



The North Central Chapter

# Society of Wetland Scientists

## 2016 MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA, CORPUS CHRISTI

5:30-6:15 PM, Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Call in Number: 712-432-0460, access code 341085

1. Call to order (David Mushet) 5:33pm

Board Members present:

David Mushet

Jessica Ackerman – by phone

Casey Judge

Joy Marburger – by phone

Liz Pelloso – by phone

Other Members Present:

Kyle McLean, ND

Tim Stewart, IA

Ryan Baldwin, IA

Michael Sundberg, IA

Charles Newling, WI

David Selag, MI

Sue Galatowitsch, MN

Marinus Otte, ND

Gwen Murphy, IL

Brad Delfeld, IL

Mark Healy, IL

Molly Hacker, IL

Loretta Battaglia, IL

Pamela Weisenhorn, IL

Sheel Bansal, ND

Kaira Kamke, WI

Kurt Kowalski, MI

2. Determination of quorum by Secretary-Treasurer (Jessica Ackerman): quorum met

3. Acceptance of Minutes from February 3rd, 2016 Board Meeting (Jessica Ackerman): Joy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, motion seconded and passed

4. Financial report by Secretary-Treasurer (Jessica Ackerman):  
Report is attached

## 5. Standing Committee Reports:

### a) Membership Committee (Jessica Ackerman):

Report is attached

### b) Program Committee (Julie Nieset):

Report is attached

c) Nominations Committee (Arnold van der Valk): Dave mentioned that elections for all elected positions will occur in the coming year– watch for something from Arnold. Will install new officers at next years' meeting

d) Grants and Awards Committee (Karen Mangan): Report is attached. Dave introduced Kaira Kamke who talked a bit about her research. Introduced Michael Sundberg who talked a bit about his research. Dave mentioned the past-years' winner of the research award – Adam Janke and read part of his abstract – research money used to purchase reagents, etc. used to complete research in Ch. 2 of his dissertation. Dave introduced Gwendolyn Murphy, winner of research grant, who introduced herself and talked a bit about her research.

## 6. Old Business

### a) Roles of the Student Representative

We need to change bylaws. Dave explained that Casey was appointed into the position. Hope to create a chapter-wide student organization. Question from the audience about how the representative will be elected in the future.

b) Revision of ByLaws and Standing Rules – Dave went over major revisions, especially student representative responsibilities, newsletter editor responsibilities, and what a quorum is. Question about re-election of student representative or if limited to a single term. Dave says nothing in the bylaws that prohibits a student from serving multiple terms in office. Dave opened up discussion with members. Member asked about KY, clarification. Motion to vote, seconded by Liz, voted on – passed unanimously. Casey still student representative until Spring meeting next year. Dave introduced Casey – Casey talked about student section in newsletter and asks for suggestions of other students to be highlighted.

c) Preparations for Meeting in Ohio – moving forward, likely will have another announcement over email.

## 7. New Business

### a) Next Student to Highlight in Newsletter – Casey previously asked for suggestions

b) Opening for a State Representative for North Dakota – Dave talked about position opening, asked for anyone interested to contact him.

Any other new business?

Kurt Kowalski – suggested a student connection post research grant “where are they now?” Dave mentioned that a statement has been added to the application that will help us to do this.

Casey suggested that person could also be a highlighted student in the newsletter.

## 8. Meeting Adjournment 6:08pm

**NCC Business Meeting  
Treasurer's Report  
Submitted by Jessica Ackerman  
June 1, 2016**

**Current Financial Status**

- As of 4/30/16, the NCC has \$23,352.24, divided among the checking account (\$8,065.64), a money market account (\$5,104.59) and Wintrust investment (\$10,182.01).
- This is a \$81.55 increase since our February meeting.

**Chapter Investments**

- Our Wintrust investment has decreased by \$30.95 since our last meeting.

**Budget**

- SWAMMP is in process of getting our \$1000 support, but it has not been removed from our account yet. I'm told it will be withdrawn after the meeting.
- We made \$112.50 at our auction which was deposited in February.
- We received a return student grant of \$700, because the work was never completed. This amount was not included in the 4/30/16 chapter checking update, so expect to see that amount added in the next treasurer's report.

**NCC Business Meeting  
Membership Committee Report  
Submitted by Jessica Ackerman  
June 1, 2016**

**Current Membership**

- As of 5/24/16, the NCC has 489 chapter members. This is up from last year's October report – 364 members (125 more)! When looking over membership numbers over the past decade, generally our numbers are down from the 500-almost 700 member range we had from early 2000's through 2010.

**Potential Opportunities**

- Any chapter membership interest at Wisconsin Wetlands Association meeting?

**SWS NCC Business Meeting  
Program Committee Report  
Submitted by Julie Nieset  
June 1, 2016**

**Program Promotion**

- SWS NCC had a display and representation at Wisconsin Wetlands Association conference (WWA) (Feb 2016) – Thanks to Liz Pelloso for manning our booth. AMPED staff emailed additional information out to attendees who expressed interest in finding out more information about SWS and our chapter.

**SWS Wetland Treasure (WT) Program**

- To recap: The WT program is a national program initiated by SWS with a goal of fostering public awareness and promoting wetland education through an online database and showcase of top-tier wetlands throughout the country. It is modeled after the Wisconsin Wetland Gems program that you might be familiar with.
- There has been coordination with members from each of the ten states in our chapter recruiting members to be reviewers and potential nominators of special wetlands in their state/regions. We are also coordinating with site managers to let them know about the SWS WT program and to offer assistance in the application process of the wetland(s) they manage.
- As of April 2016, the website was completed: <http://www.wetlandtreasures.org/>
- The program is in the initial phase of accepting applications for high quality wetland nominations, focusing on those that have Ramsar designation and/or having special federal/state designations. There is internal discussion of the length of this initial period, as well as the start of the next phase.
- Our NCC certified the first National SWS Wetland Treasure – Forrest Woods State Nature Preserve (OH), this May 2016, and are working on more.
- If interested in getting involved and/or nominating a wetland as a Wetland Treasure, contact Julie Nieset [jenieset@illinois.edu](mailto:jenieset@illinois.edu)

**NCC Business Meeting  
Grants and Awards Committee Report  
Submitted by Karen Mangan  
May 23, 2016**

A total of \$2520 in student awards (\$1000 in research awards, \$1400 in travel awards and \$120 in presentation awards) has been allocated in 2016. Below is a breakdown of the individual award recipients thus far, and their research.

## **Research**

### **2016 Research Award: (May 2016)**

- 1 awarded @ \$1000 each
  - Gwendolyn Murphy- Southern Illinois University, Carbondale  
*Fiddler crab preference takes center stage on 'runway' style enclosures designed to investigate undocumented interactions between fiddler crabs and Gulf coast vegetation*

## **Travel**

### **2016 Travel Awards: (April 2016) for travel to SWS Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi**

- 2 awarded @ \$500 each
  - Kaira Kamke-University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
    - *-Characterization of macroinvertebrate assemblages in restored and natural wetlands in Central Wisconsin, USA*
  - Michael Sundberg-Iowa State University, Ames
    - *Linkages among land use, chemical contaminants, invasive fishes, and plant and salamander communities in prairie pothole wetland.*

### **2016 Travel Awards: (August 2016) for travel to NCC meeting in Ohio**

- 2 will be awarded @ \$200 each

### **2016 Student Presentation Awards**

- 4 will be awarded @ \$30 each (SWS membership \$25 and chapter membership \$5)