

Society for Freshwater Science Newsletter Editor

The Society for Freshwater Science (SFS) (www.freshwater-science.org) seeks an outgoing society member with skill in written and visual communication to take over as lead editor of the Society newsletter, *In the drift* (ITD, archive at: <http://www.freshwater-science.org/Publications/Newsletter--In-The-Drift.cfm>). The position requires overseeing the production of three newsletter issues per year, each with about 40 hours of work involved. This is a paid position with compensation dependent on experience.

Responsibilities – The newsletter editor is responsible for communicating SFS news to the membership in Fall (Sept), Winter (January), and Spring (May) issues. Although ITD has grown into the relatively serious role of covering all news relevant to Society operations (e.g. Board elections, journal news, annual meeting information, financial operations), it maintains a fun and informal character that holds over from its early days. Some of ITD's recurring article blocks reflect that nature, and the nature of SFS itself. Examples include the *FWS* Article Spotlight that goes behind the scenes of a recent highlighted journal article, digging up funny personal stories by the paper's authors; *Dear Nick*, a "benthic" advice column; and the *Meeting Recap* of the Fall issue is a reader favorite in which the ITD editor produces (with the help of meeting photographers) a photo journal of that year's annual meeting.

The ITD editor maintains close contact throughout the year with SFS leadership, including the Executive Committee, the journal editor, and committee chairs, working particularly closely with and as a member of the Public Information and Publicity (PIP) committee and its various outreach objectives, including the website, the *Making Waves* podcast, and social media feeds such as Twitter and Facebook. Although the bulk of the ITD editor's work typically occurs during the 1-2 weeks prior to releasing each issue, an important responsibility is maintaining regular contact with SFS leadership, in essence keeping a finger on the pulse of the Society.

Specific responsibilities include overseeing volunteer contributors and helping edit their work, reminding contributors of deadlines, putting together each newsletter issue in web format, and drafting email announcements to the membership to announce the posting of new issues. It is also quite important that the newsletter editor attend the SFS annual meetings, as well as Pub Comm and PIP meetings.

Skills and qualifications – The ITD editor must have a solid background in written communication including informal science writing (i.e., not 'just' peer-reviewed publications) and needs strong interpersonal skills for maintaining continued contact with SFS leaders and members. Editing experience and attention to detail are also necessary. Experience with web design is a benefit but not a requirement.

To apply – Please send a letter of interest describing your qualifications and background, CV, and contact information to Chuck Hawkins, chair of the SFS Publications Committee (chuck.hawkins@usu.edu) by 15 May 2017.