



The North Central Chapter

Society of Wetland Scientists

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

Time and Date: Thursday, May 30, 8:45-9:30 am EST
Call in Number: 605-313-5106 Access code: 341085
Hilton Baltimore, Johnson B Meeting Room, Baltimore, MD

1. Call to order (Christina Hargiss)
8:45 EST

2. Determination of quorum (Jessica Ackerman)
Board members in-person: Christina, Dave, Eric, Joy, Jessie
Current and future board members on phone: Julie, Casey, Eliza, Kate, and Jen

Quorum has been met.

3. Approval of Minutes from 1/18/2019 Board Meeting
Dave motions to approve, Eric seconds, motion passed.

4. Financial report (Eric Plankell)
See report. Kurt Kowalski motions to approve, Jon Sweetman seconds, motion passed.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a) Membership Committee (Jessica Ackerman)

See report. Kurt asks if we could create and send out a survey to current and past members to ask why people are not renewing their memberships. Jessie will look into this.

b) Program Committee (Julie Nieset)

See report. Kurt talks about the newly formed University of Michigan SWS student association, and that the \$100 has really helped them form the association. Jessie asks how do student associations form and how can they apply for the \$100 help. See Julie for formation process.

c) Awards Committee (Julie Nieset)

See report. Hannah Ohm, the grant award winner, is introduced, everyone should go see her poster.

6. Past/Current Business

a) Chapter Meeting in fall (Julie Nieset)

We did not host a chapter meeting this past year, maybe one could be organized by the incoming board this year? Maybe an online meeting? What sort of ideas or feedback does the membership have?

There is discussion about what chapter meetings have looked like in the past, and about how a chapter meeting is great for in-person networking. And that even webinars can cause networking and could be a good option. Kurt mentions that there is a Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Assembly in Maumee, OH happening in Sept, that this could be a good meeting to collaborate with. There's consensus that this option should be investigated. Dave suggests we create a chapter meeting organizing committee. Kurt, Dave, Christina, Kate, and Julie volunteer.

b) Special Committees (Julie Nieset)

Karen is on the program committee, Julie thanks her for her work. Julie introduces our new special committee chairs: Dave – history, Jessie – education and outreach, Jess Stern – social media.

7. New Business

a) Installation of newly-elected Board members (Dave Mushet and Christina Hargiss)

Dave introduces Christina as the newly installed president, thanks Julie for her time and service. Dave also introduces all other new board members, and specially recognizes Jen Boyer for her continued great work on the chapter newsletter.

b) Supporting tribal colleges in NCC region (Christina Hargiss)

Emails were sent out to tribal colleges in our chapter area to see if there was any interest in free student memberships. A couple of students reached out to receive the memberships. Sue Galatowitsch recommends just sending out a general call to membership to ask any tribal people that need a research grant to reach out, especially undergraduates needing internships or graduate school work. Jon comments on North Dakota's efforts for 1-day workshops on wetland education for tribal groups under the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission. Christina and Susan will come up with a proposal to send out to membership about continued tribal college support.

c) Wetland Professionals Mentorship program (Kate Lucier)

Kate would like to create a mentorship program to mentor wetlands students, even in tangential programs. Kurt seconds the idea, and suggests we could pay for students to join a professional for a day in the field. Lots of agreement from the room. Committee is formed to work on this, Kate volunteers and will take the lead, as well as Matt, Jen, and Kurt.

d) Discussion to amend Chapter Bylaws for 2 Student Representatives (Julie Nieset)

Jon asks how long a student term is – 1 year term. This is just a presentation of the amendment, a vote will occur at the next chapter meeting. Julie discusses the pros of having student representatives. Christina recommends changing the wording to 'and/or' two representatives so we're not tied into always having two.

8. Meeting Adjournment

9:33 EST

Congratulations to the newly elected NCC Board members

Christina Hargiss is moving into the President's position and Julie Nieset to Immediate Past

President

Casey Judge – President-Elect

Jen Boyer – Secretary

Eric Plankell – Treasurer

Eliza Lugten and Sara Johnson – Co-Student Representatives

Kate Lucier – At-Large Board Member

Paul Weihe – At-Large Board Member