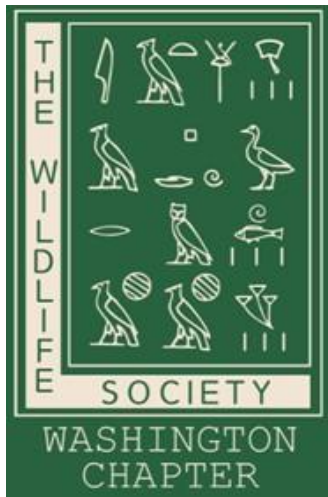


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Board Members Present

Matt Wilson, President
George Ritchotte, Vice President
Alex Pavlinovic, President Elect
Candace Bennett, Secretary
Bruce Thompson, Treasurer
Kris Ernest, Board Member at Large II
Jen Syrowitz, Board Member at Large III
Wendy Arjo, Board Member at Large IV

Regrets

Sara Hansen, Past President
Merci Clinton, Board Member at Large I

Attendees: Ed Arnett, 32 participants

Action Items

1. None
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Agenda

1. JAM meeting event updates
2. Current WA-TWS EB Members
 - a. Working on officer transitions
 - i. July 1st
3. Parent TWS Update – Ed Arnett, CEO
 - a. HQ staff
 - b. New TWS website
 - c. Certification Program
 - d. Annual Conference
 - i. 30th Annual – Louisville
 - ii. Nov 5-9, 2023
 - e. Peer-reviewed journals
 - i. Open access for Wildlife Society Bulletin
 - ii. Others still needing logins
 - f. Communications
 - i. Two weekly updates
 - ii. Monday and Fridays
 - g. Member Directory
 - h. DEI
 - i. Working groups
 - j. Policy/Government Relations
 - i. Priorities

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1. Funding
 - a. Recovering America's Wildlife Act II
2. Energy
 - a. Wetlands Act
 - b. Renewable Energies
3. Private Land Policy
 - a. 2023 Farm Bill
4. Conservation Affairs Network
- k. Strategic Plan
 - i. 2023 up for renewal
 - ii. Using a facilitator to help
 1. 12 person planning team
 2. Staff and council working groups
 3. Interviews and focus groups
 4. Member survey coming soon
- l. Leadership Institute
 - i. May be looking to expand
- m. Parent TWS Awards
 - i. Still open for nominations
- n. Membership benefits
 - i. Optics partnership – Vortex
 - ii. 30% discount off MAP through EuroOptics
 - iii. One/year/member
4. Secretary Report
 - a. Website
 - b. Member Engagement
5. Treasurer Report
 - a. Add handout from Bruce
 - b. JAM meeting payout by the end of May
 - c. approximately \$150,000 in the bank
 - d. Budget \$74,000 anticipated budget, expenditures estimated at \$73,000
 - e. Chapters dues increase coming July 1st
 - i. Reg \$17, New Prof/Retired \$12, Student \$8
 - ii. Based on a member poll in January 2022 supported the increase
6. JAM 2024
 - a. Joint meeting with Idaho Chapter
 - b. End of March
 - c. Coeur d'Alene Resort
7. Research Grant Awardee
 - a. Home Range \$2500 awarded
 - b. Conservation Grant not awarded
8. Scholarship Awardee
 - a. Anika Dawle
9. Elections
 - a. Vice President (1 yr, part of President Series)- Claudine Reynolds

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- b. Treasurer (2023-2025)- James Butch
- c. Board Member 1 (2023-2025)- Katherine Soltysiak
- d. Board Member 4 (2023-2025)- Jake Verschuyf

Next Meeting: March 2024, TBA