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
     o Decrease in checking
     o Decrease in investments
       ▪ Just over $4,000
     o 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
     o Pending transactions
       ▪ Display for meeting shipping
       ▪ Ann Key gift card for program award
     o Membership dues
       ▪ Not received yet
       ▪ Not put into report
     o Membership is at 417 members = $4,170
     o Overall budget outlook
• Meeting support is on track
  ▪ Outreach
  ▪ Tribal still waiting
  ▪ Shipping is higher than budgeted
  ▪ Student memberships are higher than budgeted
  o 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
  o 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
  o 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
  o 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
      o Kate volunteered
      o Matt volunteered
      o Paul volunteered
      o 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