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Association for Conservation Information Board Meeting

Conference Call ● Nov. 7, 2018 ● 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. MDT

ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order.

ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.

- ✓ Jenifer Wisniewski (GA, President, Conference Co-Chair, Auction)
- ✓ Lance Cherry (NM, Vice President)
- ✓ Sara DiRienzo (WY, Secretary, Scholarships)
- ✓ Judy Stokes Weber (NH, Treasurer)
- ✓ Scott Ball (FL, Communications)
- ✓ Kay Ellerhoff (MT, Futures)
- ✓ Mandy Futey (NJ, Board)
- ✓ Bonnie Holding (ME, Scholarships)
- ✓ Micah Homes (OK, Ways & Means)
- ✓ Kyle Martens (NE, Board)
- ✓ Kim Nix (AL, Past President)
- ✓ Alix Pedraza (SC, Board)
- ✓ Blake Podhajsky (OK, Awards)
- ✓ Nadia Reimer (KS, Board)
- ✓ Craig Sanchez (NM, Board)
- ✓ Amanda Stroud (SC, Conference Co-Chair)
- ✓ GUEST: Heather Feeler (MO, 2018 Conference Chair)

Unable to Attend:

- ✓ Dan Dennison (HI, Board)
- ✓ Jason Harmon (TN, Board)
- ✓ Darrin Hill (OK, Board)
- ✓ Jeff Kurrus (NE, Board)

ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Minutes.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to approve the Oct. 3, 2018 Board meeting minutes, with amendments. Kim Nix seconded the motion.

VOTE: Voice vote taken. All present voted in the Affirmative. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM NO. 4: Opening Remarks.

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, President

Jenifer accepted a new position with Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission but plans to stay as ACI president. Contact Jenifer with questions or concerns about the transfer.

ITEM NO. 5: Communications Report.

Presented by Scott Ball, Membership Communications Chair

Balance Wheel coming out Nov. 15. Scholarship authors have submitted most of the articles—only two missing. Very pleased with the submissions. Some memberships waiting on payments; Scott will be reaching out to those who haven't renewed yet. Facebook moving along well with engagement on posts.

ITEM NO. 6: Treasurer's Report.

Presented by Judy Stokes Weber, Treasurer

Balance checkbook register sent for review. Paid the quarterly stipend to Scott Ball and surety bond. Reimbursed OK and MO Conservation Foundation for expenditures regarding conference travel for Blake Podhajsky.

ITEM NO. 7: 2018 ACI Annual Conference Final Report

Presented by Heather Feeler, 2018 Conference Chair

Heather finalized the survey summary from the conference and shared with GA & TN to help with planning. MO was able to send back an astonishing \$30,207.12 to ACI. This is due to more promotion and attendees increased auction revenues. Sponsorships remained similar.

ITEM NO. 8: 2019 ACI Annual Conference (Georgia/South Carolina).

Presented by Amanda Stroud & Jenifer Wisniewski, Conference Co-Chairs

Planning committee met and developed an agenda outline. Welcome reception contract to the boat tour company soon, and the committee is meeting with hotel to finalize the rooms and the menu. Expect ongoing great presentations from regulars like RBFF and NSSF, Share ideas for keynotes if you have them! Delany to help with registration & sponsorships. Last spot on agenda to Lance Cherry to help preview 2020 conference. The 2019 conference is in Savannah, July 7-11, 2019.

ITEM NO. 9: Awards Report.

Presented by Blake Podhajsky, Awards Chair

Blake is currently setting up conference site for the upcoming contest, opening in mid/late January. Blake contacted awards committee about changing, adding or tweaking categories. Of mind are photography and video categories and how those could be tweaked to help balance the playing field. If there are major changes, they will be addressed with the board at the January meeting. Blake will continue to reach out to folks to be category group chairs; expect Blake to ask for help from the board.

Lance Cherry thanked Blake for paying attention to the finer details of organizing and improving the award categories. Everyone agreed Blake's dedication is unparalleled.

ITEM NO. 10: Auction Report.

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, President and Auction Chair

The auction will be great again; Jenifer promises!

ITEM NO. 11: Futures Conference Report.

Presented by Kay Ellerhoff, Future Conference Hosts Chair

Planning for 2022 Conference in North Carolina is in a nascent stage. The location could be Ashville.

Futures list:

- 2020 New Mexico
- 2021 New Jersey
- 2022 North Carolina Resources Commission
- 2023 Pennsylvania Game Commission
- 2024 Michigan.

Washington and Montana on futures list; additional interest for 2025.

ITEM NO. 12: Scholarship Report.

Presented by Sara DiRienzo, Secretary and Scholarship Co-Chair and Bonnie Holding, Scholarship Co-Chair
No updates.

ITEM NO. 13: Ways and Means Report.

Presented by Micah Holmes, Board Member and Ways and Means Chair
No report.

ITEM NO. 14: New Business.

Kyle Martens initiated a new LinkedIn page, which will be a boon for the networking needs of ACI. Benefits include connecting with ACI folks and adding job announcements on this page to help with sharing and connecting new people to the organization. Kyle will help Scott put information together for an article in the Balance Wheel and information on the ACI website. Lance asked about the Yahoo Groups, which will be discontinued due to inactivity.

Jenifer Wisniewski said the results from the network's department organizational survey are in. Look for those in the next issue of the Balance Wheel or a separate message.

The next board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019 at 10-11 a.m. MST.**

ITEM NO. 15: Adjournment.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to approve to adjourn. Alix Pedraza seconded the motion.

VOTE: Voice vote taken. All present voted in the Affirmative. **Motion carried unanimously.**

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at **10:34 a.m. MST.**

Submitted by Sara DiRienzo, Secretary