

<b>No. 31</b>	<b>Socioeconomics Section</b>	<b>Peter Fricke</b>
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REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

*TO:* John Boreman, President

*FROM:* Peter Fricke, Acting President, Socioeconomics Section

*DATE:* August 20, 2013

**I. Motion Report – Nothing to Report**

**II. Activity Report**

(A) Summary of accomplishments consistent with the goals and objectives of the American Fisheries Society’s AFS Strategic Plan for 2010-2014.

***Goal 1: Global Fisheries Leadership*** AFS will be a global leader providing information and technical resources for the sustainability and conservation of fisheries resources.

***Objective 1.1: Strategy 1: Section Meetings***

The Section did not hold an annual meeting in 2012 in St. Paul. The President of the Section, Dr. Palma Ingles, resigned under pressure from the US FW&S whose general counsel perceived a conflict of interest on the part of Dr. Ingles’ AFS membership. The Secretary of the Section became Acting President in December, 2012.

A poll of Section members was conducted in January to determine the level of interest in the work of the Section and future Section operations. Based on this poll, an electronic ballot for the election of officers was conducted in April, 2013. The new officers, who will take office at the Section’s annual meeting in Little Rock, are Tom Lang (President), Sean Jansen (President-Elect) and Jennifer Shriver (Secretary/Treasurer).

***Goal 3: Value of Membership*** AFS will serve its members and fisheries science constituencies to fulfill the mission of the Society.

***Objective 3.1: Recognition and Awards Programs***

In collaboration with the Missouri Chapter, the Socioeconomic Section gives the Weithman Award for the student paper with the best use of social and/or economic data and analysis presented at the AFS Annual Meeting. The award was not given at the St. Paul Annual Meeting, but candidate papers have been nominated and identified for the Little Rock meeting.

Former Section President Dr. Bonnie J. McCay will receive the AFS Award for Excellence at the Little Rock meeting. The Socioeconomics Section will recognize that achievement with a reception in Dr. McCay's honor on Tuesday, September 10.

(B) Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration.

Nothing to report.

### **III. Financial Status**

Provided separately to the Executive Committee