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A Message From the President

Greetings chapter members. I appreciate your expression of support in my candidacy and hope everyone had an enjoyable summer.

With only a short time as your president of the Southern Ontario Chapter (SOC), I am still contemplating personal goals and commitments. If my first meeting with your Executive Committee (Excom) is any indication, the next few months will be very busy.

My first order of business is to thank the outgoing President, John Tran on behalf of the Excom and the Chapter for his efforts during the past year. Due to other commitments, he has declined his appointment as Past-President. Jon Bisset has been kind enough to offer to remain in the position for this year.

My second charge is to congratulate the Executive Officers, who have accepted their appointments to serve you as best they can. The first Excom meeting

left me with a sense of assurance that your Executive Officers are not only willing, but fully capable to operate the SOC in the Chapter's best interest.

It is my personal goal that the Excom, with support from committee chairs, build confidence and re-define a sense of purpose - to challenge the demands of our changing environment, economy and society. I do not believe anyone can dispute the fact that while environmental issues are changing, the manner by which we manage these and apply science, is changing even more so. As we enter the 2nd quarter of this decade, we can be certain that the management of fisheries will be even more confined than before. I believe it is time the SOC-AFS: reaffirm the concept of resource management; enlist adversary and foe in the development and endorsement of provisions for responsible resource protection; become the lead non-government organization in southern Ontario for

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SOC Annual Meeting
to be held on the eve of
the Natural Channel
System Conference
March 2, 1993 at the
Sheraton Fallsview in
Niagara Falls.

Tentative plans include
supper in a private
dining room overlooking
the river and a guest
speaker. A social with
open bar will follow the
"neatly abridged"
business meeting.

aquatic resources; and search out more solutions and less problems. This means greater involvement in defining management strategies and conservation techniques. I invite members who share this viewpoint to become more involved in the Chapter's operations.

Our Excom meeting brought some outstanding issues to the surface. One was a review of the existing SOC bylaws. It has been five years since the Chapter was conceived and several changes have taken place, both internally and externally. A review is in order to simply ensure that the bylaws are current and appropriate, to the issues and concerns of our members. Consideration will also be given to creating a First Vice-President's position.

Another area of interest discussed was the implementation/activation of a five year plan in accord with the Chapter's Long Range Plan (LRP). Excom members brought forward and agreed, that the SOC needs to improve its continuity and reactivity to fisheries related issues for periods greater than the lifespan of a single presidency or Excom. This would add stability to our platform, instilling a sense of purpose to encourage further involvement by Chapter members in the Excom and committees.

As President, I see the need for the SOC to focus on problem solving.

Many of us are familiar with the Rosgen Course which has become so very successful. Its popularity is a product, not only of our organizing committee's commitment to excellence, but also the overwhelming demand by government agencies and the private sector alike, in search of solutions. Very few training courses actually offer solutions. Government agencies and private sector consultants/contractors are searching for best management practices (BMPs) to address the many legislative and ethical requirements necessary to protect our fishery resources. With a Chapter of such diversity, knowledge and experience, surely we should be able to accommodate and advance the sciences of several professions when addressing these resource concerns. We have many problems that need further study, but we should be able to provide solutions - protecting our resource and developing technical information through partnerships. This would reflect sustainable development in its truest sense, while avoiding further rhetoric.

These are but a few of the issues at hand. I am always open for discussion and dialogue and invite members to inform me of their views/concerns.

Tripartite Fisheries Protocol Signed

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), the Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) have drafted and approved a Fisheries Protocol. The conventions outline cooperative policies and procedures between agencies in the protection of fisheries resources and for the development, operation and maintenance of Provincial Highways.

The protocol, two years in the making, establishes standard practices and a consistent, cost effective approach for MTO and MNR. A two year moratorium prior to amendments will allow agency staff the opportunity to review its strengths and weaknesses - working towards common social and economic objectives, uniting fish habitat protection with the development/maintenance of a safe and functional provincial highway system.

MTO's Environmental Office is also developing a technical fisheries manual to guide MTO environmental planners. It promises to be much more than a single-user manual, with applications to many other disciplines where land use proposals will potentially affect fish habitat.

- A.P.P.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: Alex Palkonis-President; Hazel Brown-President-Elect; Jon Bisset-Past-President; Gerry Leering-Treasurer; Tim Rance-Secretary.

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Expertise in AFS

A cross section of the SOC membership, which has never been done to my knowledge, would turn up an assortment of disciplines and sectors.

Some members don't realize that an engineering technologist was the President of the Chapter last year. We didn't always know where John Tran was during his term, but we did know that he shared our ecological goals, and a passion to foster interaction between engineers and biologists. John is well known for flying in the face of the conventional to get things done better, and he came to AFS with a host of dirty urban water management issues to work on. He represented the Chapter in his efforts to make people aware of the fisheries underfoot and under our streetscapes. He deserves our thanks and our support in continuing these efforts.

Member Concerns and Issues

The last page of this issue has an "issue response form" which serves a number of purposes. First and foremost, it will document input from members regarding concerns or issues that require Chapter attention, whether internal or external. Often conveyed by phone, the issues that members would like SOC to take positions on, can go unaddressed unless written specifics are submitted.

The second purpose of the form is that it encourages members to provide potential solutions to the concerns they are raising. -kt

SOC Considering Position of Vice-President

The 1993/94 election of officers for the Chapter's Executive Committee was very encouraging with all positions being filled and even two nominations for the position of President. As a result of the competition for presidency, Gerry Leering, EXCOM treasurer, put forward a motion to include the position of Vice-President in the slate of officers for the Chapter.

This position does not duplicate the role of President-Elect. The President-Elect will train for the position of President during his or her term and will serve as President in the following term. Section 5 of the Parent Society bylaws states that the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President-Elect if the latter is unable to act, and chair selected committees as requested. More specifically, the Vice-President, serving as a voting member of the EXCOM, will ensure the timely release of the Chapter's newsletter, become chair of standing committees as deemed necessary by the EXCOM, attend all EXCOM meetings to advise the EXCOM, Committee Chairs, and Chapter members as to the operations of the Chapter with adherence to the Constitution, bylaws, and standing rules of the Parent Society, Division, and Chapter, and work closely with the President-Elect to be able to assume the role should the need arise.

In order to add the position Vice-President to the slate of officers for the Chapter's EXCOM the following additions and amendments to the Chapter bylaws must be undertaken:

1) Section 4a of the Chapter bylaws must be amended to include the

Vice-President as an officer of the Chapter;

2) Section 4b of the Chapter bylaws must be amended to indicate that the office of Vice-President may serve more than one term;

3) Section 5e must be added to the Chapter bylaws to outline the duties of the Vice-President; and

4) Section 10 of the Chapter bylaws must be followed to effect the changes proposed.

In addition to a vote by chapter members, changes to the bylaws carried forward, must be endorsed by the Parent Society EXCOM. These changes will be reviewed in 1994. -dc

Accounting Program for Sale

The SOC is selling its old versions of Quicken V 1.0 and 2.0 for Windows. If you are interested in buying either one of these software packages please contact Gerry Leering at (705) 743-5780. The cost of the program will be \$15.00 each. -dc

Abstract Searches Made Easier for SOC Members

In September of 1993 the SOC purchased a copy of Absearch, a key-word-search program and database of every article published by the AFS from 1945 - 1992 including the Transactions of the American Fisheries Society, North American Journal of Fisheries Management, and feature articles from Fisheries. The Chapter will make Absearch available to members on an individual basis. Only one copy was purchased so members will only be permitted to use Absearch for a limited time. -dc

Long Range Plan

The Southern Ontario Chapter operates within the parent society's AFS Procedural Manual, the By-Laws of the North Central Division, and our own By-Laws, Procedures Manual and draft Long Range Plan.

The Long Range Plan is perhaps the most important of these to the activities of individual members. When complete, it will reflect the goals and directions of the SOC membership, providing us with a vision of our role and expected contribution to southern Ontario.

Alex Pallionis is currently redrafting the Plan and hopes to make it the theme of the next newsletter. Members should review this information and prepare to vote on it during the annual meeting in March '94. -kt

New Excom Member

Within the nested rules and regulations outlined above, Alex Pallionis has appointed Doug Clark as a non-voting Excom member. Doug's title is Executive Assistant and his enthusiastic help will be welcome. Among other tasks, Doug is currently contributing to the newsletter. -kt

Special Committee representation sought

As the SOC gains momentum and profile, invitations and requests have been given for input or consultation around the province.

The Excom is currently reviewing the SOC seats on external committees such as PUDAC, BMP manual and the Rouge Park Advisory Committee. Chapter representatives are being considered, but members are encouraged to submit their names if interested in future positions. -kt

Committee Updates

The Excom is currently re-establishing the mandates and reporting procedures of our various committees. More detailed updates from each committee chair will be expected in future newsletters.

Ways and Means

Hazel Breton is chairing this committee which is currently actively involved in the annual meeting organization. Volunteers are needed to help with the arrangements, and with registrations, etc.

Nominations

Jon Bisset is developing a slate of nominees for Sept. '94 to be printed in an upcoming newsletter, and voted on at the annual meeting. He is looking for your input as a committee member and for making a nomination.

Awards

Gerry Leering is arranging for gifts to be given to past chairs and presidents at the annual meeting. This committee is activated only upon receiving submissions for proposed awards and awardees.

Continuing Education

Mike Jones is stepping down as chair and a new member is needed. This committee had been involved in development of workshops for the Chapter, but special adhoc committees have been functioning for specific activities recently. The parent society has a manual for continuing education that includes information on credit bearing courses, methods, existing courses, etc.

Habitat

Ken Dance is stepping down and the Excom is looking for a mandate and successor.

Publications

Doug Clark is overseeing development of a chapter handbook, summarizing procedures, by-laws, history, workshop lists, etc.

Ethics

Al Sippel, Dave Bell, Cam Portt, Tim Rance, Serge Metikosh and Jennifer Harker are reviewing the AFS code of practices in relation to standards of other professional associations in Ontario.

Student Affairs

Nic Mandrak will soon step down and this active committee will need a new chair.

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Bernard Lebeau will continue his involvement in this committee with periodic attendance at the NCD on behalf of the Chapter.

Membership

There is a continuing need for help in the development of a database for current membership and address label outputs, etc. Mark Heaton is currently coordinating membership lists and membership drives.

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Past-president: Jon Bisset



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