



The North Central Chapter

Society of Wetland Scientists

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Time and Date: Friday January 18, 10-11am CST
Call in Number: 877-860-3058 Access code: 117 224 7566

1. Call to order
10:06 CST

2. Determination of quorum
Julie, Eric, Dave, Christina, Jess, and Jessie from board. Quorum met.

3. Approval of Minutes from 5/30/2018 Board Meeting

Eric and Julie commented about all the new business that came up at last meeting. Especially Susan and work with the tribal colleges. Christina talks about two tribal colleges in ND that we could collaborate with. Shaun DeKeyser could also help. Susan is from Minnesota so should definitely involve her as well. Julie – WWA partners with tribal colleges, look into collaborating with them at the meeting. Kurt Kowalski from MI, would also likely help.

Christina motions to approve, Eric seconds, motion passes.

4. Financial report and Budget

See Eric's report. See budget. Christina likes the addition of money to student efforts, and could add more towards tribal money. Dave – agrees with the tribal colleges. Eric – budget looks good. Julie recommends using chapter development grant (\$1000-2000) towards tribal college student membership and tribal college initiatives. Dave and Christina agree with \$2000. Julie says we can work out a proposal.

Dave motions to approve, Christina seconds, motion passes, no nays or abstentions. Julie will send out revised budget to board.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a) Membership Committee

See Jessie's report. Good coverage of states within chapter, students applied from each state in chapter. We get \$10 back for every student membership. Dave mentions that this could continue to be a push, because it's only \$20 per student.

b) Program Committee - Julie

Humburg (sp?) Marsh WOD application in process. WOD going well in our region. Christina talks about student association possibilities from meeting minutes in May. Jess comments on IL student association possibilities in IL, difficult because a large state, maybe do regional associations?

c) Awards Committee

Julie will work on email on behalf of Karen for student travel awards, usually goes out at end of Jan.

d) Nominations Committee

Dave- big year of turn around, asking for nominations until March 1, but going to Dave's work email address so he can't currently access. Asks for nominations for president elect, secretary, Eric can re-run for treasurer, Joy is no longer interested in at-large position, Liz likely also not interested, Jess can reach out to people about student board member. Student in Wisconsin, Steven's Point, who is interested in the position. Send any other nominations to Dave. Election will be sometime in April. We can send out reminder email second week of February and can update email address if Dave still furloughed.

6. Old/Current Business

a) Chapter Development Grant

Early renewal contest was talked about in newsletter. Julie wants to get the chapter development grant proposal out earlier – could potentially get the money for student memberships within a month or two. Should we try for this year memberships or next year memberships? Dave and Eric thinks earlier better, try for 2019 memberships. Julie can edit last year's proposal pretty quickly and can send out to board within a week for approval before sending to national SWS, but can expect \$575 because that's what they budgeted for us.

b) Student Associations

see above

c) Social media

Also, have \$25 gift card to spend – should we tie in to WWD photo contest. Jessie talks about previous years Facebook like contests. Jess created an Instagram profile for our chapter, can use this as a platform for peoples research etc, can also be used for WWD contest. Jess and Jessie will collaborate for this year's photo gift card contest for WWD.

7. New Business

a) 2019 Chapter meeting

Julie is not able to do something in IL, should we pass on it again this year? Thoughts? Eric also declines. Julie says we could hold off on cancelling until May, new board members may be interested in doing a meeting this fall. Eric and Julie – more ideas in May, especially an online version of the meeting

b) World Wetlands Day 2019

see above

c) Other new business?

None

d) Set date for next meeting

March or April – see how nominations go.

8. Meeting Adjournment

11:02cst

**NCC Membership Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Eric T. Plankell
January 18, 2019**

Current Financial Status

- As of 9/30/18, the NCC has \$32,614.22, divided among the checking account (\$19,263.19), the money market account (\$3,633.78) and Wintrust investment (\$9,717.26).

Table 1. Comparison of the two most recent financial statements for SWS North-Central Chapter

	Balance as of 7/31/18	Balance as of 9/30/18	difference	% change
Checking Account	8,329.85	19,263.19	10,933.34	131.3
Money Market Account	3,632.94	3,633.78	0.84	0.0
Wintrust Investments	15,466.35	9,717.26	(5,749.09)	-37.2
total	27,429.14	32,614.22	5,185.09	18.9

Transactions Posted

- Between July 31, 2018 and September 31, 2018, the following transactions posted to the NCC checking account:
 - 9/5 Donation to NCC from Julie Nieset \$10.00
 - 9/5 transfer from NCC investments \$6,138.34
 - 10/17 2018 dues \$4,210.00
 - 10/24 chapter development grant \$575.00

Pending Transactions - none that I am aware of

Monies Received But Not Yet Posted - none that I am aware of

Outstanding Issues - none that I am aware of

**NCC Membership Meeting
Membership Committee Report
Submitted by Jessica Ackerman
January 18, 2019**

Current Membership

- As of January 15, 2019, the NCC has 475 chapter members. We have 21 more members than we did a year ago, and 40 more than we did mid-Dec.
- Of the 475 members, 112 are student members. Only 39 of those were the free grant related ones. For comparison, we had 75 student memberships last Jan.
- Julie found out recently that in the spring of every year, SWS will go through the rosters and start pulling people that have not paid their 2019 renewals yet. Which explains why in years past that numbers had dipped mid-year. So expect to see that this year as well, except hopefully none of the student memberships will drop. I can compare Jan. to spring values at the next meeting.
- Membership is still up compared to where it was in 2015 (364). But still down from where it was last decade (500-700). But we are getting close!

NCC Program Committee Report
Submitted by Christina Hargiss
January 18, 2019

Items

- Wetlands of Distinction still taking applications for wetlands in the NCC – reviewing one currently for Humbug Marsh in Michigan.
- Jessica Ackerman and Julie Nieset are representing the NCC at the Wisconsin Wetlands Association (WWA) conference this February
- Potential for Student Association chapters of SWS in the NCC – likely there will be one in Michigan and hopefully others. Contacting state leads to see about development of these student associations.
- In 2019 the chapter will be putting effort into involving tribal colleges in NCC SWS.