

October 20, 1965

The organizational meeting of the Professional Fisheries Association of New York was held at Holiday Inn, Rome, New York on October 13, 1965. John Gould acted as chairman--the meeting was called to order at 9:30 p.m. Introductory remarks made by Mr. Gould included a resumé concerning organization discussed at the February, 1964 meeting held at Cornell University; a presentation of the Constitution and By-laws for approval as prepared by the Messers. Gould, Griffiths, Neth, Pearce, Youngs, Harding and Ehlinger at Lake Colby on March 9-10, 1965; and a recommended list of officers as submitted by Robert Harding, Chairman pro tem of a nominating committee consisting of the Messers. Stiles, Webster, Wich and Kelly. Mr. Gould also announced that, pending the outcome of the meeting and the adoption of the Constitution and By-laws, dues would be accepted after adjournment.

A motion to accept the Constitution and By-laws as submitted was made by William Pearce. A raise of hands carried the motion.

As no nominations were proposed from the floor, the slate of officers as submitted by the nominating committee was approved. John Gould is president; Robert Griffiths, Vice-president; William Youngs, Secretary and Neil Ehlinger, Treasurer. Henry Regier and Erwin Alperin were named as directors. The office of Secretary is subject to acceptance by Mr. Youngs who was not in attendance.

Mr. Gould, in suggesting possible subject matter for a future meeting of the association, brought up the question of exploring salary grades. This touched off a lively discussion with many participating. It was concluded by deferring the matter to a regular meeting. A point interjected by Mr. Bentley and endorsed by Mr. Harding was emphatic in that the goals and objectives of the association should have primary consideration--other matters, secondary.

The importance of making known, publicly, aims and projects connected with fisheries work was stressed. The Conservationist and other news media were mentioned as possible outlets.

Robert Zillicou made a motion which was seconded and approved to (1) investigate all aspects of affiliation of the P.F.A.N.Y. with the American Fisheries Society and (2) explore the possibility of one meeting a year with the Wildlife Society.

Mr. Gould, in reply to a query, reported that a program committee had already been set up to cover the next scheduled meeting of the P.F.A.N.Y. This meeting will presumably be held at Cornell University sometime during February, 1966.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil F. Ehlinger  
Treasurer

year	President	V.P	Sec Treas
PFANY			
	Organization of N.Y. Assn. of Fishery Biologists to		Tuesday March 10
1965	John D. Gould	Oct 13 Holiday Inn Rome	Organizational meeting
	Cornell Summer Feb		
1966	John Gould	Robert Griffiths	D. Youngs Sec W. Ehlinger Treas
68	Holiday Inn Rome Oct 4-6	ITHACA Feb 1966	
1967	Robert G. Zilliox	Richard Schaeffer	Edward D. Holmes
102	Feb 1967 Cornell	Country House Syracuse Dec 8	Paul Maynard
1968	Udall Stone	Bill Flich	John C. Pogue
110	Dec 6 Holiday Inn Syracuse	NY CHAPT. AM FISH SOC	Treas Paul R. Maynard Ken Wick Cliff Grech Treas
1969	William A. Flich	Paul C Neth	Cliff Grech Treas
84	Syracuse Dec 4, 5		
1970	Paul C Neth	Robert Griffiths	Kenneth F. Wick Cliff Grech Treas
116	Gotham Motor Inn Dec 4, 5 Syracuse	Centennial Mtg Computers H-Level Program Chairman	
1971	Robert Griffiths	Howard Loeb	Martin H. Pfeiffer
1972	Howard Loeb	Steve Jenkins	Russel D Fieldhouse

SOME NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE NEW YORK CHAPTER  
AMERICAN FISHERY SOCIETY

(Formerly Professional Fisheries Association of New York)

Prepared by: William A. Flick  
Cornell University

The following material has been dug out of various old boxes, torn folders, the backs of envelopes, and parts from foggy memory (or perhaps imagination). New material may eventually appear as members retire and clean out their desks. Until then I hope this chronology\* will be an aid in plotting a course for further growth and achievements of the Chapter. We have done well but with the present large, diversified, and young membership we can and should do even better.

1965 March - Fishery COOP Workshop at Cornell - Subject "Age and Growth of Fish." On March 10, 1965 at this meeting John Gould suggested creation of the N.Y. Association of Fishery Biologists.

October - Rome, N.Y. meeting of N.Y. Conservation Department Bureau of Fish - Organizational meeting of Professional Fisheries Association of New York - (Initially N.Y. Association of Fishery Biologists.)

Some of the original people involved are listed below. Additional names should be added as they are uncovered.

John Gould - Chairman (NYCD)

Erwin Alperin (NYCD)	Robert Griffith (NYCD)	Martin Pfeiffer (NYCD)
William Bentley (NYCD)	Robert Harding (NYCD)	Henry Regier (Cornell)
Robert Brewer (NYCD)	Bill Kelly (NYCD)	U. B. Stone (NYCD)
Howard Dean (NYCD)	Jim Lindsey (NYCD)	Earl Styles (NYCD)
Eli Dietsch (NYCD)	Howard Loeb (NYCD)	Dwight Webster (Cornell)
Neil Ehlinger (NYCD)	Paul Neth (NYCD)	Ken Wich (NYCD)
Al Eipper (Cornell)	William Pearce (NYCD)	Robert Zilliox (NYCD)
Bill Flick (Cornell)		

1966 March - First meeting of the "Professional Fisheries Association of N.Y. (PFANY) - Met in conjunction with the Fishery COOP Workshop at Cornell - Subject "Statistics". President - John Gould - Membership - 68.

At the meeting the members present agreed nearly unanimously that the advantages inherent in our fisheries group - i.e., the unique opportunities for really productive, searching discussion of fisheries research and management topics of mutual interest by all fisheries workers of the State - would be greatly reduced by changing over to a "joint meeting" arrangement with Wildlife Chapter. (Taken from the records of 1966.)

Attendance                      N.Y. Cons. Dept.                      Cornell

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\* Note: The author will not be held responsible for the accuracy of the material herein.

1972 January - Joint meeting with Wildlife Chapter - "How Does Fish and Wildlife Fit into the New N.Y. Dept. of Environmental Conservation." President - Howard Loeb. Membership - 91.

First Chapter News Letter - Ned Holmes Editor. Last year of N.Y. Fish News (Dept. publication). Work still progressing on film "The Aquatic Ecologist".

1973 February - Seventh annual joint meeting with the Wildlife Chapter - Theme - "Fish and Wildlife Values, Conflict or Concord". President - Martin Pfeiffer. Membership - 97.

For the first time  $\frac{1}{2}$  day was devoted to separate sessions. Fisheries subject was "Fish Management Today - Where Do We Go from Here". Film "The Aquatic Ecologist" nearing completion.

1974 January - Eighth annual joint meeting with the Wildlife Chapter - Theme - "Fish & Wildlife in Regional Planning: The Adirondacks and Beyond". President - Bill Pearce. Membership - 74.

Separate Fisheries Session Saturday morning "Role of Forage Fish in Salmonid Management". This was an excellent session with speakers such as N. V. Martin from Ontario. A real bright spot compared to most joint sessions.

Film - "The Aquatic Ecologist" was finally completed. Dave Haselman and Bernie Holtman who produced the film did an excellent job and covered over 10,000 miles gathering material. The College of Forestry at Syracuse contributed the services of Dave and Bernie and the N.Y. Chapter begged, borrowed and pleaded (plus sold some film) to come up with the \$11,500 needed by the end of 1974. Steve Simkins was Committee Chairman through to the end with Dwight Webster and Bill Flick committee members attending all meetings for 6 years. Bob Werner was the super salesman that handled film distribution following completion and collected sale money to get us out of debt.

1975 February - Ninth (and last) joint meeting with the Wildlife Chapter. Also involved in this meeting were The Soil Conservation Service, and the N.Y. Upstate Chapter of the American Institute of Planners. Theme - "Environmental Aspects in Land Use - Preservation vs. Development". President - Bill Pearce. Membership - 84.

There was very little interest in this meeting (no separate session for fisheries) and total attendance was 24 with 28 needed for a quorum. Officers from the previous year were asked to continue serving.

Film - "The Aquatic Ecologist" received an award for reaching the finals in the American Film Festival. It was also accepted for entry in the "Cine Film Festival". It was selected by the United States Information Agency for use in their Science Reports. A short made from the film was made into 22 languages and sent to 84 countries.

PROFESSIONAL FISHERIES ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

Membership

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Area of Interest</u>
1. Edward D. Holmes	2901 Rush-Mendon Road Honeoye Falls, N. Y.	Fish Management
2. Russell D. Fieldhouse	4 Lake Street Stamford, N. Y.	Fish Management
3. William A. MacGregor	2130 Scottsville Road Scottsville, N. Y.	Fish Research
4. James J. Lindsey	409 Exchange Bank Bldg. Olean, N. Y.	Water Resources Planning
5. Dwight A. Webster	Fernow Hall, Cornell U. Ithaca, N. Y. 14850	Fishery Science & Mgt.
6. Walter A. Russ	R. D. #2 Mayville, N. Y.	Warm Water Fish (muskelonge, bass, minnow) Propagation
7. Raymond C. Norton	State Fish Hatchery Bemus Point, N. Y.	Warm Water Fish Propagation Forage Minnow " " Warm Water Fish Management
8. Earl J. Harris	702 Croton Street Rome, N. Y. 13440	Water Pollution & Related Problems (chemistry)
9. Glenn E. Northcraft	R. F. D. #2 Randolph, N. Y.	Fish Culture
10. Eli L. Dietsch	R. D. Stamford, N. Y.	Fisheries Management
11. William F. Shepherd	Haskell Pkwy., R. D. #1 Olean, N. Y.	Fish Management
12. Douglas R. Wilson	Box 113 Adams, N. Y.	Fisheries Management
13. Glenn T. Corl	11½ Riverside Drive Saranac Lake, N. Y. 12983	Fisheries Survey Fish Propagation
14. Norman B. Youmans	Hatchery Road Constantia, N. Y.	
15. Philip Strong	State Fish Hatchery VenHornesville, N. Y.	
16. Charles R. Deuel	Star Rt. 113, Box 1 Saranac Lake, N. Y. 12983	Hatchery Production, also survey, chemistry, etc.

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Membership (con't)

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17. Howard A. Loeb	School Street Livingston Manor, N. Y. 12758	Urban Fisheries & Research
18. Maurice B. Otis	1471 New Scotland Road Slingerlands, N. Y.	Stream Improvement Fisherman Access
19. Henry R. Van Wie	2104 Dean Street Niskayuna, N. Y.	Fish Habitat Improvement
20. Patricia S. Speicher (Mrs.)	604 N. Madison Street Rome, N. Y. 13440	Research
21. Paul R. Maynard	Box 20, R. D. #2 Randolph, N. Y.	Fish Hatcheries
22. Robert G. Snyder	Conservation Dept. Stamford, N. Y. 12167	Weeds
23. Richard F. Dumas	21 Martin Drive Rome, N. Y. 13440	Trout Nutrition, Pathology, Research & Management
24. Warren H. McKeon	Box 401 Millbrook, N. Y.	Research Fisheries Management
↓ 25. Leigh M. Blake	Old Rt. 22 Pawling, N. Y.	Management
↓ 26. Robert A. <del>Greene</del> <sup>G</sup> reene	Apt. 1, Arbor Arms Apts. Pleasant Valley, N. Y.	Fishery Management - <del>Poughkeepsie</del>
27. Kenneth F. Wich	Box 224 Tivoli, N. Y.	Management
28. Morris Lipschuetz	2130 Scottsville Road Scottsville, N. Y.	Water Pollution
29. Fredrick G. Joost	Box 116 Paul Smith's, N. Y.	Research & Conservation of Resources.
30. Daniel S. Flosila	15 Neil Street Saranac Lake, N. Y. 12983	Fisheries Research Limnology
31. Robert J. Harding	31 Van Hoosen Street Cortland, N. Y.	Management
32. Neil F. Ehlinger	6747 Williams Road Rome, N. Y. 13440	Fish Pathology
33. Jack C. Skea	Box 192 Westernville, N. Y. 13486	Fish Research

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| 34. John D. Gould       | 9 Brewer Street<br>Stamford, N. Y. 12167                                 |  |
| 35. Alfred T. Kellar    | N. Y. S. Cons. Dept.<br>Oakdale, N. Y. 11769                             | Fisheries Management   |
| 36. Thomas M. Jolliff   | 513 Lakeview Drive<br>Dexter, N. Y.                                      | Fisheries Management &<br>Research                           |
| 37. Albert G. Hall      | 17 So. Delaware Street<br>Stamford, N. Y. 12167                          | Fisheries & Game Administration                              |
| 38. Robert G. Zilliox   | N.Y.S. Cons. Dept.<br>Ray Brook, N. Y.                                   | Fisheries Administration &<br>relation to other cons. fields |
| 39. Kenneth B. Nichols  | 114 Seaman Avenue<br>Castleton, N. Y. 12033                              | Fish Culture   |
| ✓40. Gerald G. Bock     | N.Y.S. Cons. Dept.<br>Cape Vincent, N. Y.                                | Research   |
| 41. Howard J. Dean      | Herbicide-Pesticide Lab.<br>8314 Fish Hatchery Road<br>Rome, N. Y. 13440 | Pollution Research   |
| ✓42. William G. Bentley | R. D. #2<br>Voorheesville, N. Y.   | Fish & Fisheries   |
| 43. Alfred W. Eipper    | Fernow Hall, Cornell U.<br>Ithaca, N. Y. 14850                           | Fish Ecology<br>Fishery Resource Management                  |
| 44. Emile Williams      | R. D. #2<br>Gloversville, N. Y. 12078                                    | Propagation  |
| 45. Thomas M. Walker    | 7603 Hatchery Road<br>Gansevoort, N. Y.                                  | Propagation  |
| 46. Earl W. Stiles      | 50 Winthrop Avenue<br>Albany, N. Y.                                      | Fish Culture   |
| 47. Fred A. Russ        | State Fish Hatchery<br>Chateaugay, N. Y. 12920                           | Propagation  |
| 48. Robert H. Griffiths | Rt.#2<br>Voorheesville, N. Y.  | Fish Propagation   |
| 49. William A. Pearce   | 154 Bowers Avenue<br>Watertown, N. Y.                                    | Management & Research  |
| ✓50. Robert C. Brewer   | Friends Lake Road<br>Chestertown, N. Y.                                  | Management & Administration                                  |



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51. Paul C. Neth	89 Lake Street Saranac Lake, N. Y. 12983	Fish Management & Research
✓ 52. George E. Burdick	68 Ontario Street Cohoes, N. Y.	Research & Control Pollution & Pesticides
53. Alexander L. Cooper	1011 Garson Avenue Rochester, N. Y.	Water Pollution
54. F. Thomas Pelchar	60 Harrison Avenue Glens Falls, N. Y.	
55. Udell B. Stone	303 Troy Road Rochester, N. Y. 14618	
56. Stephen R. Mooradian (?)	409 Exchange Nat. Bank Olean, N. Y.	Fish Management
57. John F. Carpenter	76 Meadowbrook Road Syosset, N. Y.	Fishery Biology & Management
58. Donald G. Pasko	7 South Lyons Avenue Menands, N. Y. 12204	Fish Management
59. Clifford P. Schneider	Conifer Court Black River, N. Y.	
60. Carl C. Widmer	409 Exchange Bank Bldg. Olean, N. Y.	Applied "field" fisheries biology
61. Edward S. Smith	Pleasant Lake Rd., R.F.D.#2 Carthage, N. Y.	Acquisition General Fisheries Biology
62. Carl E. Parker	51 Delmar Place Delmar, N. Y.	Inland Fisheries

February 19, 1965

Memo to: John D. Gould

From: Neil F. Ehlinger

Re: Meeting Date - Organization of N.Y.A.F.B.

At this time, March 10 is o.k. for a meeting.  
Should anything develop of an emergency nature making it  
impossible for me to attend, I'll let you know.

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Neil F. Ehlinger  
Sr. Fish Pathologist

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M E M O R A N D U M

Region 7  
Stamford, New York

To: Neil Ellinger ✓  
Robert Griffiths  
Robert Harding  
Paul Neth  
William Pearce  
William Youngs

February 17, 1965

From: John D. Gould

Re: Organization of N. Y. Association of Fishery Biologists

Each of you has agreed to assist in drawing up the by-laws, objectives, etc., of this fetal organization. If all are agreeable, I will call a meeting at some reasonably central location for the purpose of having a work session.

Does Tuesday, 10 March sound O.K.? If a majority agree to this date, I will make the necessary arrangements and inform you of final time and place.

Q  
JDG/ar

June 22, 1965

Memo. to Regional Supervisors, Marine Fisheries, Bur. of Fish. Bur. of Game.

From: John R. Greeley

Re: Proposed changes in job title structure Conservation Biologist, Aquatic Biologist, Wildlife Biologist, Fish Pathologist, Wildlife Pathologist.

Considerable study has been made of the Conservation Biologist situation and related problems. This began as a suggestion from Personnel that the course requirements for Conservation Biologist be revised and this matter was first referred to Joe Dell and to me. However, once we got into this, we found it is not a simple problem of improving qualifications of this one title.

Under title of Conservation Biologist, work assignments are extremely varied. For example they may include specialized duties either in research or management fields in such lines as acquisitions, B.J. or P.K. projects, nutrition, pathology, etc.

The professional qualifications for Conservation Biologist are not high. Seniors about to graduate are eligible for the Professional Career examination from which the list is made up.

There may be a continued need for keeping the title and qualifications of Conservation Biologist. This depends on anticipated work assignments. However, many assignments are professionally rather specialized and when a vacancy occurs in a specialized job, it is difficult to fill it satisfactorily from the Conservation Biologist list.

This is one reason we are proposing changes in other job structures. If we could recruit directly into title of Aquatic Biologist, Wildlife Biologist, Fish Pathologist or Wildlife Pathologist, assuming higher qualifications and a subject matter examination are required, we think this would greatly improve the outlook.

There are other good reasons. Promoting from Conservation Biologist to Senior Aquatic Biologist, Senior Wildlife Biologist or Senior Fish Pathologist as has been the custom has other disadvantages. It cuts out direct recruitment from the ranks of specialized graduate students who have not served as Conservation Biologist. It would be interesting to know how many trained men including some with PhD, MS or equivalent in graduate school specialization have by-passed any consideration of New York jobs at the grade I4 level.

Other states seem to be recruiting directly for specialized jobs. In New York this was formerly done. All is all, it is known that such practise is workable.

Another reason for change is the long overdue promotion of a considerable number of our Conservation Biologists who have long demonstrated competence in specialized, professional work. There is no job title at present that fills the bill. There would be little hope of getting approval to upgrade them to Senior Titles (SG18).

There is no recognized base job title in many lines in which there is a Senior Title. This is an unusual situation as Civil Service has bottom rungs in most of their job structures. The use of a general title of Conservation Biologist from which to move to Senior Aquatic Biologist, Senior Wildlife Biologist, etc. is unusual.

In brief what we would like to get your opinion on is a plan to:

- (1) Keep Conservation Biologist (GS 14) for filling unspecialized assignments. These might include acquisitions, unspecialized work assignments in fish or wildlife (also including some jobs working in both fields).
- (2) Get approval to set up grade 16 titles of Aquatic Biologist, Wildlife Biologist, Fish Pathologist and Wildlife Pathologist. These jobs should require graduation, graduate school or work experience (or satisfactory combination). An examination in the field of specialization should also be required.

These changes sound rather simple. Actually, there are some formidable difficulties. I think it will take a strong and united presentation to get such changes. Each of you is in a way the "consumer" of the products of Civil Service. If you are not satisfied with the current situation and are willing to express your opinions, I believe a strong presentation can be put together. If thereafter, a study is made by Civil Service we know from experience this takes time. Therefore the sooner we get the ball rolling the better.

We can anticipate some snags in getting a wide-scale review of the many Conservation Biologists we think should be upgraded to one of the new grade 16 titles proposed. Then after exam is given, we may find some of the best men may not stand high enough on the list. This problem will require consideration. It is to be hoped that a plan can be worked out both for upgrading and for filling new vacancies at a more specialized professional level.

This matter has been discussed with quite a few of you from time to time but it seems desirable to get your opinions in detail. Dr. Chestum has suggested that I round up this information.

In your reply please include answers to these questions:

- (1) In your region or project, how many Conservation Biologists (include vacancies) do you have?
- (2) How many of these regularly have duties concerning both Fish and Wildlife?
- (3) How many are performing work that you consider merits a higher grade and what title or titles would you propose for such promotion?
- (4) In the case of vacancies, how many Conservation Biologist openings would you prefer to fill at that title?
- (5) How many would you prefer to fill at other titles? (Give suggested titles).

If possible please reply within ten days.

*John D. Gault*

**M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M**

June 14, 1965.

**To: John Gould**

**From: Paul Neth**

**Re: Professional Fisheries Association of New York**

Your thoughts on including the proposed constitution and by-laws, and report of nominating committee in the Newsletter are excellent as you will undoubtedly get wide coverage. Are chaps, such as John Grim, Bill Flick and Steve Simkins getting this newsletter? Grim and Simkins are private consultants who might be interested in this organization.

*Paul*

PCN:vs  
cc. Bob Harding ✓

Paul C. Neth  
Regional Fisheries Manager  
Region 5 - Ray Brook, N. Y.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**Region 7  
Stamford, New York**

**To:** R. Harding ✓  
P. Neth  
R. Griffiths  
W. Pearce  
N. Elhinger  
W. Youngs

**June 7, 1965**

**From:** John D. Gould

**Re:** Professional Fisheries Association of New York

I have just been talking with Bob Harding and we have agreed to include the proposed constitution and by-laws in the June issue of the Fisheries News or whatever it's called. Bob will also include a report of the nominating committee which met recently at DeBruce and we agreed that he would request the potential membership to indicate whether they would prefer to meet independently for an organizational meeting in late September or whether they would prefer to meet in conjunction with the fisheries unit seminar at Cornell next February.

A large percentage of the potential membership will receive this publication so that we should be able to get a reasonably good expression of desires by the fore part of August. My recollection is that Bill Youngs also gets this newsletter, or asked Harding to see that he gets it. (If you don't get it Bill, or if you know of any constituents that would be interested in it, let me know).

I hope this plan of action will meet with your approval. If not, bomb in a reply immediately or it will be too darn late.

If the potential membership seems to prefer the February meeting, (this would be State financed), it is likely that this committee would want to meet again in late summer to work out an agenda for that meeting.

Any opinions, pro or con or otherwise, will be most gratefully received.

*JDG/ar*  
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# American Fisheries Society

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March 24, 1965

Mr. Robert J. Harding, Conservation Biologist  
Regional Fisheries Office  
New York Conservation Department  
P. O. Box 1169  
Cortland, New York 13046

Dear Mr. Harding:

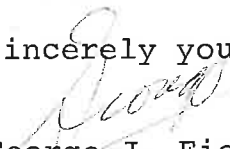
Woody Seaman has passed your letter to him on to me. While no reply on my part seems necessary, I feel compelled to comment on the imminence of your establishment of a New York chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

I see by a notation on your letter that Mrs. Frye has sent literature which may be of assistance to you in establishing guidelines and by-laws. I feel extremely proud of the fact that I have been called the father of the local chapter movement in the American Fisheries Society, because I believe that this development will shortly be the backbone of our organization. Wherever these have been established, they have been met with great enthusiasm on the part of the members in the area. Invariably they have also met an influx of new members. Our membership chairman in the state of Oregon estimated that our membership has more than doubled since the establishment of the state chapter here.

This is not the important aspect, however. Paramount is the fact that we are providing a better service to our members in a local, informal nature where people at the field level can find it economical to attend even if they have to do so at their own expense; something they could seldom do in the case of national or regional meetings. From our experience thus far, the most successful application of the local chapter is that involving an annual meeting at a well-known university or college, bringing in the student members wherever possible, although it does not necessarily have to be so.

Congratulations on your effort in this respect. I sincerely hope that you will have every success in the formation of this group. I know that once it is formed, you will find it popular.

Sincerely yours,

  
George J. Eicher  
President

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March 1, 1965

Mr. E. A. Seaman  
Secretary  
American Fisheries Society  
1404 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Sir:

New York's fisheries biologists are on the brink of organizing a State-wide association. Whether or not it will become a chapter of the Fisheries Society will depend on the interest we are able to drum up as an organization independent of all others, for at least the first year. It is very likely that we will petition the Society for chapter status once we are organized and a going concern, which brings me to the reason for this letter.

We are having a steering committee meeting on March 9th and 10th, and would like a set of by-laws for chapters from the Society, if there are any set up. Our reasons for this are (1) we need some guidance and examples, and (2) because of the likelihood of becoming a State chapter we might better get organized correctly to start with. If such a set of by-laws are available I would appreciate your sending them as quickly as possible, so that we will have some time to study them prior to the March 9th meeting.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Harding  
Conservation Biologist

RJH:rc

December 27, 1965

Mr. Robert Harding  
N. Y. S. Conservation Department  
Fisher Avenue  
Cortland, New York

Dear Bob:

I have been asked by John Gould to serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the Professional Fisheries Association. Will you serve on the committee?

We will have a meeting of the association at Cornell during the Biologist's Seminar. We will not have a program at this meeting, but perhaps get organized so we can have a good program at the September, 1966 meeting.

I hope to have the following areas covered by this committee.

Propagation - Earl Stiles  
Administration - Don Pasko  
Research - U. B. Stone  
Management - Robert Harding

I know you are particularly interested in management and you are also close to and in contact with Cornell and Dr. Webster so I hope you will be able to represent Cornell as well as N. Y. S. in this area.

Sincerely,

EWS:mf

Earl W. Stiles



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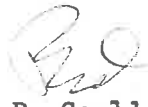
Mr. Earl W. Stiles  
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Dear Earl:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of this morning during which you agreed to serve as program chairman of the N. Y. Professional Fisheries Association. I enclose a copy of the membership list, but suggest that you keep in close touch with Bill Bentley and Bob Zilliox who are also picking committees at this time.

I will plan to see you within the next week or so, so that we can discuss the whole project with Bill Bentley and Bob Griffiths over lunch.

Sincerely,

  
John D. Gould  
Regional Supervisor

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cc: R. Griffiths