

<b>No. 46</b>	<b>Membership Concerns Committee</b>	<b>James Long</b>
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## **REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD**

TO: **John Boreman**, President  
FROM: James Long, Chair, Membership Concerns Committee  
DATE: 7/12/2013

### **I. Motion Report – (2 pages max)**

(A) Recommended Motion: None

(B) Minority View: None

(C) Background for Motion: Not Applicable

### **II. Activity Report (5 pages max)**

(A) Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area in Strategic Plan. According to the AFS constitution, the Membership Concerns Committee monitors attitudes of members toward the Society by means of surveys, correspondence, and other avenues of communication and recommends programs to address members' professional needs and problems. The Membership Concerns Committee is composed of 6 members and has been charged with 3 tasks:

1. Continue working with the Board of Professional Certification (Chair to be named) to implement the recommendations of the Professional Certification survey conducted last year;
2. Continue working with allied units (Meeting Oversight, Electronic Services Advisory Board) to support virtual meeting attendance; and
3. Participate on the special committee I am appointing to develop a strategic plan for AFS scientific communications (Julie Claussen, Chair).

The committee was formed and has worked on finalizing the report from the 2011 Professional Certification survey. A brief article highlighting the benefits of certification to those in private employment was published in *Fisheries* (2012, 37:424-425). Work on the remaining charges to the committee has been minimal.

Chair Jim Long, as an appointed member of the AFS Fisheries Professional Salary Survey Special Committee, co-authored the article in *Fisheries* (2013, 38:169-178) that reported the results of the salary survey.

(B) Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration. None