



Secretary's Office

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Board of Directors Meeting Report; Proposed By-Laws Changes

The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) Board of Directors meets monthly and always has a full agenda of business. A report of the Board's activities is given at each RISAA Quarterly Seminar/Meeting, but most members attend the seminar with only a few attending the business meeting afterward.

In order to keep all members apprised of Board business I will report here when appropriate. It is important to note that not all business will be reported here since there are often issues dealing with individual members and privacy will always be protected. Also, some Board business that doesn't result in any action won't be printed.

January 22, 2019 Meeting

The Board held its regular meeting on Monday, January 22. The first order of business was the welcome new Board members **David Michel** and **Dawn Filiatreault Wood**.

In other business:

- Approved renewal of our web sites RISAA.org, NESaltwaterShow.com for nine years and RIFishingPlate.com for one year.
- Approved sending a letter to wind farm developers emphasizing the importance of recreational fishing in the areas of the wind farms which must be considered during the planning process.
- Received proposed language changes from the By-Laws Committee. After review, the Board approved the changes and directed the Secretary to notify the membership that it will be voted on at the March 25 Quarterly Meeting.
- Approved the request of the Surfcasters Committee that RISAA will take over and operate the long-running Fall Surf Fishing Club tournament starting in 2019.
- Approved purchase of a new AV projector which will be used at the Fishing Show and provide a backup for the current projector for monthly seminars.
- Approved the Bi-Annual Member Photo Contest
- Authorized funding to sponsor member-only party boat fishing trips in 2019 to include
 - May Squid trip
 - July Fluke trip
 - August Adult/Junior bottom fishing trip
 - October full-day (new) tautog trip
- Approved \$289,000 operating budget for 2019.

Notice of Proposed Changes to RISAA By-Laws

The RISAA Board of Directors, after consulting with the RISAA By-Laws Committee, have approved a resolution of proposed changes to the By-Laws.

Most of the changes involve minor language updates and the transfer of many duties from officers to the responsibility of the Executive Director.

As required, all Members are hereby notified, that the vote to approve the changes will be brought before the membership at the

Quarterly Meeting

March 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM

West Warwick Elks, 60 Clyde Street, West Warwick, RI

Approval by 2/3 of Members present is required to pass the changes.

The By-Laws, clearly showing all proposed language changes, is available to view online at the RISAA web site:

www.RISAA.org/bylaws_v8.pdf

Questions on the proposed changes may be directed to the RISAA office at 401-826-2121 or to tellier@risaa.org