resolution is put before the Society and adopted.

Sincerely,
John E. Skinner, Pres. Calif.-Nev. Chapter
American Fisheries Society

WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society, assembled in annual convention in New York City, New York, September 13-16, 1970, adopted Resolution No.1 entitled, "Analysis of the Fish and Wildlife role in Water Resource Development" and;

WHEREAS, said resolution requested the Secretary of the Interior to direct the US. Fish and Wildlife Service to initiate a comprehensive review and evaluation of those programs, policies and procedures affecting the inclusion of fish and wildlife in federally financed or regulated water development, and;

WHEREAS, the US. Fish and Wildlife Service did in fact cooperatively plan and initiate a program to comply with the intent of said resolution, and;

WHEREAS, the Service sponsored a National Symposium on October 5-7,1970, which brought together representatives of nearly every state and major conservation organization in the nation for the aforesaid purpose and did also implement a regional workshop for the twelve western states on December 7-10, 1970, in San Francisco, and;

WHEREAS, the Symposium and workshop sessions were highly successful in identifying many of the problems and potential solutions, aiding State-Federal relations, and affirmed the need for increased efforts in this specialized activity, and;

WHEREAS, it is clearly evident that this effort should be continued and should include the Federal water development and regulatory agencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Fisheries Society in annual convention assembled in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 15-17, 1971 does hereby commend the Department of the Interior for its prompt action in this matter and in particular the Steering Committee and those officials of the US. Fish and Wildlife Service in and responsible for the Branch of River Basin Studies who directly implemented the program, and;

BE IT. FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Fisheries Society requests that the review and evaluation process be pursued diligently to the development of sound recommendations for the promulgation of effective programs, policies and. procedures, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the US. Fish and Wildlife

Service, to the heads of all state fish and wildlife agencies, and the several agencies of the federal government concerned with implementing and regulating water and related land developments affecting fish and wildlife, and to the chairman of the National Council on Environmental Quality. O

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Numerous appointments have been made to several committees so far this year. The Policy-Resolutions Committee has begun its first full year as a standing committee. Scott Soule was selected by President Skinner to chair this committee. Mr. Soule recently has become Dean of the new North American School of Conservation and Ecology in Anaheim, California. Also serving on the committee with Mr. Soule will be Charles Bryan, Leo Pinkas, William Nisbet and James Young. Members are urged to submit matters for consideration to any committee member or to the chairman, Mr. Soule, at 620 Abbot Avenue, San Gabriel, California 91776.

President Skinner has also appointed a Nominations Committee to select a list of candidates for the office of Vice President in 1972. John Hayes will serve as chairman and will be assisted by Robert Sumner, James Squire and Fred Shultz.

At the past meeting in Sacramento the Chapter voted to create an Ad Hoc Professional Licencing Review Committee (see report on Annual Meeting elsewhere in newsletter). This committee is to review a proposed piece of legislation that would require the licencing of certain natural resource managers and biologists. Robert Jones of Jones and Stokes Associates, Sacramento, has agreed to chair this committee. He is acting in a similar capacity for the Western Section of The Wildlife Society, which will assure appropriate coordination of the professional functions and between the two societies. Dale Lockhard, Elden Vestal, Richard Ridenhour and Gerald Talbot have been appointed to serve with Mr. Jones on this committee.

The Executive Committee has recently acted on three of President Skinner's proposals for new standing committees by approving their formation. The first of these is the Membership Committee. This committee will have the singular objective of increasing membership in the Society (*et ergo* the Chapter) particularly by attempting to recruit the many professional fisheries workers within the Chapter boundaries who do not now belong to the Society. George Allen (chairman), Emil Smith, Ed Aderkas, Tom Trelease, Richard Croker and George Nokes are your membership committee workers.

The second committee to be formed is a Student Affairs Committee. Ronald Schultze has agreed to temporarily chair this committee which also includes Gerald Bowes, George LaBar, Dennis Peters, Michael Petitpren and John Willey. Among other things, the purpose of this committee will be to stimulate the interest of students in the Society and to develop programs of mutual interest to fisheries students among the various academic institutions.

A third committee was formed to study the problem of rare and endangered species. The Endangered Species and Habitat Committee will be headed by Glen Delisle with assistance from Martin Brittan, John Thomas, Charles von Geldern, Earl Herald, Ted Frantz and Camm Swift.

In addition to these standing committees, President Skinner also has created an Ad Hoc Constitution and Bylaw Committee to review the existing bylaws of the Chapter. Richard Painter will head this committee and will be assisted by James Deacon, Don Erman, Jack Hanson and Lynn Wixom. O

Bylaws of the California-Nevada Chapter of the
American Fisheries Society

As Amended at the 1971 Annual Meeting, January 28, 1971 (*Changes
and additions in bold face type*)

Section 1. Name and Objectives

The name of this organization shall be the California Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, hereinafter referred to as the Chapter.

The objectives of the Chapter shall be those of the American Fisheries Society as set forth in Article I of the Constitution, and to encourage the exchange of information by members of the Society residing within the states of California and Nevada.

Section 2. Membership

The membership of the Chapter shall be composed of those American Fisheries Society members in good standing who reside in the states of California and Nevada.

Section 3. Meetings

The Chapter shall hold an annual meeting at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee and additional chapter meetings also may be scheduled. The program and presentation of papers shall be the responsibility of the Program Committee.

Section 4. Officers

The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by a plurality of the members in attendance. In the case of a vacated position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified replacement to fill an unexpired term.

The term of the President and the Vice-President shall be one year. The Vice-President shall be designated President Elect.

The term of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be two years.

In the event of the cancellation of an annual meeting, the officers and the members of any committee shall continue to serve until the next scheduled meeting.

Section 5. Duties of Officers

The President of the Chapter shall preside at all meetings, shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee shall represent the Chapter to the Western Division and to the Parent Society, and shall make appointments and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

The Vice-President shall be the Chairman of the Program Committee and shall assume the duties of the President in the event of his absence or inability to act.

The Secretary shall keep the official records of the Chapter, and the Treasurer shall collect and be custodian of registration fees collected under Section 10 of these Bylaws, and any funds which may be allocated to the Chapter. The Treasurer shall disburse funds as may be authorized and necessary, and shall submit a record of receipts and disbursements at the annual Chapter meeting. The Secretary shall perform such duties as may be requested by the Executive Secretary of the parent Society or the Secretary Treasurer of the Western Division of A.F.S.

Section 6. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Chapter shall consist of the elected officers and the immediate Past President. It is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings, to perform appropriate duties and functions and to disburse registration funds for Chapter business.

Section 7. Chapter Committees

The President of the California-Nevada Chapter is authorized to appoint from members of the Chapter in

good standing such committees as may be necessary for the conduct of the business of the Chapter. These Committees shall include:

- a. Policy-Resolutions Committee of five (5) which shall draft and recommend to the Chapter and/or the Executive Committee for consideration such resolutions and policy or position statements as may be considered prudent and necessary in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the Chapter.
- b. The members of the Policy-Resolutions Committee should insofar as is practical represent a cross-section of Chapter members, including representatives of State and Federal agencies, private industry, and the academic community.
- ii. The Policy-Resolutions Committee shall act diligently on such resolutions and statements submitted to it by any member or by the Executive Committee.
- iii. All resolutions, statements and correspondence approved by the Policy-Resolutions Committee must be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and approved by unanimous vote or for submission to the membership at the annual meeting. All resolutions or statements approved by the Executive Committee must be reported to the membership by newsletter within 30 days of approval.
- iv. All resolutions, statements and correspondence not transmitted to the Executive Committee with unanimous approval of the Policy-Resolutions Committee, may contain a minority report prepared by those members of the Policy Resolutions Committee opposing the transmittal.
- v. The Executive Committee may, if it deems it prudent to, defer action on any resolution, statement or correspondence until the annual general meeting of the Chapter for membership action; provided that such resolutions, statements or correspondence must be published in the Chapter Newsletter at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
- vi. All resolutions, statements or correspondence considered by the Policy-Resolutions Committee during the year shall be reported upon at the annual meeting in the Report of the Policy Resolutions Committee.
- vii. The Policy-Resolutions Committee shall follow the Communications Guidelines as provided in Section XII of these Bylaws.

Section 8. Election of Members

Applications for all classes of membership in A.F.S. may be received by the Secretary of the Chapter and shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary of the Society.

Section 9. Voting and Quorum

Decisions at meetings of the Chapter shall be in accordance with Article IV, Paragraph 4, of the Constitution of the American Fisheries Society.

A quorum at any Chapter meeting for the transaction of official business shall be twenty (20) members.

Section 10. Registration

The Executive Committee may assess each registrant attending annual meetings of the Chapter a registration fee not to exceed \$ 3.00 to cover the cost of the meeting and Chapter activities. Collections shall be made by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 11. Amendments to the Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended and approved in accordance with Article IV, Paragraph 4, and Article VI, Paragraph 3, of the Constitution of the American Fisheries Society and by Section 9 of these Bylaws.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION
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final act to divide their treasury between TWS and the California-Nevada Chapter Of AFS. This is an unexpected windfall for our chapter.

A Summary of the findings of an ad hoc committee appointed by President Allen to evaluate proposed California legislation to register professional ecologists was contained in a letter to President Allen from Richard Ridenhour. President Allen read the letter and commented on the findings. A recent draft of the proposed legislation follows:

"Tentative Draft #4

An act to add Chapter 12.6 (commencing with Section 7900) to Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the registration and regulation of professional foresters, range and wildlife managers, and other wild land ecologists creating a State Board for the Registration of Foresters and other wild land managers, prescribing its organization, powers, and duties, and making an appropriation therefor."

Considerable discussion followed the reading of Ridenhour's letter which finally led to a motion by John Skinner to appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of five members (1 state employee, 1 federal employee, 1 academician, 1 private employee, 1 member at large) to coordinate a study with the Wildlife Society of the proposed Act. The ad hoc committee was directed to determine the present status of this legislation, to evaluate the definition of the terms used in the various classifications discussed in the legislation, to evaluate the necessity for licensing professional natural resource managers, if at all; and if found necessary, to evaluate whether all professionals should be licensed without exception.

Policy-Resolutions Committee Approved. The report the Ad Hoc Resolutions Evaluations Committee was discussed, and with a few minor changes, the bylaw amendment providing for the establishment of a Policy Resolutions Committee was approved by voice vote. This new section of the bylaws, together with the Policy Resolutions Guidelines, also accepted and added to the bylaws, can be found in another part of this newsletter.

Executive Committee Enlarged. The subject of separating the duties of Secretary and Treasurer of the Chapter was brought up early in the meeting. After considerable discussion, a motion to that effect was passed unanimously.

Aid for Nature Council. The California Natural Areas Coordinating Council is a non-profit organization attempting to catalog all the unique or exceptionally valuable natural areas, including aquatic habitats, throughout the entire state of California. A donation of \$ 25 to support their work was voted by the membership. Any members wishing to become involved in the survey should contact Box 670, Mill Valley, California 94941.

New Officers. Pete Chadwick presented the report of the Nominating Committee. After nominations from the floor were received, the ballots were cast with the following results: President-elect - Jim Burns, Secretary - Brian Waters, Treasurer - Dale Lockhart. 0

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Section 12. Communications Guidelines

1. Resolutions

Resolutions are essentially declarations calling attention to a need or requesting some form of action. They should not be used as vehicles for external policy pronouncements.

Resolutions are the preferred instruments in intraSociety affairs, particularly when seeking action by the parent Society. However, resolutions should not be considered on matters that can be handled effectively by other means.

2. Policy and Position Statements

Policy and position statements should be the principal means of expressing professional opinion or judgment to the public. Such statements should involve serious matter having a bearing on fisheries resources in California and Nevada and should be formulated only after detailed study has been made by biologists and/or other personnel of known competence and expertise in the subject. In general, such statements should contain: (1) A Statement of The Issue, (2) An Analysis of the problem, together with a recitation of the relevant facts, and (3) The Position being promulgated.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence is the most common method of communication available to the Chapter for enunciating professional opinion, providing technical aid and advice, and for exchange of information and ideas. Such correspondence can be expected to lead to the developments of resolutions and to policy or position statements.

Correspondence should be the principal instrument for conveying attitudes of opinions on appropriate issues for which time or the nature of the matter does not permit or warrant the formulation of resolution or position statements. Correspondence offers opportunity for tactful persuasion and flexibility in approach to endorsement or opposition to projects, programs, or policies at issue.

Correspondence can be withdrawn for subsequent review, revision, or deletion.

Correspondence of an advocacy nature originating either in the Executive Committee or the Policy Resolutions Committee must be signed by the President. If the President demurs, the procedure outlined in Section 7(v) of these bylaws will be followed to resolve the matter.

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