

Minutes
Association for Conservation Information (ACI)
Board of Directors Telephone Conference Call
December 15, 2011

OFFICIAL

President Scott Ball (Fla.) called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. EST.

Secretary Judith Hosafros (Wyo.) recorded membership attendees. Those present:

Don King, Vice President (Tenn.)
Don Cash (Texas)
Lindsay Deering (Ohio)
Jeff Williams (Ark.)
Laura MacLean (AFWA)
Amanda Stroud (S.C.)
Scott Bonertz (Nebr.)
Jamey Graham (Ohio)
Mark Martinez (Utah)
Randy Zellers (Ark.), *The Balance Wheel* editor
Kay Morton Ellerhoff (Lifetime member), conference futures chair

ABSENT: Treasurer Chuck Schlueter (S.Dak.), David Lane (Ore.), Nels Rodefeld,
Immediate Past President (Okla.)

Minutes

Draft minutes of the July 19, 2011, board meeting held in Cincinnati, OH, were distributed and reviewed in advance of the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Laura MacLean, seconded by Don Cash. Motion passed.

Draft minutes of the July 21, 2011, annual business meeting held in Cincinnati, OH, were distributed and reviewed with changes noted. A motion to file corrections to the minutes was made by Jamey Graham, seconded by Don Cash. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report, Chuck Schlueter

Treasurer Schlueter was unable to attend this conference call meeting. He filed his report as of 12/09/11: income \$15,797.42, membership dues received from 47 members, with two states pending (South Carolina has requested a waiver of dues). Expenses were \$2,662.72; bank balance was \$17,759.18. A detailed report is included with these minutes.

New Business

2012 Conference Progress Report — Laura MacLean, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

The 2012 ACI Annual Conference planning is under way. The conference will be held at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC), Shepherdstown, WV. The dates are July 15-20 (July 15 a day for arrivals; July 20 a day for departure). Laura reported that soliciting for sponsorship is under way. Thelma Flynn is the NCTC scheduler. West Virginia was contacted to provide some support. Laura will solicit support from RBFF. Lindsay Deering and Jamey Graham will help provide conference materials to Laura.

(Possible assistance from the following: Hoy Murphy, West Virginia Department of Commerce; Emily Fleming, Art Shomo, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources; Craig Rieben, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.)

Laura suggested some ideas for conference sessions and activities: preparing for the future, creative or critical thinking; evening speakers; storytelling, history/tour of the training center and the surrounding area, i.e., Antietam, Harper's Ferry, tubing on the river. Send conference session ideas to Laura.

Update: Online Membership Directory — President Scott Ball

Updating the online membership directory is ongoing. We will work with Treasurer Schlueter so when dues are paid, a thank-you email can be sent to collect current member information in order to keep the online membership directory current.

Other New Business

Award Committee Chair Kim Nix will be seeking category chairs.

Old Business

Ways and Means Committee — President Scott Ball discussed the need to review and clean up the ACI Articles, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and to recommend any revisions. Scott contacted Nels Rodefeld for help putting together a committee. Scott asked for volunteers to assist.

Membership Committee — President Scott Ball discussed the possibility for reactivating the committee and conducting a recruitment campaign similar to one conducted in 2007-08. (Ref. membership brochure PDF on ACI's website.) The current brochure needs to be updated. Don Cash stepped forward to help redesign the brochure. Scott will provide some suggested text.

Other Old Business

Lindsay Deering noted that one sponsor for the 2011 ACI Conference did not pay its fee for a full-page ad. Her repeated attempts to collect were unsuccessful. Lindsay also mentioned that a scholarship for attending the conference was awarded to a non-agency member (individual no longer worked for a member agency).

Don King volunteered to work on the membership committee.

Conference Futures update — Kay Morton Ellerhoff

Kay mentioned possible future (**not firm**) conference sites:

2015 — Arizona; 2016 — Missouri (Michael Huffman)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned following a motion by **Jamey Graham**, seconded by **Don Cash**.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Hosafros, Secretary