

**Association for Conservation Information
Annual General Business Meeting
Minutes - OFFICIAL
Louisville, Kentucky
July 22, 2010**

Officers Present: Nels Rodefeld (President); Scott Ball (Vice President); Don King (Secretary); Bob Wines (Treasurer)

Board Members Present:

Marianne Burke, Lindsay Deering, Michael Gray, Micah Holmes, Stephanie Hussey, Kim Nix, Robin Thomas, Jeff Williams

Call To Order:

Nels Rodefeld called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. and called the roll. With 19 member organizations represented, it was determined that a quorum was present.

Alabama Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources
Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources
Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nevada Dept. of Wildlife
New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept.
Ohio Division of Wildlife
Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation
Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation
South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
Wyoming Game and Fish Dept.

Treasurer's Report - Bob Wines:

Copies of the report were distributed to members. A motion to approve the report was made by Georgia and seconded by Arkansas. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee-

Judith Hosafros reported that she, Laura MacLean and Judy Stokes had reviewed the audit of the Treasurer's report and found everything to be in order. They recommended acceptance by the membership.

A motion was made by Louisiana and seconded by Ohio to accept the report.
Motion carried.

Membership Report-

Bob Wines reported that several states had been unable to renew their memberships because of budget constraints. He asked those members to consider submitting a request for a dues waiver. New member, Aldo Leopold Foundation, was recognized.

2010 Conference Update-

Michael Gray reported that a total of \$4,100 had been generated by the ACI auction. He also noted that only 84 registered for the conference of the expected 100 members. He also stated that due to a large number of scholarship requests, there would be a shortfall in the projected monies generated by the conference.

Nominating Committee-

Jeff Williams reported that the committee had recommended the following slate of candidates:

President – Scott Ball
Vice President – Don King
Secretary – Judith Hosafros
Treasurer – Chuck Schlueter

Board of Directors candidates:

Beverly Birdsong
David Lane
Laura MacLean
Penny Miller
Amanda Stroud
Kristina Summers

Ballots were distributed for the six Board Member candidates and the membership was instructed to vote for no more than 4 of the 6 candidates.

Ballots were collected, votes tallied and it was announced that the four successful candidates were:

David Lane

Laura MacLean

Amanda Stroud

Kristina Summers (1-year term fulfilling Monica Linnenbrink's vacated position on the board)

Future Conference Sites –

Kay Ellerhoff reported that the National Conservation Training Center, (NCTC) has ACI on their calendar for the 2012 conference. She also reported that Utah was the last western state to host an ACI conference (2005). She said she was looking in that direction for the 2013 conference with Oregon, Nevada and Arizona being considered.

The Balance Wheel Committee –

Dottie Head, editor, reported that 4 issues of the Balance Wheel had been published during the past year. She invited suggestions from the membership regarding changes and improvements to the publication. She also invited members to consider becoming a part of the Balance Wheel Committee.

2010 Conference Report:

Michael Gray reported that the projections for participation in the 2010 conference were off. He had projected 90 registrants and has currently registered 70. He suggested considering raising the registration fee for future conferences. Discussion followed and the majority opinion seemed to be that for future conferences, the fee should be set by the host state based on local costs and other factors. Michael also noted that the conference in Louisville was going to incur more cost for ACI because of the high number of scholarships offered this year which totaled \$10,000.

2010 Auction Report –

Jeff Williams reported that \$4,100 had been raised at the auction on Tuesday evening.

Outdoor Writers Association of America –

Phil Bloom reported that Kevin Rhodes had stepped down as Executive Director and had been replaced by Robin Ginner. OWAA also had elected a new Board of Directors. The 2011 meeting is scheduled to be held July 9-11 Snowbird Resort, Utah and Sept. 4-6 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

There was no new business or old business discussed. Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33.