

MINUTES

Association for Conservation Information Business Meeting

The DeSoto Savannah, Savannah, GA • July 10, 2019 • 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. EDT

ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order.

ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.

ITEM NO. 3: Opening Remarks.

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, President

Get involved! ACI needs your support.

ITEM NO. 4: Treasurer's Report.

Presented by Judy Stokes Weber, Treasurer

Judy reviewed the Statement of Revenue Expenses and Change in Net Assets. We are a not-for-profit organization. Judy also presented the draft budget. We are very sound due to those who organized successful conference, paying dues and an awards program that continues to grow with the online process.

ITEM NO. 5: Auditing Committee Report.

Presented by the Kyle Martens and Nadia Reimer

The Auditing Committee review revealed no discrepancies. The committee recommends that the Bylaws requirement of a \$30,000 surety bond to protect ACI resources be reviewed and raised given the robust amount in the treasury. The Committee also makes recommendation to the board to invest funds excess to our needs in a series of CDs to help generate interest on that money.

ITEM NO. 6: Communications Report.

Presented by Scott Ball, Membership Communications Chair

As of 06/30, ACI has

- 51 Agency-level members, including...
 - 42 state agencies, representing 40 states
 - 1 federal agency
 - 8 NGOs
 - 5 Individual members
 - 1 Sponsor-level member

570 subscribers to Balance Wheel, +70 from last year

ACI always welcome articles from members for the newsletter.

551 followers on Facebook, 10%+ from last year

554 likes on the page

Posted 90 times last year

ACI membership directory need continually updates to the roster. More conference photos coming on the website.

ITEM NO. 7: Auction Report.

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski , Auction Chair

The auction raised 4,846. Items remain that need to be paid for. It was a successful and great auction.

ITEM NO. 8: Awards Committee Report.

Presented by Blake Podhajsky, Awards Chair

The contest consisted for 31 categories. Photography was split into 4 separate categories. Thirty-six member agencies submitted to the contest. The contest had a record number of entries at 546, topping last year 457. The awards program continues to expand. The contest awards platform is changing for the upcoming year. The awards committee is bringing on a co-chair, Aaron Meier (NV), to help with the ever-growing awards responsibilities.

ITEM NO. 9: Futures Conference Report.

Presented by Kay Ellerhoff, Future Conference Hosts Chair

Next year we are journeying to New Mexico, July 19-22. Future locations include:

2021-Tennessee
2022-North Carolina
2023-Pennsylvania
2024-Michigan
2025- New Jersey
2026- Oklahoma
2027- Nevada

On the futures list: Iowa DNR, Kansas, Montana, Virginia, Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, Wyoming. Always hopeful- Hawaii; what can we do to get there?

ITEM NO. 10: Invitation to New Mexico for 2020 ACI Conference.

Presented by Lance Cherry, Vice President

We're invited! See you all in Santa Fe next year.

ITEM NO. 11: Nominations for Honorary Lifetime Membership

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, President

Kay Ellerhoff nominated Kim Nix for the Honorary Lifetime Membership. Nix is the immediate past president of ACI, served on several committees and recently retired from Alabama.

MOTION: Scott Ball moved for the Honorary Lifetime Membership to be awarded to Kim Nix for 2019. Amanda Stroud seconded the motion.

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

ITEM NO. 12: Nominating Committee Report.

Presented by the President appointed Committee, Sara DiRienzo and Lance Cherry

The nominating committee brought forth three nominees for consideration for ACI board membership:

Patty Allen, AFWA
Ashley Sanchez, Nevada
Tim Akimoff, Oregon

ITEM NO. 13: Election of Officers and Board Members.

MOTION: Jason Harmon moved to approve the nominating committee's recommendations to the board for membership. Aaron Meier seconded the motion.

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

ITEM NO. 14: New Business.

None to report.

ITEM NO. 15: Adjournment.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to adjourn. Sara DiRienzo 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 9:30 p.m. EDT.