



Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Executive Board Meeting Notes

February 15, 2022, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Google Meets Conference Call

Participants

Sara Hansen, President

Matt Wilson, President Elect

Bruce Thompson, Treasurer

Candace Bennett, Secretary

Alex Pavlinovic, At Large Board Member

Bill Vogel, Awards

Jen Syrowitz, At Large Board Member

Tony Fuchs, Grants

Meeting Action Items

1. Member Survey Follow-Up
 - a. **Candace** will send out a member email about a Chapter Business Meeting (late April), appreciation their responses, and next steps after receiving draft from Sara by Friday, February 18th.
2. Scholarship Grant
 - a. **Merci** will add the Scholarship Grant to Facebook.
3. Conservation Grant
 - a. **Sara** and **Lisa** will work to finish language, criteria.
4. Elections
 - a. **Sara** will check again with Parent on how voting will happen.
5. Annual Business Mtg
 - a. **Sara** will send **Candace** the email draft to go out via email.
6. National Mtg Section Prep
 - a. **Matt, Sara, Bruce,** and **Jen** will work on the proposal. **Matt** will send out the first draft.

Meeting Agenda

1. Action Items from February 1, 2022.
 - a. Member Survey
 - i. Candace will send out a member email about a Chapter Business Meeting (late April), appreciation their responses, and next steps after receiving draft from Sara.
 - b. Scholarships Grant
 - i. Candace will send an email out to members and change dates on website.
 - ii. Merci will send emails to universities.
 - c. Conservation Grant
 - i. Sara and Lisa will work to finish language about Devon.
 - d. Elections
 - i. Sara will check with Parent on how voting will happen.

- e. Annual Reporting
 - i. Sara will send in the reporting information for 2021.
- 2. Annual TWS Meeting Spokane 2022
 - a. symposium, workshop, and discussions topics
 - b. Topic: Recreation (6, 12, 18 presentations or panel discussion)
 - i. Inclusion is important
 - c. decide presentations, panel discussions
 - d. due March 11, 2022
 - i. Document needed
 - 1. Session type
 - 2. Length
 - 3. Title
 - 4. Organizer
 - 5. Who is supporting?
 - 6. Email confirming support
 - 7. Descriptions of session
 - 8. Other items needed if field trip, symposium, etc.
- 3. 2022 Elections
 - a. Must post 30 days before the Business Mtg
- 4. Conservation Grant
 - a. Motion needed for Board to vote after the description is completed.
 - b. We need to spend more time on name change, donation process, etc.
 - c. Further discussion in the coming meeting.
 - d. Who is the target audience for this grant?
 - i. Applied in the field.
 - ii. Look at criteria.
- 5. Annual Business meeting
 - a. April 28, 5-7pm
 - b. Virtual
 - c. Announcement needs to go out
 - d. Webinar
 - i. Logistics
- 6. Member Survey Suggested Webinars
 - a. Topics from members
 - b. TWS Focused
 - i. Meet the Executive Board
 - ii. attracting new members
 - iii. TWS Leadership School
 - iv. student focused: getting your first job, grad school search, getting into grad school
 - c. Modeling/Tools
 - i. sightability modeling
 - ii. patch occupancy modeling
 - iii. Program R
 - iv. Bayesian statistics
 - v. GIS tools, open source

- vi. ARU (audio-monitoring)
- d. Connectivity/Restoration
 - i. wildlife connectivity
 - ii. forest restoration
 - iii. shrub-steppe restoration
 - iv. beaver restoration
 - v. ESA landowner protection mechanisms (e.g., safe harbors, etc.)
- e. Human Dimensions
 - i. conservation in the Face of Partisan Politics
 - ii. Beyond Fish & Game: Reforming State Wildlife Agencies
 - iii. improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in the wildlife profession (both among professionals and in public engagement)
 - iv. addressing mental health: imposter phenomenon, toxic work environments
 - v. science communications for public and policy audiences
- f. Specific Topics Recommended
 - i. topic specific learning
 - ii. wildlife disease/CWD (4 requests)
 - iii. innovative conservation practices spawned by COVID avoidance
 - iv. history of wildlife management
 - v. aquatic species (non-fish)
 - vi. urban wildlife conflict
- 7. JAM 2023 Update
 - a. Possibly add a workshop about recreation impact on wildlife, tribal, TEK.
 - b. Formed a planning committee
 - c. Working with Great Wolf Lodge
- 8. Awards Committee Update
 - a. 15 down to 8 nominations
 - b. recommendations coming soon

Next Meeting: March 8, 2022, at 4pm.