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## UGA Student Subunit

The *UGA Fisheries Society* held their first meeting on August 18. They will continue to have monthly meetings typically featuring a guest speaker discussing issues related to aquatic resources. Their major fund raising event, the Fall Fish Fry, was held on October 17 and was well attended. The money raised at that event will allow the subunit to continue their involvement in a long list of community service events such as ‘Fishing with the Kids’ in cooperation with the United Way of NE Georgia. This years event was held on September 27. Members hosted youths from the Boys & Girls Club of Athens and seniors from the Athens Council on the Aging for a day of angling. Check out their website at <http://www.uga.edu/ugafish>.

## Free Student Rooms

There will be two free rooms available for out of town students. Please contact Bruce Saul at [bsaul@aug.edu](mailto:bsaul@aug.edu) or (706) 737-1539 if interested.

## Banquet Info

In order to facilitate planning the banquet, please contact Anthony Rabern (706/947-3112; [arburhat@rabun.net](mailto:arburhat@rabun.net)) if you plan to attend the banquet.

## 2003 GA AFS Officers

President	Anthony Rabern	706/947-3112
Pres-elect	Bill Davin	706/290-2663
Past Presid	David Higginbotham	706/542-0025
Sec/Treas	Jim Hakala	706/857-3394
UGA Student		
President	Diarra Mosley	706/542-1159

## Send me your e-mail address

If you have not included an e-mail address on a recent meeting registration, please send yours to [higginbd@smokey.forestry.uga.edu](mailto:higginbd@smokey.forestry.uga.edu). In the future we will send the newsletter and all other correspondence electronically.

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## President’s Message

It’s my pleasure to extend annual greetings to the statewide fisheries community. This year presented several challenges to our profession. Environmental issues, such as water quality, water quantity, and habitat loss, continued to threaten aquatic resources and fishery resources statewide. Other issues, such as limited angler access, user conflicts, and pressures by special interest groups, posed another set of challenges to resource managers. In addition to these ongoing battles, important fisheries agency programs were impacted by state and federal budget shortfalls, and the private sector surely suffered from the downward spiraling economy. Fortunately, a hallmark of our profession is that its workers are adaptable and willing to rise to meet any challenge. These challenges and others like them will serve to make us stronger.

An appropriate theme for this year’s conference is “Adapting to Change”. I encourage every member to consider how changes over the past few years in regards to environmental issues and the political, social, and economic climate have effected your fisheries work. I challenge individuals to present short updates (10-15 minutes) related to our theme, and, as always, we encourage research updates on all fisheries programs. Speaking of adapting to change, there are several individuals within our chapter who have traveled down the path to retirement this year. I encourage our retirees to participate in this year’s meeting by sharing your perspective on how our profession has adapted to change during your career. To this year’s cohort of retirees, I want to express my gratitude for your years of service and the positive influence you have made on our profession and your colleagues. We celebrate this joyous occasion with you and pray that God’s blessings will be upon you in the days ahead

Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 27-29, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Express in Athens. To reserve your room, please call 706/546-8122 and ask for code “ACF” to obtain a room in our block. Room reservations should be made by January 2, 2004. Until then . . .  
Anthony Rabern

## Chapter Standing Committees

Executive	Anthony Rabern	706/947-3112
Membership	Bruce Saul	706/737-1539
Nominating	Scott Robinson	770/918-6418
Local Arrang.	Anthony Rabern	706/947-3112
Program	Anthony Rabern	706/947-3112
Awards	Scott Hendricks	404/506-2392
Newsletter	David Higginbotham	706/542-0025

Please contact the chairperson if you would like to serve on a

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## Call for Papers

The program for the annual meeting will contain five or six technical sessions. These sessions will be devoted to program updates, completed and ongoing research and short-term project findings. Students, both graduate and undergraduate, are encouraged to present their work and compete for the **Best Student Paper** award, **Please submit the information below ASAP but no later than December 13, 2003**. Return this form by email fax, or regular mail to:

Anthony Rabern  
GA-DNR - Lake Burton Fish Hatchery  
3695 Hwy 197 North  
Clarksville, GA 30523  
Phone:(706)947-3112  
FAX: (706) 947-1342  
[arburhat@rabun.net](mailto:arburhat@rabun.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Wish to Participate in Best Student Paper Award :  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

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**Committee Reports**

**Membership** (Bruce Saul): There will be two free rooms available for out of town students. Please contact Bruce Saul at bsaul@aug.edu or (706) 737-1539 if interested.

**Nominating** (Scott Robinson): The committee has received a couple of nominations for President-Elect. If you wish to nominate someone for this position, please contact Scott Robinson at (770) 918-6418

**Awards** (Scott Hendricks): Submissions are needed for the 2004 Chapter awards. Nominations should consist of 2-3 paragraphs of text that describes the individuals accomplishments and worthiness for the specific award. Award descriptions can be found on our web page [www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs](http://www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs).

**Audit** (Bob Ratajczak): The audit committee will examine our financial records at the annual meeting. Anyone interested in serving on this committee contact Bob at ratajcz@smokey.forestry.uga.edu

**Raffle:** This year we ask that every member bring at least one door prize to the banquet for the raffle.

**AFS Southern Division Spring Meeting Update**

The Oklahoma Chapter and Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society invite you to join them in Bricktown, Oklahoma City, OK at the Westin Hotel for the 2004 Southern Division Spring Meeting, 26-29 February 2004 for the Annual Spring Meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society. Meeting highlights include technical committee meetings, workshops for both students and professionals, technical sessions for symposia and contributed papers, and socials. See more details at <http://members.cox.net/gregsumm>

Georgia Chapter  
American Fisheries Society  
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**Georgia Chapter of the  
American Fisheries Society**

***2004 Annual Meeting***

**Holiday Inn Express  
513 W. Broad St  
Athens, GA  
January 27-29  
(706) 546-8122**

***Accommodations:***

*Single/double - \$69.00*

*Reservation deadline: January 2, 2004*

*Please mention code ACF and that you are with the Ga Chapter of AFS to receive rate.*

***Meeting Registration***

*\$38.00 includes coffee breaks & social*

*\$20.00 student and retired members*

***Program Information***

*Will be available in early January - visit our website at [www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs](http://www.uga.edu/ugafish/ga-afs) for updates.*

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