The International Federation of Fly Fishers
Annual Report

July 9, 2012
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Chairman/President’s Report
Phil Greenlee

This past year the FFF has grown in various ways. The major goal was to completely revamp the FFF website, bringing in new technology and management concepts, and bringing up to date management concepts to the FFF museum. I am glad to report all of those goals are well underway.

The day-to-day operations of the FFF office have seen a few changes with some new personnel and new procedures in managing the office. In my view the efficiency has increased due to increased productivity because of the new procedures. There are little things that count such as the telephone being answered on the first ring and mail delivered to the office rather than sending someone from the office downtown to Livingston. The FFF office is light years ahead of what it was from three years ago because of a lot hard work and dedication from the staff and various independent members of the Federation.

We are poised and looking to our future goals which include the international aspect of the Federation, thanks to the hard work of the Casting Board of Governors and the individual certified instructors from abroad that have made inroads which supports our foreign casting programs. For more information please read the individual sections on conservation, membership, fly casting and fly tying.

The FFF membership is stable and has started to grow again because we have a better exposure to the world because of face book and twitter. The councils are also starting to generate new members because of new education programs. Our financial position is very sound with new procedures to keep abreast of what funds are coming in and going out. Staff meetings are held weekly and sometimes two meetings in a week. Our balance sheet is growing and all accounts payable are being paid within thirty days.

Last April I visited the EWF fly fishing event in Munich Germany. EWF stands for Experience World Fly-fishing put on by Robert Stroh and his wife Michaela. This event is the largest in Europe. Twenty-eight FFF certified instructors attended representing 11 foreign countries. The FFF instructors are very serious about fly casting because it is their lively hood. World-class fly tiers also made up part of the show. The event was two days with 3,500 in attendance.

Fly Fishing is very popular in Europe as it is in other foreign countries especially fly tying and in Europe there are various fly tying contests. I learned that a gentleman from Colorado is the only American asked to be in the annual fly tying event held in Paris, we are going to have to do something about that. We are currently putting together a fly tying blog between Europe and the United States that will give our tiers more exposure to the rest of the world.
Secretary’s Report
Herb Kettler

This year’s activities as secretary have been varied. Minutes were taken and published for Board of Director’s Meeting, the Executive Committee meeting and five Executive Committee teleconferences. In addition there were minutes provided for the council President’s meeting and 10 Council President’s calls. I had the pleasure of serving once again as Awards Committee Secretary. The opportunity to insure that many of our hardworking and deserving members receive the recognition they deserve is a privilege.

The last of my duties for the year is producing this Annual Report. It can be very time consuming for those contributing but it provides a glimpse into what your Federation has been doing for the past year.

Although not a part of the Secretary’s duties, I was the workshop chairman for the 2012 conclave.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Secretary for the past year and I look forward to my continuing service as Secretary and the opportunity to continue making other contributions to the Federation.

FFF FOUNDATION, INC.
Earl Rettig, President of the Board of Trustees

The Federation of Fly Fishers Foundation, Inc. was incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 Charitable Public Foundation in 1995. All gifts to the Foundation are exempt from Federal income taxes. The purpose of establishing the Foundation was to make available to members and supporters of the FFF an independent endowment type vehicle to which donors could make long term and lasting gifts for the benefit of the FFF, its Councils and Clubs and other organizations to provide support to the objectives of the FFF. The Foundation provides funding grants for conservation, restoration and education projects and programs. Gifts of cash, securities, bequests under will, proceeds of life insurance policies, retirement plans and other tax advantaged gifts are welcomed. The proceeds of these gifts are professionally managed as long term endowment type funds with only earned investment income made available for distribution as grants to worthy requesters as determined by the FFF and the Foundation Board of Trustees. Principal is retained thereby building to provide a long term continuing source of grant funds.

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees nominated by the FFF Board of Directors. The current Board of Trustees consists of Earl Rettig, President, Mike Stewart, Vice President, Ron Winn, Treasurer, Tilda Evans, Secretary, Bud Frasca and David Lemke. Carl Zarelli is a newly elected Trustee.

As of July 1, 2011 Foundation assets totaled $189,753.35 and as of May 31, 2012 assets totaled $184,213.65, a decrease of $5,539.70. No gifts were received during this period while two grants were distributed. A grant of $5,000.00 was made to the Deschutes Land Trust and a $250.00 distribution was made to a show fly tyer as nominated by the Show Chair of Fly Tying. Dividend and interest income for the eleven months was $6,096.64.
Market value of investments declined a net $5,478.22. As of May 31, 2012 earned income available for grant distributions was $20,165.26.

The income figure available for distribution breaks down into the following use categories:

- $6,400.00 – Conservation
- $3,800.00 – Scholarship
- $3,300.00 – Club Youth Programs
- $2,600.00 – Museum/Collections
- $1,500.00 – Fly Tyer Awards
- $1,400.00 – General Use
- $1,100.00 – Education

Total = $20,100

The FFF, unlike many other charitable organizations, has not been successful in attracting gifts from members of the Board of Directors, members of the FFF or other entities and individuals who may support the objectives of the FFF. Still, with good management the Foundation is a resource with almost $185,000.00 of assets and more than $20,000.00 available for grant making to assist important needs of the FFF, Councils, Clubs and other worthy programs and projects. Please do what you can to grow the Foundation and the FFF.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Ron Winn

Attached is the Balance Sheet for the two years ending December 31, 2010 and 2011. Also attached is a Profit and Loss Statement for the two years 2010 and 2011 showing the Income and Expenses for each year along with the respective net income for each year.

Comments concerning the attached financial reports follow:

**Balance Sheet**

During 2011 the Federation’s total assets increased by $80,727 or almost 23%. At the same time the liabilities were also reduced by $9,028. This puts us in a better financial position and should enable us to meet any necessary or unforeseen obligations.

**Profit and Loss**
Although our income is down by $25,053 from 2010, our expenses were also reduced $27,822. When combined, this results in a net increase in income from 2010 to 2011 of $2,768. At the same time the difficult economy coupled with our industry contraction will demand our continued conservative management, as well as diligence as we move forward.
# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## Balance Sheet - Previous Year Comparison

As of December 31, 2010/2011

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**Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison**

**January through December 2010/2011**

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Finance Committee  
Ron Winn & Carl Zarelli – Co-chairs

In addition to the Co-chairs, Earl Rettig and Bud Frasca are on the Finance Committee. While the financial activities of the FFF have not decreased the Finance Committee had no pressing business that required conference calls. Ron Winn has been doing regular reviews with Phil Greenlee of the financial reports coming out of the office and reporting to the BOD.

The FFF has employed a new CPA and Ron and Rhonda have been working with this individual to see that the office meets the requirements of the Galusha audit requirements. The Finance Committee has been involved in the reports presented by Ron on the BOD conference calls and has contributed as needed during those calls.

Carl Zarelli has been involved in the review and approval of the CICP International events financial pro-forma’s to provide approval along with Rick Williams and Phil Greenlee.

Membership  
Howard Malpass - Chairman

Our membership as of the end of May 2012 stands at 10,517 members. This is down from the previous year but we seem to be climbing back up somewhat! Many of the Councils have been reporting a surge in membership once again now that the Springtime is over and Summer months have come upon us.

We had a good first 6 month’s program with the new DISABLED VETERANS LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM! Many of our members took advantage of the program from all over the country and the most were from the Western States such as California, Montana, Colorado and …..uh, Alaska!!! Now I call that Western!

Here is a breakdown on “The Who’s-Who’s” in Over-All Membership
1st Place: The Southern Council is leading the pack in total over all membership. A total of: 984
2nd Place: The Great Lakes Council is running a close second place with a total of: 881.
3rd Place: The North Eastern Council is biting at the heels of the great Lakes Council with a close 841!

Here is a breakdown on “The Who’s-Who’s” in Veterans Membership
1st Place: The Eastern Rocky Mountains Council is out in front with a total of 41 Veteran Memberships.
2nd Place: A three way tie with 16 memberships each:
   * The Great Lakes Council
   * The Northern California Council
   * The Oregon Council
Looks like the Eastern Rocky Mountains Council has more vets than anyone…..What is happening? Where are all the veterans in the other councils???

Many of you receive notices from the National FFF Office from time to time, and if you have noticed there has been a distinctive difference in the manner the letters are coming to you! It is now personalized and we are actually using an attractive color design.

Coming this fall, there will be a new attractive poly-card design on our new Membership Cards. We hope you enjoy the difference in the approach and if you get a moment and see or speak to any of the office staff, please say Thank you! After all….you know the artistic ideas come from our staff!

In the coming months the new web site will be fully integrated with the membership database and then to the payment system. When a member pays their dues their records will be automatically updated to reflect the information available. As a lot of you know, the office also has us up on Twitter and Facebook. “Like” us anytime you get a chance. It goes out to thousands of people and this can help get some new people involved. A lot of people really have not heard of the Federation of Fly Fishers – Can you believe that!

Here are some of the important “connections” you need to help Membership at the Federation of Fly Fishers!

www.fedflyfishers.org
http://twitter.com/#!/fedflyfishers

A lot of you took advantage of the new “Charter Club” Program. When you are changing to a CHARTER CLUB, you can take advantage of the special rates for the new clubs coming on line. The first year is only $20.00 – the second year is only $30.00 and the third year is then $35.00! This is for clubs coming on line now as a new Charter Club or clubs changing over from the old Associate Clubs to Charter Clubs. You also should check out the simplified IRS reporting and the great savings in insurance available to Charter Clubs. (Give Rhonda Sellers a call!)

With the advent of the new Electronic Membership System involved with the Casting for Recovery Program, all of the Councils are urged to get on board and keep up with the progress of the people who go through the program. Remember, when a person graduates from the Casting for Recovery Program, they get an electronic membership in the FFF. This is a person who is NEW to Fly Fishing and needs to be kept up with! We do not want the person to find the delights of Fly Fishing just to come back to their area and not have a soul contact them about the club in their area! Please help with this continued program and keep track of the people who need us, and in turn, we need them.
## Member Statistics Report - As of May 31, 2012

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The 2 for 1 Membership Program.....

This has been extended to the end of the year! This now gives you an opportunity to expand the membership.

We now have the opportunity to expand the membership with the help of others who already enjoy their membership within the Federation of Fly Fishers! When an existing member of the FFF brings in two (2) NEW paid members within the ranks of the FFF, the member who enrolled them in the organization will receive the following year’s membership free!

This is a way to increase the rolls of the Clubs as well as the Federation of Fly Fishers as well as enabling the existing member to have the following years dues paid for by the FFF! This is a “Win – Win Situation”!

Not to leave out the backbone of our organization, we are also providing a similar benefit to the LIFE members of the Federation of Fly Fishers. When one of the Life Members brings in two (2) NEW Paid members within the ranks of the FFF, the Life Member who enrolled them to the organization will receive a gift coupon to provide to the existing member of his/her choice.

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National Governmental Affairs Committee
Howard Malpass – Chairman

Our committee has been working feverishly with the Congressmen and Congresswomen from the States of Arkansas, Colorado, Missouri, Utah, and Louisiana.

Missouri:
Roy Blunt, Senator State of Missouri
  Related Agencies: Sits on the Sub-Committee of Interior, Environment and related agencies.

U.S. Senator Roy Blunt’s voted to reject the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) efforts to stop American coal development. He too is working with Senator John Boozman of Arkansas to preclude the handicapping of the Coal Energy Corporations and how they interact with the environment.

Senator Blunt was also asked his position and to support clean water as it pertains to the Fishing Waters of the State of Missouri. Also, it was mentioned the problem with DIDYIMO…. aka: Rock Snott…. And what he is doing to stave off the major problem of the containments.

Arkansas:
John Boozman, Senator State of Arkansas
  Related Agencies: Ranking Member of the Space Subcommittee

U.S. Senator John Boozman’s voted to reject the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) efforts to stop American coal development and drive up the costs of electricity for Arkansans, requesting the long range vision for protection of the State’s Fishing Waters in the line of fire from the power plants. Extra precautions for the discharge of containments and other damaging chemicals to the States water ways.

Louisiana:
Mary Landrieu, Senator State of Louisiana
  Related Agencies: US Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources / US Senate Committee on Appropriations

Senator Mary Landrieu is a Democrat of Louisiana and she sits on the appropriations Committee for the Congress. This is the division that controls the funding for hatcheries and the lack of funding support for our needed hatcheries.

With her ability to obtain assistance in the Appropriations Committee she is a very special person to have work on the side of the Federation of Fly Fishers. She is committed to the environment and given the fact the State of Louisiana has suffered many attacks on its environment she is sensitive on these issues. Hopefully she will see our concerns and takes a strong side with the development of funding for our hatcheries.
Utah:
Orrin Hatch, Senator State of Utah
   Related Agencies: Senator Hatch is the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Finance, Senator Hatch Serves on the Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure;

Specific information relative to the “Utility MACT Rule which would significantly increase the restrictions on the amount of mercury and other substances emitted from coal fired power plants. The discharge petition is being sent to the people of the state regarding the limitation of the water contaminants. We were stating our position against the destruction and pollution of fishing waters and the environment.

Colorado:
Mark Udall, Senator State of Utah
   Related Agencies: Sub-Committee on Grants and Funding for Energy

Congressman Udall's position on the Utility MACT Rule is in favor of the legislation. We approached him and questioned his position to implement the MACT Rule and having the EPA shut down many of the Electrical Generation Plants and how he was going to replace the capacity to continue to provide electricity for the population of 23 million households affected by the Rule. He was asked what his plan was for the "replacement" of the energy he was on board with Barbara Boxer of California and Harry Reid of Nevada.

Also, Senator Udall is working to create legislation to protect Colorado's outdoor heritage in two very special places in the state – the Central Mountains and the Arkansas River Canyon.

The Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act.
After his introduction of the “ACT” his direction is to clarify that the Bureau of Reclamation has the authority to treat water that has become backed up in the Leadville Mine. In 2008, a blockage formed in the tunnel that backed up a large volume of water, thereby creating a potential safety hazard to the community in the event of a catastrophic failure.

He was asked what is his position on the discharge of contaminated water to the fishing waters of the State of Colorado was as well as his interest in fly fishing and all that it brings to the state.

With our specific following of areas in the country and the many attacks on our makeup of the wilderness and waterways of our great country, we need to keep on the heels of our elected representatives. Keep your feelings heard, one way or the other, we have a great country and if you do not step up and support the areas of interest to you and your community, there is no one to blame but yourself!
Operations Report
Rhonda Sellers – Office Manager

Overview
This past year has brought many changes to the operations of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. We have seen staff changes, launched a new website and sought ways to eliminate costs in the organization. In addition, we have increased support to the programs that are the lifeblood of the Federation.

Website
A new website for the organization was launched on February 15, 2012. The website was developed by a volunteer, Jeff Reed. Mr. Reed is a Montana native, but now resides in the Seattle area. The new website is actually a content management system (CMS) that provides a new look to the Federation, as well as additional tools to manage the business. It gives the organization the ability to provide member benefits, secure data that only certain members should be allowed to access and provides our membership the opportunity to manage their own account.

The change will provide many benefits to the organization as the website is developed and all the tools are utilized to their capacity. One such tool that is currently being used is registration of electronic memberships that are given to people who participate in various programs. In the past, a person who was eligible for an electronic membership was required to fill out an application or call the office to sign up for the program. In today’s environment, the member can now register on our website and get their electronic membership without the staff having to process the paperwork. The change reduces staff time, as well as improves services to our members.

Member records are being migrated over to the new system as they pay their dues in 2012. By the end of the year, a current database will be in place on the new system. When a member is entered into the system they have the ability to maintain their own record, as opposed to having to call or e-mail the office to change their information. In order to ensure the integrity of our records, the Access database will be maintained until we are confident it is no longer necessary. Barbara Wuebber is currently maintaining the records in Access as the conversion takes place during 2012.

More features will become available and give members access to additional information and services over time. There will certainly more to come from this project.

Program Support
The staff has increased support to programs including the Conservation Committee, the Museum Committee and CICP.

The Conservation Committee requested that the staff maintain all the records relating to the Conservation Small Grants Program. In the past, the Conservation Coordinator has maintained the records. The Coordinator found it would be more effective for the International HQ to perform the duty. While we do not have a dedicated employee to the
Conservation Committee at this time, the staff has taken some of the burden of clerical work of the program, including maintenance of these records.

The Museum Committee, a new committee chaired by Sherry Steele of the Oregon Council, was established this past year. Our staff supported the committee during their visit to Livingston in the fall of 2011. The committee’s goal is to get the collection documented and insured. Between the committee’s efforts and the staff’s work approximately two-thirds of the collection is now documented and insured. Additional work on the collection will be performed in September of 2012.

In addition, Carin Wolfe, our former Collections Coordinator, has established a very good process for accepting new items into the collection. She has worked to get an electronic record of the collection in the Past Perfect software. Past Perfect software is utilized by many museums around the world and will provide the option to get the museum online at some point.

For the first time, the Museum Committee will have a booth at the 2012 International Fly Fishing Fair in Spokane. The staff has supported the committee’s efforts by developing a brochure and the graphics for the booth. Those items can be used to continue to promote the collection and raise funds to help in our preservation efforts.

The staff has increased support to the Casting Instructor Certification Program this year. Since the new website was launched, the staff has provided support to the International Committee by opening and closing registration. In addition, the CICP Chairman is launching a new Continuing Education Series that will be available to instructors later in 2012. The implementation of that program on the website has been the responsibility of the staff.

Lastly, the staff has increased efforts to take advantage of social media phenomenon that is occurring around the world. Judy Snyder has worked diligently to keep our Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts current with valuable information posted about our programs and our members. We have doubled our Facebook followers in the last year to over 4000 people. The number is growing every day.

**Cost Cutting Measures**

In an effort to be as efficient as possible we have implemented cost-cutting measures. These measures include using a physical mailbox at our office rather than two trips a day to the Post Office. We also reduced our telephone and Internet services by using discount programs from Century Link. Pitney Bowes offered a non-profit rate that we are currently using and we have maximized our savings with United Parcel Service. Gay Penney has been instrumental in setting up a system that will serve our members and groups in the most efficient way. All these costs-cutting measures provide additional resources to support our programs rather than administrative expenses.

**Staff Changes**

Ruth Fowler, our bookkeeper, moved to Belgrade and took a job closer to her home. Marissa Hoffman, a former resident of Florida, who now lives in Livingston with her husband and three children, has replaced her. Carin Wolfe, Collections Coordinator, also
decided to take a job closer to her home in Bozeman. She has been replaced with a Minnesota native, Holly Sandbo. Ms. Sandbo, a substitute teacher, brings many needed skills to further our work with the collection.

**Conclusion**

The operations of the Federation have changed significantly in the past year. Office Manager, Rhonda Sellers, will continue to evaluate the operations and make changes necessary to increase efficiency of the operations, while trying to improve services to our members.

**Conservation Report**

**Rick Williams – Conservation Advisor**

**Committee Members:**

Glenn Erikson PhD, Incoming FFF Conservation Council  
Bob Tabbert, Outgoing FFF Conservation Coordinator  
Rick Williams PhD, FFF Conservation Advisor

Conservation VPs from FFF Councils.  
Dick Brown, ERMC  
Terry Lyons, GLC  
Chris Curran, GRC  
John Brognard, MAC  
Mike Hogue, NEC  
Steve Rose, Ohio  
Marc Rockwell, NCC

James Watkins, SEC  
Tim Bartley, SWC  
Don Bolstad, Washington  
Duane Marler, WRMC  
Jim Schramm, Legal Counsel  
Will Atlas, Osprey, Steelhead Committee  
Scott Hagan, Osprey, Steelhead Committee

Committee  
Cindy Charles, NCC  
Clint Brumitt, Oregon

Bob Tabbert, Coldwater Committee  
Guy “Doc” Harrison, Warmwater Committee

Committee  
Paul Goodwin, SCC  
Tom Logan, Florida

Brandon Schuler, Saltwarer Committee  
Verne Lemberg PhD, Cons. Advisor

Emeritus  
Kyle Moppert, GCC

**I. Conservation Small Grants Program**

In the winter of 2011, the FFF BOD approved an increase in funding for FFF’s Conservation Small Grants (CSG) Program to $22,500, which approximately doubled past investment in the CSG program. This is planned to run for three years from 2011 – 2013. The increase in CSG funding is consistent with FFF’s increased commitment to conservation and to its member clubs and Councils. The funding provided a $1500 grant opportunity for each participating Council.

In calendar year 2011, the Conservation Committee awarded 21 Conservation Small Grants to 10 of the 15 FFF Councils through both a spring and fall grants solicitation.
The funded CSG proposals covered all phases of conservation issues that will impact our fisheries. The diverse array of projects supported in the first year of our enhanced FFF Conservation Program was encouraging. It is the goal of FFF’s Conservation Committee to provide conservation funds for Club-level projects to each of the FFF’s 15 Councils. Calendar year 2012’s spring solicitation brought only four grant proposals; however, the change of leadership from Bob Tabbert to Glenn Erikson probably affected our ability to advertise and promote the CSG program with the Council Presidents and Council Conservation VPS. Consequently, we plan a fall solicitation similar to 2011.

II. Whitlock-Vibert Box Program Update

The Whitlock-Vibert box (WVB) program is one of FFF’s successful conservation programs based on participation and revenue it generates. The WVB instructional manual is currently being updated into a DVD by Dave Whitlock, with assistance from Bob Tabbert (FFF’s outgoing Conservation Director), and local members of FFF and TU in the Mt. Home, Arkansas area. The completed updating of the manual (and the DVD production) will be completed by the end of 2012.

III. Native Fish Conservation Areas

The Native Fish Committee is busy with a project in the Upper Snake River Basin in Idaho Wyoming, identifying potential Native Fish Conservation Areas. The project is funded primarily by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, awarded to Rick and the Federation of Fly Fishers in October 2011. The project will run through 2012.

IV. Advocacy Stances and Letters of Support

FFF continues to have an active role in advocating for sound conservation and environmental policies that are based on sound science. FFF has been involved in or written letters of support over the last year in several conservation issues including (but not limited to):

- Opposition to the Pebble Mine in the Lake Illiamna, Bristol Bay, Alaska area
- Participant in successful lawsuit through the Steelhead Committee to stop the planting of hatchery steelhead in the Elwha River, to protect remnant native steelhead runs as the removal of two outdated dams occurs.

Flyfisher
Bill Toone - Editor in Chief

The Flyfisher magazine remains under the financial necessity to be a semi-annual publication. While this does put the magazine under some hardship it, the Flyfisher continues to be the main media center piece for the Federation of Fly Fishers; featuring the many activities of the Federation of Fly Fishers. Along with the informative and well-written feature articles it has become associated with. The digital issue option remains a focus of the magazine however the majority of the membership currently is staying with the hard copy version. Communication flow from the clubs and councils to
the magazine still remains a disappointment and is a consistent struggle for the Home Waters section of the magazine.

Keokee Publishing and their staff as always are doing an outstanding job handling the publishing chores and deserves the lion’s share of any credit for the magazine and its success. Once again I can only hope our financial situation will improve enough in the near future allowing us to publish a more time appropriate 3 issues a year with the eventual goal of getting back to the quarterly publishing schedule. Regardless the Flyfisher will continue to do its part in supporting the FFF and its membership no matter how many issues are published a year.

**FFF Fly Tying Group**
**Carl Ronk – Chair**

The Fly Tying Group (FTG) is in its fifth year of existence. Started by the FFF Leadership at the 2007 Conclave in Livingston, the FTG is charged with representing fly tiers within the FFF. The broad goals of the group are to represent tiers and to develop fly tying at the local, regional, council, national, and international levels.

1. Tying at the national Conclave.
2. Tying at the international, council, and club levels.
3. Continue the Tier as Teacher Initiative, started in 2005, which is designed to help the demonstration tier be a better teacher.
4. Fly plate framing.
5. Archiving - an online database of present (in the Museum) and future collections of donated flies.

**Summary of accomplishments:**
1. Finance: Our account balance as of May 31st was $13,361.70.
2. Membership: has continued to increase.
3. Website: The FTG has maintained two web sites in the past. We are moving the information from these two sites to the FFF’s new web site.
4. The FTG has approved the purchase of materials to produce 125 Evergreen Hand tools. Evergreen Hand is a tool that allowing a veteran with only one arm to tie flies. 90 of these will go to VA hospitals, with the rest being held at the FFF national office. These will go to veterans in need.
5. The FTG is preparing a list of qualified tiers across the nation.

**FFF Casting Instructor Certification Program**
**David Diaz - Chair**

Next year, in 2013, the FFF Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP) will be 20 years old. In those twenty years, the program will have grown from an idea proposed by Mel Krieger into the largest fly casting instructor certification program in the world, a program recognized and respected everywhere, a program whose continuous growth has attracted dedicated new members into the FFF Casting Instructor Program. Without a doubt Mel would be proud and astonished.
Each year of the past five, the total population of casting instructors increases by about ten percent. Thus, although the rate is constant, the population increase is larger each year. That ten percent figure is rounded and slightly understates the number of the three certifications that the CICP offers: Casting Instructor, Master Casting Instructor, and Two-Handed Casting Instructor. If the CICP were a business, we'd be on several lists as hot prospects for investment. What is both surprising and astonishing is how much of the portion of increase each year comes from three special areas of the CICP's growth: from the International program, from the Professional Development Program, and from the CICP's competitors.

A substantial contributor of the growth in the past five years has been the international expansion program devised and successfully implemented by the CICP International Committee. In the past five years the CICP has administered certifications in Italy, Ireland, the UK, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, Netherlands, Hungary, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Australia, and New Zealand.

Moreover, the interest in the CICP program in South America, Eastern Europe, and even Cuba suggests that the number of countries with FFF Certified Casting Instructors will increase. That means that the number of FFF memberships will increase as well. It is worth recalling that the FFF Certified Casting Instructors pay Instructor dues and FFF Membership dues. Their appetite for that burden indicates the strength of the commitment that Certified Casting Instructors have for the FFF. And for that motivation and confidence to be demonstrated by fly-casting instructors on other continents is a tribute to the quality of the CICP.

When the international expansion was initiated, the overall goal was and remains today that the FFF CICP would assist the international members to become self-sufficient in their geographical area while looking to the FFF CICP for support. Included in the plan was the idea of diminishing need. In that way the plan avoided the colony-empire dependence relationship that stifles actual growth. Some areas have reached this goal and FFF CICP certifications are ongoing in those countries with the FFF providing traveling examiners when necessary and needed.

The Professional Development Certification program, the second of the special contributors, focuses on attracting fly fishing lodges, resorts, and guides to the certification program and FFF membership. Acknowledging that for what the CICP offers to be useful for fly fishing guides, the CICP organization would have to go to them, the PDC offers on-site education and testing services where the guides are employed. Almost immediately, the CICP received inquiries from the management offices of fly-fishing lodges wanting to know how they might qualify for CICP visits that would lead to testing and certification. In some cases the fly-fishing lodge owners have made FFF Casting Instructor Certification a requirement for employment.

One surprising result has repeated itself before the eyes of the PDC. The fishing guide community is mainly young, male, very competitive, and customarily equipped with very high sense of self-esteem. Its members do not easily admit a weakness like not knowing exactly how to like teach fly casting, the activity around which they spend their lives. But contrary to the audible resistance and chest beating that would have been predicted, the testimony to the CICP from the lodge managers is that frequently the group attempt at
certification puts the individuals on a level field of disadvantage that encourages mutual respect and assistance among members. That’s the case of empathy through the shared sense of adversity, an advance in social maturity.

Growth and quality have made the FFF certifications a world-recognized professional qualification for fly-casting instructors everywhere. That respect includes the members and leadership of the two major competitors: the Game Anglers Instructor Association (GAIA) and the Association of Advanced Professional Game Angling Professionals (AAPGAI) both based in the United Kingdom. Specifically, the FFF CICP membership now includes many professional fly casting instructors who were certified by the other two certifying organizations! That means that the other guys want our certifications. What it also means is that the most success-oriented performers in any group are the ones most interested in improvement.

No more reliable measure of the quality of the FFF Casting Instructor Certification is imaginable than the fact that the competitors pay FFF membership and FFF CICP dues to hold our certifications. Several instructors with FFF and either AAPGAI or GAIA certifications sit on FFF policy committees. That means that the other guys are now us, too. It's truly astonishing.

So powerful is the respect of the competitors that the Chairmen of the FFF CICP, GAIA, and AAPGAI regularly trade information about approaches to issues that all the casting certification programs have to meet: requests for endorsement by lodges and tackle manufacturers, promulgation of test guidance, and rumor control. Collegial relationships among the leaders and members of the three fly casting instructors’ certification organizations assure communication on a first name basis with no more ceremony than picking up a phone or Skype account.

The goal for the future is to maintain the integrity of our CICP casting instruction program, improve quality in multiple ways, and grow. Various committees work on revising the certification tests (CI, MCI and THCI) as well as their requirements while others explore new ways of reaching out to various groups that are underrepresented in our membership.

What the CICP has achieved in 20 years is the result exclusively of the dedication of its members who devote cubic yards of their time and energy to maintaining and improving the program. The CICP is an all-volunteer outfit. Nobody is getting paid. The CICP members travel worldwide, recruit, educate, test, and administer the largest fly-casting instruction certification body in the world. It can literally claim the admiration, respect, and participation of its competitors. Our members, whether old or new, bring a variety of qualifications, experiences, teaching experience and teaching situations to the program. These qualities keep the CICP program healthy and forward focused.

Museum Committee
Sherry Steele – Chair

FFF National Museum Project – Sept 26-30th 2011 Museum Committee members traveled to FFF Livingston office. We cleaned, photographed and documented over 300
items. One of our goals is to organize and electronically document the entire FFF museum collection. This data will then be used to offer up the on line FFF Museum.

Two committee members Sherry Steele and Jim Crislip traveled to Vancouver, WA to photograph & document 389 more items from the Estate of Fritz Gerds. A special thanks to the Clark-Skamania Flyfishers, Doug Anderson, Kuni Masuda and Craig Lynch for their generosity when organizing and transporting the donation to the FFF.

160 items of the collection were then donated to the FFF Museum. 137 items were donated to the Catskill Museum.

The Museum Committee now consists of:

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Communications Committee

Sherry Steele – Chair

No activity in 2011-2012. The purpose or direction of this committee has not been established. The marketing committee has launched a good start filling this role. Need to talk to the board again this year to get suggestions on what would work. Only 1 request for councils to appoint a representative to the committee was made.
Council Reports

Eastern Rocky Mountain Council
Pat Oglesby – President

The Eastern Rocky Mountain Council’s membership continues to remain about the same as it has been during previous years. Membership Chair, Don Gibbs, has a presence with an FFF booth at the two fly fishing shows held in Denver, CO each winter and gives away fly collections to new members that sign up during the show. New members are obtained but retention isn’t what it should be. Many clubs offer incentives such as; take a new member fishing, to encourage membership. Clubs are always looking for innovative ways to increase membership.

Individual clubs participate in a variety of projects. Pikes Peak Fly Fishers in Colorado Springs has a very active involvement with Project Healing Waters at Fort Carson. Grand Valley Anglers in Grand Junction, CO is very active with Project Healing Waters through the local VA hospital. Both clubs teach fly tying in the winter and participate in fishing outings during the summer. The clubs in Arizona continue to work with government agencies in recovery of their native Gila trout. Grand Valley Anglers of Grand Junction, Colorado sponsors the Western Colorado Fly Fishing Exposition each spring and Gunnison Gorge Anglers of Montrose, Colorado holds their Black Canyon Fly Fair annually. Both have youth programs that introduce several hundred young fly fishers to fly casting and fly tying. Grand Valley Anglers has a successful women’s fly-fishing program to introduce women to the outdoors.

Clubs in Wyoming and Colorado are involved in protecting our resources from threats due to widespread oil and gas exploration and development. Some clubs work with schools and organizations in youth education. Don Gibbs and his volunteers teach youth fly tying and fly casting at Furimsky’s Fly Fishing Show held in Denver, CO each January.

Gunnison Gorge Anglers, an affiliate club in Montrose, CO received a Conservation Grant for a project on the Gunnison River. A push-up gravel irrigation diversion dam will be replaced with a permanent structure eliminating the need for using heavy equipment in the river channel and it will also allow passage of fish.

Outings to entertain members and introduce nonmembers to fly-fishing are being held each summer by most clubs. Individual clubs have discovered different ways of fund raising to finance their projects.

The Council’s twelve clubs are spread from northern Wyoming to southern Arizona creating a geographical challenge to hold a Council event. Election of Council officers is scheduled for later this fall.
Florida Council
Bill Gunn President

Florida Council, its members and clubs continue to promote the values of FFF in the areas of conservation and education. Our fourth Expo was held the third weekend of October and attendance jumped to nearly 400. In the past three years our attendance had doubled. Our clubs continue to provide youth programs to teach fly tying and fly casting presenting to such diverse groups and members children and grandchildren, established fly tying and fishing programs within school systems, and 4 H.

Conservation Vice President in Tom Logan, Florida Council Award of Excellence Winner in 2011 consistently addresses issues affecting our fisheries. Tom's scientific expertise is invaluable and with his leadership. Tom proposed an education program to FFF and the council was awarded a conservation grant. Subsequent to receipt of the grant, our vendor partner was unavailable and the grant was returned to the Federation.

Dusty Sprague led the council’s fly casting clinics and casting certification again in 2011. Dusty and his team of certified casting instructors provided numerous classes and workshops at the Expo and throughout the year. Additionally, Dusty provided the second ever continued education program for CI's at our 2011 Expo.

Council Board Member Pat Domico continues his tireless efforts working with veterans in concert with Project Healing Waters and has motivated more FFF members and Clubs to participate in this rewarding work.

Florida currently has 15 clubs affiliated with the council including two charter clubs. The council and clubs will strive to maintain and grow our membership. At the end of 2011, the Mid Coast Fly Fishers, a non-affiliated club, was solicited by council president Bill Gunn, to join FFF as a Charter Club. In early 2012, they voted to join bringing a new charter club into FFF Florida Council and adding over 50 individual members to FFF.

The Florida Council will hold a conclave October 19-20, 2012 at the Orlando Sun Resort in Kissimmee, Florida. All the normal activities of a large council conclave will take place including casting instructor certification, booths, pay per seminars, a banquet, auction and raffles. This will be our fifth such council event and part of the new FFF Fly Fishing Expo series created by the FFF Marketing Committee.

The council goals are to increase membership, expand youth education programs and our influence with regulatory agencies throughout out the state. It is the hope of every member of the Federation in Florida that we demonstrate the tenets and high moral character associated with the Federation of Fly Fishers.
Great Lakes Council
James Schramm – President

Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC)

The GLC is an active member of the MHRC along with the Anglers of the Au Sable, Michigan Council of TU and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. The MHRC continues to be involved in the implementation of hydro dam settlement agreements on the Muskegon, Manistee, Au Sable, Thunderbay, Menominee and Ontonagon Rivers. The MHRC efforts resulted in a Settlement Agreement that lead to the surrender of the hydro licenses of three dams on the Boardman River. In April, 2009, Traverse City and Grand Traverse County approved moving forward with the removal of the Boardman, Sabin and Brownbridge Dams. The Brownbridge Dam will be removed first in late 2012 or early 2013 followed by the removal of Sabin Dam. The MHRC will be involved as part of the Implementation Team in removal of the dams.

2011 GLC Fly Tying Expo

The Council’s eleventh annual Fly Tying Expo was held on December 3, 2011 at the Holt High School in Holt, Michigan. The event was a great success with substantial dollars raised for the education and conservation programs of the GLC. Plans are underway for the 2012 Expo scheduled for December 1, 2012.

2012 GLC Fly Fishing School & Fair

The 2012 GLC Fly Fishing School & Fair held on June 15-17, 2012 was a great success and plans are underway for 2013 event to be held June 14-16, 2013 at the Ralph MacMullen Conference Center in Roscommon, Michigan. Education programs will be offered for aspiring fly anglers as well as those experienced in the sport. Simultaneous programs and workshops for beginners, intermediate and advance anglers will be offered Friday starting at 1:00 p.m. and all-day Saturday. A complete beginning fly fishing course to include on-stream instruction will be offered this year. Fly tying workshops will be offered Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Programs and workshops on casting (including Spey Casting), warmwater fly fishing, saltwater fly fishing, beginning fly tying, FFF Casting Certification and fly fishing for trout will also be on the schedule. Visit the GLC website at www.fffclc.com for details.

Board Meetings for 2012 and 2013

The Board of Directors has scheduled board meetings for 2012 and 2013. The fall board meeting will be held by conference call in October, the winter board meeting will be by conference call in February and the spring meeting, which is the annual board meeting, will be at our Fly Fishing School & Fair in June in Roscommon, Michigan. The Annual General Membership Meeting will also be held on Saturday of the Fly Fishing School & Fair.
Northern California Council  
Gene Kaczmarek - President

This report will outline the activities of the Northern California Council (NCC) over the past year. Our focus has been on better communication, increasing FFF membership, youth programs, conservation, and the development of fund raising activities.

Club Support
Our Club Support committee works with member clubs through email, a quarterly Club President’s Newsletter and Facebook to keep them better informed as to what we do and programs of the NCC and FFF. More clubs are now using our “Club President List Serve” to keep in touch with other club events. Thanks to Dave Ford for all his hard work.

Membership
We have seen a decrease in renewals and very spotty new members. Though we have shown our PowerPoint at many clubs during visits by council BOD’s the non-member don’t seem to want to join. Why? Good question? We will keep trying. Vicki Fenner has been a great job trying to get the membership up. Thanks Vicki.

Education
The Fly Fishing Learning Center (FFLC) participated in at “The Fly Fishing Show” in Pleasanton, CA. We will not have the FFLC booth at the Sportsman’s Expo in Placerville this year the local club has folded up and the last two years has not supported any new members.

We continue to work in partnership with our clubs in youth education and Salmonid in the classroom. VP Education Larry Lack has done a great job of including local clubs in the education process.

We formed a new committee under education called “Veterans First Fly Fishing”. Ken Brunskill is the chair and is doing a great job teaching Vet’s about Fly Fishing.

Fund Raising
On March 10th we honored Hal Jensen becoming our 34th inductee into the NCCFFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. The event was held at a new location “The Shrine Event Center” Livermore, CA. the event was well attended, raising $7567 for conservation.
Thanks to Bobbie Armor her group, Derrell Bridgman, and Anne-Marie Bakker for pulling together another great HoF dinner.

**Conservation**

Work on the Bay Delta committee is going well. This issue has a major effect on the water for fish. We could loose out Striper fishery. Still some areas of concern but we are keeping up on them.

These are just a few of projects we are or continue to be involved in:

- Merced River
- Tuolumne River
- Don Pedro Dam
- SF Bay-Delta
- McCloud River
- Klamath River
- Striped Bass Lawsuit
- MF American R. FERC relicensing
- McCloud River
- Upper Yuba River FERC relicensing
- California Forestry Practices
- Lower American River
- Smith River
- Lower American River

**North Eastern Council**  
**Leslie Wrixon – President**

**NEC Territory**

- United States of America  
  - Canada
- Connecticut - New Jersey  
  - Ontario - New Brunswick
- Maine - New York  
  - Prince Edward Island
- Massachusetts - Rhode Island  
  - Newfoundland/Labrador
- New Hampshire – Vermont  
  - Nova Scotia – Quebec

2011 was a productive year for the North Eastern Council.

**Communications**

The NEC continues to forge ahead using technology to keep our members informed:

Our newsletter continues to be a first class communications tool, which is distributed 5 times per year. Our website is in the process of updating it to even higher standards as a part of the FFF National website. We continually seek input from clubs and members for content such as events and accomplishments for the newsletter and website.

Another premier communications tool is our Communications Tree which is a newsletter exchange where our clubs send us their newsletters and we in turn act as a clearing house and forward it on to key club officers of all of our clubs as well as our Council Directors. This is a great way to share what we are doing, providing ideas for the future.

The NEC uses Constant Contact to distribute electronic media. This technology allows the NEC to also deliver timely information on breaking news (such as environmental issues, legislative action and gatherings) to our membership.
Finance
We are holding our own getting by with the profits from our annual fly plate raffle, a rod outfit raffle and a few contributions and bequests. While we are blessed with having two commercial fly fishing shows in our council area, it also makes it challenging to plan a conclave that offers new and exciting exhibits that prospective show goers would travel to see and provide a revenue generator. Our goal is to start small, in partnership with an NEC club(s) or local fly shop(s) for a one-day event in 2012, perhaps in different geographic locations within our area with different local co-sponsors.
NEC also plans to find a VP of Fund-raising and work on strategic planning in 2012.

Membership
I am pleased to note that the number of clubs in the NEC area continues to grow most of which are new charter clubs. This is due, in part, to our commitment to timely communications to our clubs and members. We continue to have increasing volunteerism from our clubs in staffing our show booths, which helps build a stronger bond. There are several new clubs that may be coming into the FFF/NEC in 2012.
Our overall number of members has diminished by about 17%, which has happened at the FFF National level as well.

Conservation
The NEC and our Clubs continue to do exceptional work in the stewardship of our resources. Stocking programs (including float stocking,) stream cleanup and restoration projects continue to dominate the conservation efforts.
With the assistance of FFF small grant monies we have begun two projects in the Catskills: the Tomannex (NY) Boulder Placement Project and improvements in the Gannet Parcel Project in Downsville (NY).
The NEC continues to monitor the hydro-fracking issues in our Council. The legalities of such practices and the pollution of ground water are key concerns. We seek to keep our membership informed about fracking developments.

Education
The NEC continues to move forward in educational efforts. We continue to work with Scouting contacts (BSA) educating local leaders of our existence and willingness to help.
We also continue to put forward our FFF Learning Center; a program at shows and events to reach those of all ages who want to give it a try fly tying or receive casting instruction from A CCI. Our clubs are very involved with local efforts germane to their areas.

Activities
January - Fly Fishing Show MA - Youth/BSA Fly Tying & Casting, FFF Learning Center, BOD Meeting
January - Fly Fishing Show NJ - Youth/BSA Fly Tying & Casting, FFF Learning Center, BOD Meeting

February - Bears Den MA - Information Booth

March - LL Bean - Fishing Expo ME and 5/7 LL Bean store locations Fly Tying Demonstrations and Information Booth

May - West Point Military Academy BSA Invitational Camporee – Casting Lessons

May - BOD Meeting, Narragansett, RI

June - Directors’ Nominating Committee Formed

June - American Museum of Fly Fishing Fly Fishing Day VT – Information Booth

September - BOD Meeting via conference call, Directors' Ballots Sent To NEC Membership for 2011 Election

October – Election of BOD by Membership

November - Arts of the Anger Show, CT

November - International Fly Tying Symposium, NJ - Youth Tying Lessons, BOD Meeting and Election of Officers

Ohio Council
Jim Stone – President

The Ohio Council is in a state of rebuilding its executive board of directors and recruiting new directors from its five Ohio Council clubs. This is necessary after a setback caused by unknown reasons. The Ohio Council’s Warm Water Event, which generates the largest part of the council’s annual operating income, has been cancelled for this year due to the setback, so this year will be a struggle financially. The remaining directors are optimistic that the Ohio Council will endure.

OHC’s five fly fishing clubs have been keeping busy in their respective areas with involvements in programs such as Project Healing Waters and Wounded Warriors Project to name two.

- Also in January the OHC participated in the “Cleveland Outdoor Adventure Show” at the IX Center with the help of members from the council’s clubs.
• This was followed in February by Buckeye United Fly Fishers in Cincinnati, Ohio when they hosted their annual "Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show". This is a growing show that plans on relocating to a larger arena for next year.

• The Mohican Fly Fishers of Ohio from Mansfield, Ohio started their 2012 public appearances during the "Mohican Wildlife Weekend" at the end of April, which is a three day event covering many activities around a two county area. MFFO members were stationed beside the Clear Fork River in Mohican State Park making themselves available to anyone who had an interest in fly fishing. Activities included casting instruction; fly tying, and even an aquatic insect survey. A few people had the chance to try and catch one of the brown trout populating the river.

• On May 12th MFFO had its main financial income event for the year when it hosted its annual "Bamboo Bash". This event brings together bamboo fly rod enthusiast and builders.

• The first Saturday in June the MFFO club will be participating in the "Kid’s Outdoor Day" which is hosted by the Fin Feather Fur Outfitters at the Ashland County Wildlife Conservation League. This event exposes kids to outdoor sports such as guns, archery, and of course fishing. All of the areas sports clubs’ members act as mentors working one-on-one as the youths shoot guns, bows & arrows, and try their hand at catching a trout. This is a free event for children from 6 to 12 years of age and there are usually 300 to 400 participants. Everyone leaves with their choice of gear, whether it is a BB gun, archery kit, or a fishing outfit.

The above-mentioned activities are all annual events. All of the clubs work with the public throughout the year with youth groups as well as adults. The stream cleanups, restructuring and the insect surveys the clubs do help to keep the waterways in pristine condition for all to enjoy.

There are a couple of more clubs in Ohio considering joining the Ohio Council. Hopefully this will be the trend going forward.

**Oregon Council**

Sherry Steele – President

**Overall accomplishments and activities June 30, 2011 – June 7, 2012**

Council President attended National Conclave in West Yellowstone 2011, plus 5 Expo/Conclaves in western US. - Albany, OR; Redding, CA; Boise, ID; Idaho Falls, ID; Ellensburg, WA.

**EXPO Main ORCFFF Fund Raiser**

  i. 2012 NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo March 9 & 10 Results: Revenue $65,314
  ii. Expenses $47,373
  iii. Profit $17,941
Expo Attendees- 2,000+, Tyers-193, Booth, Boat, Table Spaces - 66. Class revenue was the star of the fundraiser at over $10,700.00 with 464 students. Congratulations to the education team (Dwight Klemin and Lloyd Fryer)

Oregon Clubs Bringing it together: Expo Volunteer’s Participated-200 + from 13 clubs.

Grants & Awards
Oregon State University Students – Funded 2 Grants 3,000.00 total
Conservation Grant Program – $1,500.00 to Rogue River Study

ORCFFF 2nd Quarter Council Meeting, Election of officers for 2012-2013, and Annual Membership Meeting will be held June 23, 2012.

Total assets of the ORCFFF as of June 1, 2012 … $41,031.91
Council Membership 591

South Eastern Council
Marvin Cash – President

The South Eastern Council 2012 Fly Fishing Festival was held on April 27 - 29 at Unicoi State Park, Helen, Georgia. Bob Clouser, Tim Rajeff, Jimmy Jacobs and Tom Travis were the celebrity presenters for the event. Many others contributed time as demonstration fly tyers, casting instructors, speakers/presenters, show volunteers and fly tying instructors. The programs presented were all of exceptional quality.

At the Saturday night auction and awards banquet we gave the following FFF-SEC awards for 2011 - 2012:

1. FFF-SEC Man of the Year Award to Mike Arnold
2. FFF-SEC Woman of the Year Award to Karen Brand
3. FFF-SEC Fly Casting Instructor Award to David Diaz
4. FFF-SEC Fly Tyer of the Year Award to Oscar Feliu
5. FFF-SEC Conservationist of the Year Award to Jimmy Harris
6. FFF-SEC President’s Award to Jeff Barrett
7. FFF-SEC President's Award to Paul Gruver
8. FFF-SEC President’s Award to Marvin Cash

Nationally renowned fly fishing artist, Alan Folger (www.clearwatermemories.com) produced a beautiful rainbow trout print with the listed award for us to give to each of our award recipients.

Funds donated by the SEC for the 2011 - 2012 fiscal year were:
1. $5,100 to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Brook Trout Restoration Summer Internship Program
2. $1,000 to Casting for Recovery - We awarded two $1,000 scholarships in 2012:

1. Laurie Early, Graduate Student at Auburn University
2. Lila Warren, Graduate Student at Tennessee Tech University. The Board is currently evaluating dates and locations for the 2013 Fly Fishing Festival.

Southern Council
Michael Ames – President

Our focus this year has been to continue to promote the FFF Mission and the success of the national organization, our council, and the individual clubs. The success of these efforts is the direct result of devoted SOC board members, conclave chairs, and the Southern Council Regional Director Program started in 2009.

The bright star of the SOC’s efforts this year was the 1st Federation of Fly Fishers, Southern Council Fly Fishing School, Moving Waters. The school was held April 20 - 22, 2012 on the White River. The 14 students all had a great time and have ranked the school a 4.5 on a scale of 5 in a survey conducted 2 weeks after the school ended. The school was focused on the beginner/intermediate fly fisher and was comprehensive in nature covering reading water, fishing techniques using streamers, wet flies, dry flies and nymphs. Casting instruction was handled by CCI’s.

We continued to build on our 2010 Leadership Retreat via our electronic newsletter by consistently reminding our members of the concept that each of us, individually make up the SOC and FFF. “There is no FFF without you” became a familiar statement in 2011.

The Regional Director Program was initiated out of a desire to have a stronger relationship between the SOC and the clubs in our region. This program was started and is maintained by William “Howard” Malpass, VP of Development. Five Regional Directors of Development were appointed to better aid in communication, educational support and fund raising throughout the council. Each Regional Director has a specific geographic territory within the SOC. The program has been steadily accomplishing its mission of increasing the awareness of the FFF by a higher level of communication between the Clubs and the Southern Council Board of Directors. As Clubs feel more ownership in the FFF the level of responsiveness and participation has increased. There was a change of the Regional Director in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, the new director is Russell Husted.

We provided monetary grants for the following:

The SOC in cooperation with two of our clubs supplied Good Samaritan Boys Ranch in MO with 20 new TFO 8’6”, 5 wt. rods, reels, line, backing & TFO caps to be given to students that successfully graduate from a 16 hour Fly Fishing Workshop conducted by volunteers from a couple of local clubs.

Friends of the Norfork National Fish Hatchery, Inc was awarded a $1,000 for the construction of a diffuser to lower the mortality of trout still in the hatchery when low dissolved oxygen rates are a problem.
Through the use of our Wayne E. and Catherine Moore Trust fund we have monetarily supported several fly fishing centered educational activities for young people. Due to the slow economy in late 2008, 2009, 2010 & 2011 the SOC fundraising efforts have not been as strong as in past years. In response we have been extremely conservative in monetary funding of projects. To keep the FFF viewed as a viable & helpful resource we have doubled our efforts in areas that have not required money. We have lent our political support to many conservation issues faced by our clubs by the writing of emails and letters to state and local governments and private enterprise concerning environmental issues. A few of these are:

- Contacting local, state and federal elected representatives to lobby to restore 100% funding to the federal trout hatcheries of the southeastern U.S.
- Attendance by Paul Goodwin, VP of Conservation to the Ozark Waters Coalition Summit.
- Support of the expansion of the Catch & Release areas on the North Fork of the White River below Lake Norfork Dam.
- Sand mining on Mill & Piney Creeks in Izard County, AR
- Baxter & Marion County landfill leeching issues involving the White River in AR.
- Proposed partial lifting of tackle restrictions within Catch & Release areas of the White & North Fork Rivers.

The SOC helps make our Clubs fundraising or charitable events more successful by soliciting for SOC volunteers for these events via our database, and allowing these events to use FFF rods & reels as well as flies tied by volunteers when requested. The larger of these events were:

SOC Conclave
Sow Bug Round Up
Smallmouth Rendezvous
Reel Recovery events
Casting for Recovery
Project Healing Waters

In support of our education objectives the SOC willingly provides loaner rods and fly tying stations to our member clubs for any educational programs they schedule. We have assisted many members with casting classes held throughout the council with the help of FFF BOG member Chuck Easterling and SOC VP of Education Larry Wegmann.

GOD Bless & Tight~Lines

Southwest Council
Michael Schweit – President

Overview
Our Council’s overriding goal has been two fold. The first is to connect the clubs to each
other and to the Federation and the second is to get more people into the sport and from there, into the Federation.

Membership
We send reminders monthly (via e-mail) to members, starting one month before they are due until 6 months past due. The improving economy seems to be helping but our biggest draw this year was when we offered a chance for a TFO rod with a drawing every 12 new FFF members. For the year, this drawing has attracted over 50 new members. Retention is still a concern.

Conservation
The 4 clubs that took advantage of the National Matching Grant program returned to apply for more funding for other projects. We will be involved with everything from stream temperature sensors to eradication of crawfish from a local stream in preparation of a (hopefully) steelhead run in the future.

Our conservation chair, Tim Bartley, has been working with us since January 2010 and is becoming more and more involved with the issues facing us in California. He has been working with the clubs, CalTrout and other NGOs on water and fishery issues. He is also working with the Northern California Council. We also added the San Gabriel River Conservancy as a Conservation Affiliate.

One highlight of our year was his involvement with a local fishing guide and the Department of Fish and Game in getting increased water flows to rescue trout fry that has become stranded in the Upper Owens tributaries. This occurred last October and they were able to remedy the situation in less than a week by working with the local agencies.

Outreach
We are still at the local fishing shows. This allows us to spread the word about the clubs and in turn, the Federation. In this way, we are giving the clubs what they want and it makes it easier for them to answer the age-old question “what does the Federation do for us”. We become the answer, as well as partners, with the various clubs.

So far, since the beginning of 2012, we have been at 3 different events with a club/Federation booth. We demonstrate and teach tying (mostly to children) and give casting lessons to anyone who wants to try. The hard part about some of the shows is we rely on local clubs to populate them with volunteers.

One of the biggest shows (Fred Hall) continues to let us get a fly caster on top of the bass tank. This was an outstanding idea and attracted a lot of audience members. The hardcore bass people loved to see him work that fly and what it could do for them. The Hall people also put up a lovely mountain/tree/forest backdrop (20’x100’) behind the casting area so it was a real attraction. In fact, the casters were swamped teaching people the basics.

Next year (2013), we are losing The Fly Fishing Show with Chuck Furimsky. So we are looking to help increase the fly fishing presence at the Hall Show.
**Project Healing Waters** added new programs this year after they received requests from the area club. And Santa Barbara, Sespe and Santa Lucia Fly Fishers are working on a joint partnership to take on one VA facility together.

**Trout in the Classroom** continues to grow but struggle. We have set up a joint monetary fund with CalTrout to help defray some of the costs of tanks and chillers but the bigger issue is eggs. With DFG cutbacks, it is harder for the hatcheries to give us a lot of notice that the eggs are ready. The state was also sued to show that hatchery fish do not harm native flora and fauna. So our fry releases are only at urban lakes with no connection to affected streams. We are using a work-around by taking the students to a local stream after the lake release so they can experience the outdoors and where trout live. We are also working with a Los Angeles County Supervisor to lower the parking costs for participants at these urban lakes. Two steps forward, one back.

**Casting For Recovery** continues to grow financially. The cost of the program can run 9-15K for lodging, food and participants so there is a bit of fundraising needed. Two events were dedicated to them this year and raised around 4000.00. One was a beach One Fly Tournament, put on by Al Quattrocchi and the other was a Fly Fishing Class for Women at Pasadena Casting Club. We hope to have a retreat in place in late 2013.

**Education**

In 2010, we did a tournament at a well-known trout stream. Turns out that because it is an area with large boulders and deep runs, Czech nymphing was in order and most did not know how to do that! So the 2011 tournament had an orientation/lesson the day before, put on by the local retailer/guide shop, Kern River Fly Fishers. Attendance jumped to around 60 anglers (on a Friday yet!) and many went back to the stream to practice and to their rooms to tie leaders together. The event raised 1800.00 for the Council and everyone had a grand old time.

After listening to the Council Presidents monthly calls with ideas to bring in the casters, we ran a new class this year. It was called Teach the Teachers. It was not a pre-CI class but geared to the clubs that are teaching fly fishing to the public. We offered to make them better teachers and almost 25 stuck around for the 4 week, Saturday morning class. All it cost us was donuts!

**Fundraising**

With the renewal of the council, we are still concentrating on the re-build. We are planning on a Fly Fishing Faire for September 2012. Mammoth Lakes and Inyo/Mono County are very interested in making this happen so we are working with them on incentives and other plans that we would not be able to do on our own. One example is that Mammoth has their own advertising group so we give them our material and they make sure it gets out to various media and social networks.

Once again, we did the FlyBuy in January. Clubs and members donated lightly used gear, our Casting Instructors gave lessons for $1 per minute and the clubs donated flies for
their areas. This year, we finally felt we could do some “advantages of being in the FFF pricing” and gave people 5.00 off of admission if they were current or joined that day. Throw in the 1-in-12 rod incentive and we signed 16 new people in one day. Add in some artwork, a BBQ and we raised around 3000.00.

As noted earlier, we also did a tournament on the Kern River. One of our clubs, (Southern Sierra) along with Guy Jeans, the local guide and retailer, put together this one day event with all the rules and beats set up ahead of time. Some clubs fielded two teams (including two women only) and we had over 95 people at the awards dinner. First prize is the club name on a perpetual trophy. Runner-ups got Velveeta cheese, anchovies and other fish related food items.

Retailers and Guides
We aggressively pursued the fly fishing retailers in our district. The majority signed up with National and we are giving them free access to our e-mail blasts to publicize their events and sales. Most of them are now using our calendar and allowing us to use their email blasts for Council announcements. They now have their own page on our website. We also signed up individual guides and are in the process of setting up a dedicated web page to help promote their services. Since many of them are saltwater, we are finally in a position to emphasize that part of our sport at shows next year.

The Future
We had a great year with respect to Board members. While we lost our Education chair to personal reasons, we did add a Youth Chair (Matt Casada) and are working on the duties for that position. The SWC suffers with the same malady that faces all of us…a dearth of volunteers that can make the time and follow through on the work. Again, this is extra tough in this economy. However, on the bright side, the clubs have been stepping up and so it is up to us, the SWC, to provide venues and opportunities to expand the outreach of the FFF and the members clubs. We will be back at the fishing shows (Fred Hall has asked us to do more than last year and is giving us our own casting pond) and hopefully adding the Fly Fishing Faire. And, all of us are still fishing.

Upper Midwest Council
Todd Heggestad – President

The inactive Great Rivers Council was activated in March of 2012 and renamed the Upper Midwest Council. The Great Rivers Council had been inactive for several years. FFF President Phillip Greenlee attended a gathering of fly fishers in March 2012 in Minneapolis Minnesota with the intention of determining what interest and support was present among those gathered for establishing a new council. FFF members from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois were present and created a renamed council to make a fresh start for clubs and members in these three states. A board of directors was selected to begin the process of creating a vibrant and active regional council. The initial organization steps have included reviewing and editing the former Great Rivers Council bylaws and transferring monies to an Upper Midwest Council account. Upper Midwest Council board activities for the next year will include contacting clubs and members in
the three state area about the new council and potentially organizing a regional fair in the fall. A master plan regarding educational opportunities and conservation projects will also be identified and developed.

**Washington Council**  
**Carl Johnson – President**

**Membership**  
Over the past year WSC membership decreased by almost 6% going from 787 members in 2011 to 784 in through April of this year. While the council still participated in all of the Sportsman Shows in Washington, continued club visits, and had another successful Washington Fly Fishing Fair. We believe major portion of the lack of renewals has to be the current state of the economy in Washington. Things are looking up though based on the fact that we were able to sell over 25 new memberships at the 2012 WA Fly Fishing Fair on May 4th and 5th.

The WSC participated in 2 shows this past year; the Western Washington Sportsman Show in Puyallup and the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show in Pasco. Next year we will add the Fly Fishing Show to the list as it returning to Washington next February. At the shows we were able to increase the visibility of the FFF and WSC. We also sold FFF memberships and promoted our Fly Fishing Fair at the shows. In addition it allows us to direct fly fishers and prospective fly fishers to fly fishing clubs close to them.

The Board of the Council continues to make a concerted effort to visit the clubs during the year. The visits allowed us to get the word out to the members. Although communication to the clubs via written or electronic methods is maintained the information does not seem to make it to the individual members on a regular basis. Visitations to clubs by Board members have helped get the message of the FFF and WSC to the club members.

On May 4th and 5th, the WSC conducted our sixth regional Fly Fishing Fair in as many years. In spite of the economy we had a successful event. WSC sold a number of FFF memberships at the event. In part due to our “I’m a Member” rod raffle. The Council took advantage of the fly rod incentive program and received one of the TFO 4 weight rods and held a raffle for members and new members. Every FFF member received one ticket in the raffle and new members received 2 tickets. In addition, every member was given an “I’m a member” badge to wear.

**Education**  
WSC participated in a number of educational events during the year. The highlight is on the Friday morning prior to the start of our fair we invited the local school districts to participate in an introduction to fly-fishing. This year we had approximately 45 students, most from middle school. We broke the students down into three groups and rotated them through three stations; fly tying, fly-casting and entomology classes. This program has been well received; in fact one of the local teachers invited the Council to make a
presentation of our program to the Washington Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. We made this presentation on October 15th.

Other events included the Wenatchee River Salmon Festival sponsored by the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery where we gave over 100 free casting lessons to anyone who wanted including approximately 70 kids.

Don Simonson, WSC Board Member and a member of the CBG gave fly casting demonstrations at the Western Washington Sportsman Show. In spite of some bad weather at the show (it was January) his outdoor demonstrations were well attended and many came into the FFF booth afterward to inquire about casting classes and clubs.

At our Fly Fishing Fair we held a number of fly fishing workshops, including wading safely, beginning fly casting for women taught by women, how to improve your distance casting, casts for difficult places, single spey cast, beginning fly casting, intermediate fly casting and a CI prep workshop. In addition, we also offered free fly tying lessons to both kids and adults during the day.

Many of the clubs in the council participate in local kids fishing events throughout the state. The clubs also offer fly tying and casting classes for members and as a method to increase their membership.

The WSC along with the Washington Council of Trout Unlimited sponsor the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy held in Lacy, WA in late June. The Academy will host up to 25 youth, both boys and girls, for an extensive week of conservation and fly fishing lessons at this overnight camp.

**Conservation**

WSC became more active in local conservation activities during the year including supporting many local proposals and proposed regulations throughout the state during the year. This year two grants were received from the FFF for projects in Washington. One was the Northwest Wild Fish Rescue for work on the Lewis River. The second was to Chambers Creek Restoration Team to replace the sign near a 12 foot dam where salmon stack up and the public stops to view them. The sign will be used to explain the salmon use of the stream and the need to remove the dam.

In addition, the clubs worked on local conservation projects where they got out and got “their hands dirty” on things such as picking up trash from our rivers, restoring and protecting riparian zones including installing large woody debris and fencing and on working to remove invasive weeds.

**Other**

Many members of the WSC have been actively involved in the planning of the International Fly Fishing Fair in Spokane coming up this July.
The FFF members within the Council are proud of the contributions made by WSC in the fields of fly fishing education and resource conservation, and are growing in number due to the recruiting efforts of the WSC members and clubs and it’s BOD.

**Western Rocky Mountain Council**

**Lee Davison – President**

**Summary**

The Western Rocky Mountain Council in 2011 - 2012 has been actively participating in most of the numerous expositions/shows (8) held by our affiliated clubs and this included manning and/or hosting the FFF booth during several events. We have increased in membership slightly (43 or 7%). The Council also produces quarterly E-Newsletters, which are sent to all council clubs for distribution to the general membership. Work is in progress on a direct mailing database to send the newsletter directly to each FFF member in the council rather than depend upon the clubs to forward the newsletter to their membership.

**Membership**

Membership has been gradually increasing by FFF exposure at the many show events and word of mouth. The two aspects of membership are new members and retention of previous members whose dues have lapsed; the council will initiate a new direct call program by the President or another board officer to all new and lapsing members to make sure there is direct contact between the individuals and FFF leadership to bolster goodwill of new members and improve retention of lapsing members.

**Conservation**

The WRMC Council contributed $1500 to assist in the Yellowstone Lake Cutthroat conservation efforts regarding the control of Lake Trout populations, which depredate heavily on the Cutthroats. The council also was awarded two Small Conservation Project grants by the FFF Conservation Committee and has additional grant submissions for the current year. Generally, the individual clubs within the Council budget most of their acquired funds to local conservation projects and often partner with other organizations and seek for matching funds to increase their overall conservation impact.

**Club Events**

The Council Clubs have quite a few Expo's and shows each year. These shows have been holding their own through this past year. The shows were as follows:

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The Council itself did not hold an Expo but helped with the shows around the Council. It is expected to partner with the National FFF Conclave/Fair in 2013, which will be held in the WRMC Council area.

**FFF Council Reach-out**

Our clubs in the Council have been doing well and working with Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery and the Boy Scouts of America. Many Youth Education projects were completed this past year in the different clubs. The Kelly Creek Fly Fishers along with the North Idaho Fly Casters held a Fund Raising Banquet for Casting for Recovery in October 2011, which was very successful in funding a Casting For Recovery seminar for 12 women scheduled this summer on the Coeur d'Alene River.

The future of the Council for the coming year looks good with Expos planned throughout the region.