

was distributed to all members. It was well received and will be continued on an annual basis. A plaque was presented to the outgoing president, and this practice will also be continued in the future.

### The Report of the Southern Division

was presented by Buford Tatum, President.

The Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society is pleased to report that the Division's various committees have been very active during the year, progress has been made, and the fourth coming Division Meeting to be held in Mobile, Alabama should be the year's highlight for all who attend.

The Arrangements Committee has done a very commendable job. They have kept the Southern Division members informed as their plans have been finalized and everything points to a smoothly run meeting. Technical Sessions will be held in one of the large meeting rooms of the new Municipal Auditorium. They will be able to accommodate over 200 people in the fisheries session and everyone will be able to see, hear, and participate in the discussions. Chairman C. E. White reports that 25 manufacturers of fish and wildlife equipment are committed to display their wares.

The Program Committee has been working hard in arranging a well balanced program and promises some excellent papers.

The Southern Division's two big working committees, the Reservoir Committee and the Striped Bass Sub-committee met twice during the year. The Committees met in February at Moncks Corner, South Carolina and had, what was felt by most of the members, one of the best meetings ever. The Reservoir Committee and the Striped Bass Sub-committee unanimously approved a resolution concerning the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers plan to provide navigation by barge up the Congaree River to Columbia, South Carolina. Approximately 96% of the Santee-Cooper striped bass spawn above the proposed locks. This resolution was presented in the May issue of the Sport Fishing Institute Bulletin and the Committee members felt a touch of pride when informed at their July, 1969 meeting held in Bowling Green, Kentucky, that the Corps had approved the plan for navigation. The Striped Bass Sub-committee approved a cooperative stocking project to utilize the surplus fingerling striped bass produced at Federal Hatcheries. The States that received fingerlings were: Georgia, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The Trout Committee Meeting attendance at Franklin, North Carolina really pushed the Reservoir and Striped Bass for large attendance. The Trout Committee meeting was devoted to workshop activities and panel discussions. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 4-5, 1969 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Awards Committee reported to President Tatum that the final selection for the First Prize Award (\$50,000) and certificate, and the Second Prize Award (\$25,000) for papers presented at last year's Baltimore meeting will be completed by the end of September, 1969. These awards will be presented at the annual banquet.

The C. W. Watson Award Committee has been busy going over recommendations on nominees for the C. W. Watson Southeastern Conservationist

Award, and report that the selection should be completed well before the October meeting. The C. W. Watson Awards Committee approved a loan in the amount of \$1,127.17 to the Reservoir Committee in December, 1968, to allow the committee to pay off its obligations to the publisher of the RESERVOIR FISHERY RESOURCES SYMPOSIUM. The C. W. Watson Awards Committee received a check for the full amount on August 20, 1969.

The Nominating Committee has been most active during the month of August and is waiting the return of approvals for nominees' names to be presented at the Division's business meeting. Chairman Mathis reports that voting at the October meeting will be streamlined by having printed ballots available.

The Resolution Committee reports that the major work of this committee will be done at the Southern Division Meeting in Mobile, October 19-22, 1969. The Southern Division is in good financial shape and the Reservoir Committee has repaid the loan from the C. W. Watson Award Fund and has accumulated a small amount of money from the sale of the publication, RESERVOIR FISHERY RESOURCES SYMPOSIUM.

The Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society is 874 members strong and is growing all of the time. We are pleased with the progress the Division has made, but are not satisfied.

### The Report of the Western Division

was presented by Fred M. Eiserman, President.

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society was held at Jackson Lake Lodge, Jackson, Wyoming, June 26-28, 1969, in conjunction with the 49th Annual Conference of the Western Association of Game and Fish Commissioners.

The Program Committee, under the chairmanship of Max Rollefson, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, did an excellent job in putting together and arranging for speakers that covered a wide spectrum of fisheries activities associated with the Western Division region. Concurrent sessions covering 26 individual papers were given on inland fisheries research and management, quality concepts in hatchery production and marine fisheries research and quality concepts for salmonid fisheries. Although registered attendance for the overall Western Division meeting was 100, actual attendance counts at the session presentations exceeded this number.

The business meeting held on June 27, 1969, was attended by 60 members including President Blwood Seaman; 1st Vice-President C. J. D. Brown and Executive Secretary Robert Hutton. This meeting culminated a privileged and rewarding year for me as President of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society. A brief review of the business meeting is as follows:

New business: A proposed change in Section 21 of the By-laws of the American Fisheries Society referring to provisions of Article 6 of the Constitution will allow American Fisheries Society members in the Province of Saskatchewan the privilege of affiliating with the North Central or Western Regional Divisions depending on the convenience of attending regional meetings.

Suggestions on the proposed modification of the North American Fish Policy were obtained by a canvass of the Western Division's Executive Committee. Comments received from six members of this committee were forwarded to Dr. E. L. Cooper, Chairman of the North American Fish Policy Committee.

Granting of a Charter to the Colorado State University Chapter, raised the Chapter representation in the Western Division to ten. As a personal comment, I consider increased chapter activities as one of the best means at the grass root level to add strength, to motivate and to sustain the American Fisheries Society as a professional body. I sincerely hope that in the near future the Western Division will welcome the first Canadian chapter as well as chapter representation from Alaska, Hawaii and Washington. As part of the closing ceremonies, chapter charters were presented to chapter representatives by Robert Hutton.

On the basis of six affirmatives and no negative replies from the Western Division Executive Committee, the membership of this meeting authorized the incoming President to appoint an awards committee to work out criteria and to eventually recognize on an annual basis if warranted, a practicing fisheries professional in the Western Division who has made a substantial contribution in the field of fisheries resource management.

Old business: Al Regenthal presented a report on the activities of an ad hoc committee regarding the interstate shipment of live fish. It was recommended and approved that this committee continue through the next year.

Dean Marriage read a letter signed by three members of the Oregon Chapter in which they requested a delay in the increased page-charge rate for the *TRANSACTIONS* and the polling of the membership for priorities on spending by the Society. Robert Hutton reviewed previous actions and decisions on this subject and suggested that the letter be submitted to the AFS Executive Committee through the Western Division for consideration.

President Seaman gave an informal report on American Fisheries Society activities and Dr. Hutton reviewed activities of the Constitution and By-laws Committee and the progress of the Centennial committee.

At the 20th business meeting of the Western Division held in Reno, a past president's plaque for all previous presidents was authorized. Partial financing of these plaques has been initiated by a conference registration fee collected at the Jackson meeting this year. To date plaques have been presented to Tom Trelease and myself.

Eleven resolutions, plus a supporting vote for two resolutions previously passed by the North Central Division, were approved by the Western Division and submitted to the Parent Society for consideration. Resolutions again expressed a growing concern for fish habitat deterioration, both in marine and fresh water environments.

New officers elected for 1969-1970 include Charles Campbell, President; Paul Culpin, President-elect; George Holton, Secretary-Treasurer; and James Simpson, Western Division representative on the Parent Society Nominating Committee.

The next meeting of the Western Division will be held July 12-16, 1970, in the Province of British Columbia.

## The Report of the Finance Committee was presented by W. Massmann, Chairman.

Mr. President and members of the Executive Committee—Members of the Finance Committee have reviewed the financial conditions of the Society since our report of March 1969 when the proposed budget was adopted with the addition of two items by the Executive Committee. The additions were: the application by the Society to become an Adherent Society of the American Institute of Biological Sciences; and the adoption of an Award of Excellence for recognition of outstanding scientists in the fields of fisheries and aquatic sciences.

Participation in the AIBS will add \$750 to the budget. A cash award of \$1,000 and an appropriate medal would also have called for an increase in the budget.

The Finance Committee wishes to commend President Seaman for his successful efforts in obtaining an outside source of funds to finance the award and medal.

The committee believes that the Society is now approaching the limit in the amount of additional activities and services that can be provided to the membership without additional funds. We regret that this year we do not anticipate being able to add to the reserve funds for the Society. Our reserve funds should nearly equal the running expenses for the Society for one year.

In this connection we wish to point out two unanticipated, urgent financial problems that have arisen since the March 1969 meeting. Both involve publication of the *Transactions*. First is a request from our printer for immediate revision of our contract for publication of the *Transactions*. The printer is losing money under our present agreement.

Second, our capable editor has made a desperate appeal for additional secretarial help. An unprecedented number of manuscripts are now being handled. At present, 45 different papers are in the mill. These have placed an extremely heavy and unexpected burden on the editor. The Finance Committee is confident that both these problems will be resolved here, hopefully without having to use reserve funds.

The Society is now considering the establishment of a new monograph series for publication of especially comprehensive and noteworthy studies. This series would be in addition to our Special Publication Series which includes the Names of Fishes, Symposium on Estuarine Fisheries, Symposium on Water Quality Criteria, and Symposium on Fish Diseases.

Under our present dues structure, the Society cannot meet the additional cost of this worthwhile series. The Society is presently so large that it will be difficult if not impossible to raise outside funds sufficient to cover the cost of providing copies for the entire membership. Since some members would not be interested in receiving all special publications, we strongly recommend a change in Society policy to allow for nominal charges to Society members who request these publications such as one-half the regular purchase price. This should also eliminate the possibility that such publications would be developed only at times when outside funding became available.

The only alternative to this arrangement would