

**Canadian Aquatic
Resources Section**
of the American Fisheries Society



**Section Des Ressources
Aquatiques Canadiennes**
de l'American Fisheries Society

Annual General Meeting @ CCFFR – Halifax 2020

Saturday, January 4, 15:00, Compass C

Agenda

1. Introductions and guests (address from Scott Bonar)
2. Larkin Award
3. Legends recognition program
4. EDI statement
5. Treasurer's report
6. Membership
7. Communications
8. Other initiatives
9. New business – CCFFR motion

Executive Committee

President: Caleb Hasler (Year 1 of 2)

Vice-president: Craig Purchase (Year 1 of 2)

Past President: Nick Mandrak (Year 1 of 2)

Secretary/Treasurer: Erin Rechisky

Communications: Graham Raby

Assistant Communications: Sarah Rabideau

Student Rep: Jamie Card

Student Rep (alternate): Paul Bzonek

+ **presidents** of Atlantic, Ontario, Mid-Canada, WA-BC chapters (*ex officio*)

Larkin Award

- 3 MSc. candidates and 6 PhD. candidates applied for the Peter A. Larkin Award for Excellence in Fisheries.
- Eight Canadian Institutions were represented by the pool of applicants: University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, University of Winnipeg, University of Windsor, Université de Montréal, Carleton University, Memorial University of Newfoundland.
- Judging panel consisted of Silvia D'Amelio (Trout Unlimited Canada) and Marianne Geisler (University of Winnipeg)
- MSc. level:
 - Natalie Klinard (University of Windsor) – 1st place (tie)
 - Theresa Mackey (University of Winnipeg) – 1st place (tie)
- PhD. level:
 - Emmanuelle Chrétien (Université de Montréal) – 1st place
 - Christopher Cahill (University of Calgary) – runner up

Legends and Fisheries Essay

ESSAY

Reflections on the Legends of Canadian Fisheries Science and Management

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Emmanuelle Chrétien | Département de sciences biologiques, Université de Montréal, Pavillon Marie-Victorin, Montréal, QC, Canada

Margot Stockwell | Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Science Branch, Pacific Biological Station, Nanaimo, BC, Canada

Steven J. Cooke | Fish Ecology and Conservation Physiology Laboratory, Department of Biology, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Erin Rechisky  | Kintama Research Services Ltd., Nanaimo, BC, Canada

David W. Welch  | Kintama Research Services Ltd., Nanaimo, BC, Canada

Natalie M. Sopinka | Canadian Science Publishing, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Nicholas E. Mandrak | Department of Biological Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough, Toronto, ON, Canada

Legend Nominations

We are accepting new nominations until January 15, 2020.

When nominating an individual or group, please submit a 200-word summary to be used in the voting.

Please be mindful of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) as you select nominees.

Nominations should be sent to nicholas.mandrak@utoronto.ca. After the January 15 deadline, we will send a survey link to CARS members to vote.

EDI Statement added to bylaws

Article I. Name and Objectives

1) The name of this organization shall be the Canadian Aquatic Resources Section of the American Fisheries Society, hereinafter referred to as the Section and Society, respectively.

2) The general objectives of the Section are those of the Society as set forth in the Society's Constitution. The specific objectives are to:

- promote the conservation, development, and wise management of aquatic resources in Canada, within the context of sound ecological principles and sustainability;
- gather and disseminate information pertaining to fisheries and aquatic science in Canada;
- promote the educational and technical aspects of the fisheries profession in Canada;
- determine, and respond to, the specific needs of fisheries and aquatic scientists and practitioners in Canada;
- provide coordination for review of, and comment upon, government proposed legislation and policy; and.
- facilitate Society policy development and review pertaining to Canadian aquatic resource issues.

3) In accordance with the AFS Strategic Plan, CARS is committed to increasing gender, ethnic, disciplinary, and cultural diversity of its membership and executive committee. CARS aims to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion within the fisheries profession in Canada. Doing so is vital to maintaining relevance and responding to the challenges facing Canadian fisheries science and management.

Treasurer's Report

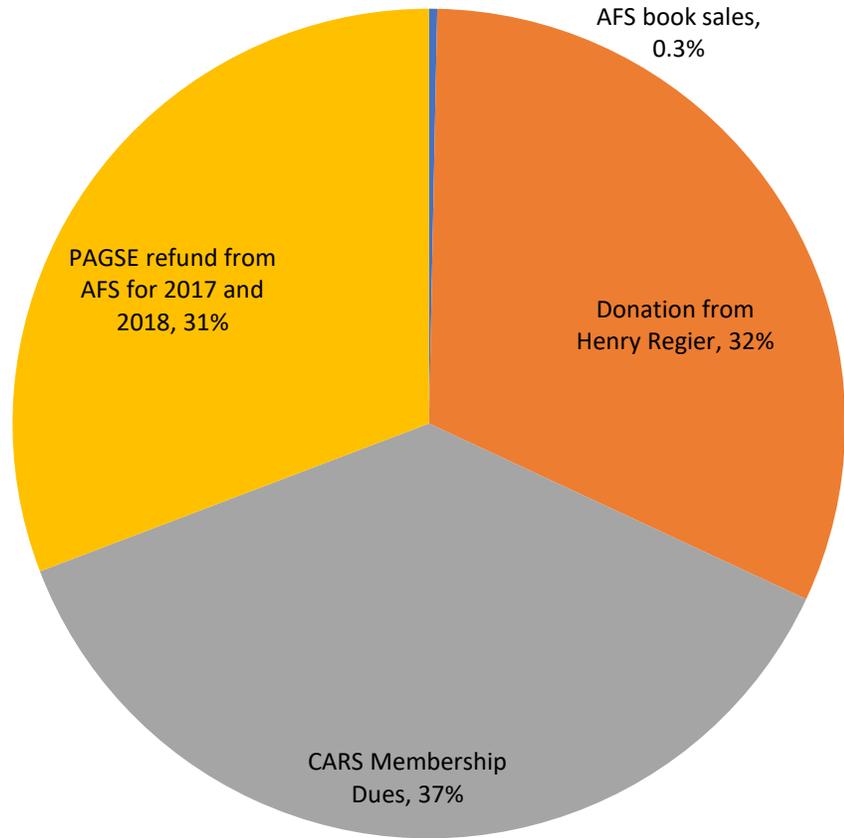
Current Balance: \$9,592.73

GIC: \$10,331.55

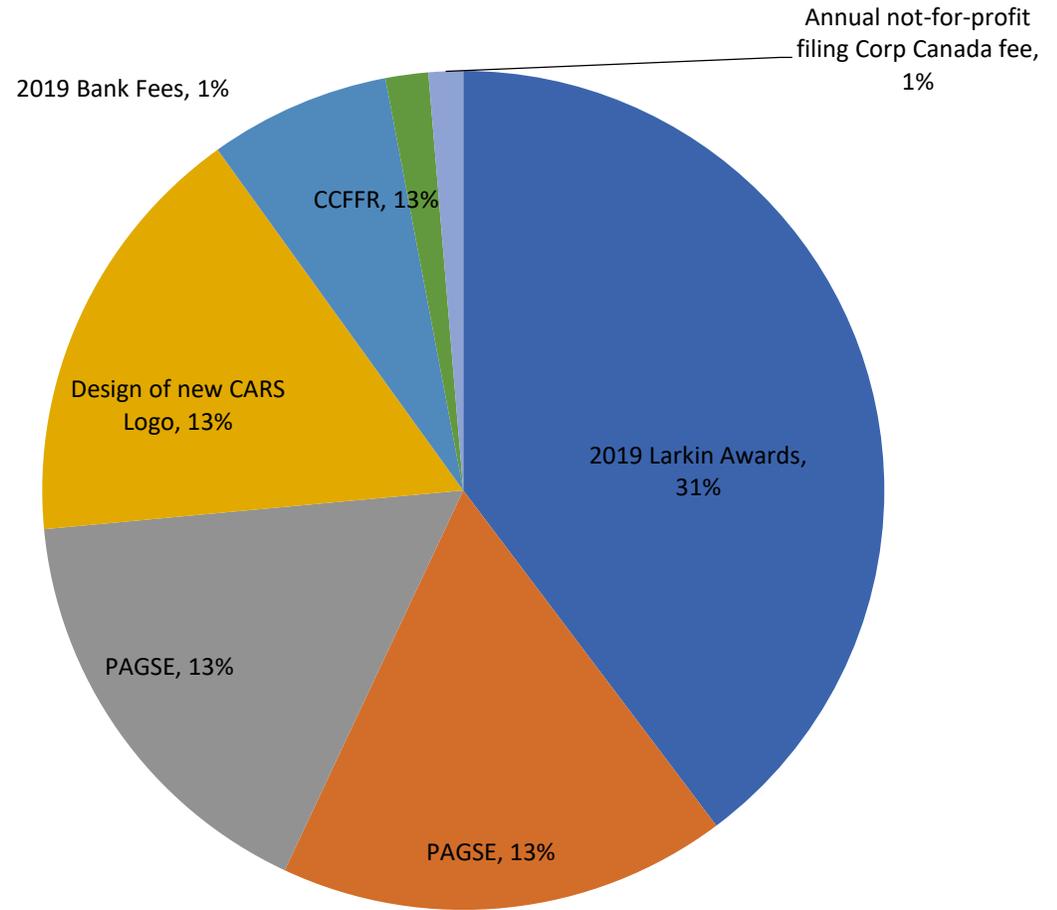
Annual Deposits: \$4740.81 (Thank you Henry Regier)

Withdrawals: \$3,871.10

CARS 2019 Income



CARS 2019 Expenses



Membership

LIFE2	13
REG	94
RET	11
STU	112
YPROF	16
Grand Total	246

Communications

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- New logo!
- Website updated using new template
- Tweets are being scheduled for maximum audience and broader content
- MailChimp being used to manage emails
- Policy notes and conferences have been added to webpage

Other initiatives

- Clemens-Rigler Award donation
- Policy sub-committee (Jack Imhof)
- Canadian fisheries – a historical perspective (Rowshyra Castaneda)
- Canadian fisheries book (Steve Cooke)
- PAGSE membership

New Business

CCFFR changes:

The Objective: Identify a mechanism to ensure the long-term stability of the Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research (or its spirit) in service of trainees and fisheries and aquatic science professionals in Canada.

Motion approved at CCFFR business meeting

It is moved that the Board of CCFFR take steps to create a Canadian Society for Fisheries and Aquatic Science, options should include linking with SCL or other relevant Canadian organizations.

The Board is asked to have a formal proposal including mission, membership, disposition of assets and transition by the Annual General Meeting in January of 2021. A draft proposal should be circulated to CCFFR participants and members by October of 2020. This will include a clear mission and vision.

It is important to keep the core commitment to students and postdocs and the core elements including the Stevenson and Rigler Lectures. A web based information sharing option would be an important tool. Board should engage interested parties. Roles and responsibilities for Directors would be clear, and involve students and postdocs in governance.