



The North Central Chapter

Society of Wetland Scientists

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

Time and Date: Friday, September 20, 7:15-8:00 am EST (6:15-7am CST) Call in Number: 877-860-3058;
Passcode 117 224 7566

Maumee Bay Lodge, Mainsail Room, Oregon, OH

1. Call to order (Christina Hargiss)
7:15 am EST
2. Determination of quorum (Jen Boyer); Jen Boyer determined that we had a quorum.
Board members in-person: Christina
Board members on phone: Julie, Casey, Eliza, Kate, Jen, Eric
3. Approval of Minutes from 5/30/2019 Board Meeting
Kurt Kowalski Motions to approve, Jen Boyer seconds, motion passed.
4. Financial report (Eric Plankell)
 - Budget Overview
 - Decrease in checking
 - Decrease in investments
 - Just over \$4,000
 - Transactions accepted
 - Student travel awards
 - Wetland of distinction prize
 - Jade Arneson
 - 2 research grants
 - Nichole Stewart
 - Callie Maddingly
 - Sponsored Ohio meeting \$1,000
 - Start up \$100 for new University of Illinois student association
 - Pending transactions
 - Display for meeting shipping
 - Ann Key gift card for program award
 - Membership dues
 - Not received yet
 - Not put into report
 - Membership is at 417 members = \$4,170
 - Overall budget outlook

- Meeting support is on track
 - Outreach
 - Tribal still waiting
 - Shipping is higher than budgeted
 - Student memberships are higher than budgeted
- Income
 - Budgeted \$4,210
 - Slightly lower but still okay with \$4,170
 - Only 4 members short
 - Development Grant
 - Received \$575 and expecting to receive \$575 more this year
- Received income
 - Expected \$633.79

See report. Sara Johnson motions to approve, Kurt Kowalski seconds, motion passed

5. Standing Committee Reports

a) Membership Committee (Jen Boyer)

417 members

Slight decrease from last year

SWS had a larger drop than NCC

- 64 student members
- Total increase of members
- How to increase members idea: Training gets some members of other organizations a discount on membership fees-this is something that PWS might be able to provide.

See report.

b) Program Committee (Casey Judge)

- New student group at University of Illinois Champagne
- Wetlands of Distinction
 - NCC is well in this program but still can do more; Iowa has none

c) Awards Committee (Christina for Karen Mangan)

- Hannah Ohm SWS award in Baltimore, MD \$500
- 5 recipients for NCC SWS awards in Oregon, OH \$500

d) Nominations Committee (Julie Nieset) – nothing currently to report

e) History Committee (Dave Mushet / Christina Hargiss)

- There is interest in creating a report of the history of NCC

- f) Education and Outreach Committee (Jessica Ackerman)
 - Has an idea to get state contacts to get more into the universities
 - Do this by creating a list of admin or individuals at universities to have them receive newsletters, updates, etcetera
 - Kurt brought up as a state contact it would be nice to get the membership list to know what universities we are already in and what ones we are not
- g) Social Media Committee (Jess Stern)
 - Ideas to get more posting on social media, not much is posted now
 - Create some sort of policy for posting, hierarchy of posting, etc.

6. Past/Current Business

- a) Supporting tribal colleges in NCC region (Christina Hargiss)
 - Award; Abstracts due end of October
- b) Wetland Professionals Mentorship program (Kate Lucier)
 - Putting together resources for those who are more interested in wetland careers; NCCwetlandmentors@gmail.com
 - Not just academia but private consultants, etcetera
 - Wanting to put \$1,000 towards it in next years budget
- c) Supporting state groups within the chapter (Christina Hargiss)
 - We are continuing this year

7. New Business

- a) Committee for bylaws update (2 student representatives and student representatives receiving travel awards (Casey Judge)
 - Formally updating the by-laws is needed
 - Wanting a committee to take this on
 - Kasey heading
 - Paul volunteered
 - Kate volunteered
 - Maybe Karen and Dave
- b) New SWS NCC Student Association at University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (Christina Hargiss)
- c) Updates from Student Associations (Sara Johnson, Jessica Stern, Eliza Lugten)
 - University of Illinois - Sara
 - A student chapter was formed over the summer and had over 400 people sign up for their email list.

- Having monthly meetings
 - Not a lot of participation in meetings but growing
 - Had a day where they went out looking for salamanders
 - Had a day where they taught plant identification
 - Open to the public and students
 - University of Michigan – Eliza
 - First meeting had 15 participants
 - Have a volunteer event in October
 - Wanting to find local scientists to come talk to members
 - Schools should set up a call a few times a year to discuss what they are doing and brainstorm on ways to help each other
- d) Potential to host 2023 meeting in NCC, potential committee (Casey Judge)
- Wanting to create a committee for 2023 annual meeting in NCC
 - Thinking Des Moines, IA
 - Call for proposals will be around August or September 2020
 - Typically, an eight-page proposal on why they should host the meeting
 - Kate volunteered
 - Matt volunteered
 - Paul volunteered
 - Kurt potentially
 - Eliza and Sara are student contacts
 - Student Funding
 - Raising amount for start up funds for college chapters or continued support
 - Continuing student SWS membership program

8. Meeting Adjournment