



The North Central Chapter

Society of Wetland Scientists

NCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

10:00-11:00 AM (Central Time), Friday, Jan. 20, 2017

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

1. Call to order (David Mushet) 10:02 am CST
2. Determination of quorum by Secretary-Treasurer (Jessica Ackerman)

Dave
Arnold
Casey
Jessie
Julie
Karen

3. Acceptance of Minutes from June 1, 2016 NCC Meeting in Corpus Christi and September 29, 2016 Board Meeting (Jessica Ackerman)

No changes needed.

6/1: motion to approve by Dave then Julie seconds

9/29: motion to approve by Dave then Julie seconds

4. Financial report by Secretary-Treasurer (Jessica Ackerman)

Report highlighted current financial status including recent checking increase due to receiving chapter dues. Dave mentioned using the chapter meeting as a fundraising event, possibly by raising registration fees. Julie talked about acquiring meeting sponsorships, similar to the joint meeting with OWA last fall. Julie also talked about having individual state events, but Dave mentioned that we don't want to step on the toes of state wetland groups (i.e. OWA, WWA, MWA, etc.).

5. Standing Committee Reports

a) Membership Committee (Jessica Ackerman) Report highlighted current chapter and student chapter membership numbers. Dave says there may be an increase in membership come the international meeting in June.

b) Program Committee (Julie Nieset) Wetland Treasures – “holding pattern” internally. Good applications (13) good reviewing. Iowa and Michigan still need some applications. Chapter wide we're doing well with recruitment, above average even. Out of Julie's hands at a moment, she'll let us know as it advances. Marketing will also come out. Arnold – will no longer be called “wetland treasures”, due to conflict with WWA and international efforts. BOD is looking for other names currently and will vote. Lawyers are also looking into it for conflicts, especially once a new name is used. He has some Iowa wetlands he wants to nominate.

c) Nominations Committee (Arnold van der Valk)

Arnold mentions David Green (?) for possible nomination. Dave will come up with “call for nominations” to go out in newsletter.

d) Grants and Awards Committee (Karen Mangan) 2017 grant applications due on Feb. 12 for student research grants. Dave asks for blurb. Julie asks for write-up to post on Facebook and our page on SWS website.

6. Old Business

a) 2017 Elections (nominations and voting schedule) Dave: nominations Feb., closed end of Feb./early March, voting in March, winners announced and installation at business meeting in Puerto Rico in June. Dave will work with Jen to get something into newsletter. Call out to board to drum up nominations for all positions.

b) Splitting Secretary/Treasurers Position into Two Positions Dave discuss. Arnold proposes further discussion. Julie says looks good, clearly written out. Karen seconds. Everyone says yes. Standing rules have been approved.

Membership needs to approve bylaws at next meeting. Dave asks if any errors? No comments. Does Jessie still want secretary? Yes. Dave says we’ll figure it out if the bylaws don’t get approved, but he’s not concerned.

7. New Business

a) Membership Meeting in Puerto Rico – voting. Dave and Julie will be absent. Arnold will be busy. Jessie will lead meeting, Casey will be in attendance and will help. Dave will work with Jessie to organize and guide. Joy told me today (1/26) that she’ll also be in attendance and will help.

b) 2017 Fall Chapter Meeting – Fargo meeting a possibility, Marinus (sp?) helping, good field trip opportunities in ND and MN. Dave can play a larger role as well. Joy was also thinking WI would be good, will have to get back to her. Dave will continue to work with Marinus. Arnold suggests workshops for drumming up attenders plus a great line-up of plenary speakers. Work alongside state-side wetland groups (esp. MWA) to drum-up membership with SWS. Connect with OWA and MWA for interest in fall meeting and membership. Arnold suggests some loose association/partnerships with state-side groups – has worked well with other chapter groups. Julie suggests CEU credits for meeting attendance and workshop attendance. Dave will do a write-up on interests for workshops teachers for fall meeting.

c) World Wetlands Day Photo Contest – Jessie and Jen have been working together. Superhero theme. Two winners – one fan favorite, one voted on by board. Email out to membership hopefully on 2/24. Posted to facebook as well. Maybe use a hashtag for tallying purposes? Contest starts on the 2nd and then goes for a week afterwards? Board votes on 2/10, winner announced on 2/16?

d) Winter Newsletter for February 2nd (WWD) Distribution (Jan. 25 deadline)

8. Meeting Adjournment

10:48 am CST

**NCC Business Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Jessica Ackerman
January 20, 2017**

Current Financial Status

- As of 4/30/16, the NCC has \$23,122.46, divided among the checking account (\$7,105.64), a money market account (\$5,120.77) and Wintrust investment (\$10,896.05).
- Our chapter checking increased significantly since our last meeting due to receiving \$2000 in 2016 dues.

Chapter Investments

- Our Wintrust investment has increased since our last meeting.

Budget

- The only updates to our chapter checking account, since our last meeting, has been a speaker fee for our chapter meeting (\$200), and our sponsorship for WWA (\$500).
- Julie only spent \$200 of the \$500 budgeted for the chapter meeting in 2016.

Potential fundraising ideas

**NCC Business Meeting
Membership Committee Report
Submitted by Jessica Ackerman
January 20, 2017**

Current Membership

- As of this week, the NCC has 434 chapter members. This is down from last year's May report – 55 less. Perhaps people haven't renewed their membership yet?
- Of the 434 members, 54 are student members.

Potential Opportunities

- Possible membership interest at upcoming Wisconsin Wetlands Association meeting?