

MINUTES

Association for Conservation Information Board Meeting

Conference Call ● September 19, 2017 ● 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT

ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order.

ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.

- Kim Nix (AL, President)
- Jenifer Wisniewski (GA, Vice President & Auction)
- Lance Cherry (NM, Secretary)
- Micah Homes (OK, Past President, Ways & Means)
- Blake Podhajsky (OK, Board)
- Bonnie Holding (ME, Board)
- Mandy Futey (NJ, Board)
- Alix Pedraza (SC, Board)
- Sara DiRienzo (WY, Board)
- Andrea Jones (MT, Board)
- Scott Ball (FL, Communications)
- Kay Ellerhoff (MT, Futures)
- Aaron Meier (NV, Awards)
- Heather Feeler (MO, Conference Chair)

Unable to Attend:

- Judy Stokes Weber (NH, Treasurer)
- Dan Dennison (HI, Board)
- Jeff Kurrus (NE, Board)
- Phil Bloom (IN, Past Conference)

ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Minutes.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski (GA, Vice President & Auction) moved to approve the July 9, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Bonnie Holding (ME, Board) seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Blake Podhajsky (OK, Board) moved to approve the July 12, 2017 Business Meeting Minutes. Sara DiRienzo (WY, Board) seconded the motion.

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

ITEM NO. 4: Opening Remarks.

Presented by Kim Nix, President

ITEM NO. 5: Nominations for Vacant Board Position.

Presented by Kim Nix, President

Nominations for appointing a new Board member will be accepted. The Board may take action on appointing the position based on the nominations presented.

Kim Nix (AL, President) directed the Nominating Committee, Aaron Meier (NV), Micah Homes (OK) and Mandy Futey (NJ) to solicit and research potential candidates for the vacant board position.

Kim Nix (AL, President) directed the board to submit nominations to Micah Homes (OK, Past President, Ways & Means).

The formal vote by the Board will occur at the next meeting scheduled for Nov. 14, 2017.

ITEM NO. 6: Scholarship Chair Vacancy.

Presented by Kim Nix, President

Nominations for appointing the new Scholarship Committee Chair will be accepted. The Board may take action on appointing the position based on the nominations presented.

Kim Nix (AL, President) appointed Bonnie Holding (ME, Board) and Sara DiRienzo (WY, Board) to CO-Chair the Scholarship Committee.

ITEM NO. 7: Donation in Memory of Scott Pengelly.

Presented by Kim Nix, President

Kim Nix, President tabled item until the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 8: Treasurer's Report.

Provided by Judy Stokes Weber, Treasurer and presented by Kim Nix, President

Agency membership: Alabama, Aquatic Resources Education Association, Arkansas, American Sportfishing Association, Colorado, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, PA Game, RBFF, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wyoming,

Sponsorships: Southwick Associates

July 1 Balance				\$59,606.66	x	Texas F
						Hawaii
PP transfer	7.3.17	Hawaii Awards&Membershi	\$430.02	\$60,036.68	x	WY Gar
PP transfer	7.3.17	Kansas Awards&Membershi	\$312.66	\$60,349.34	x	Nevada
10163	7.3.17	Scott C Ball Q2 2017	\$1,250.00	\$59,099.34	x	Ohio D
PP transfer	7.6.17	WY awards&membership	\$1,564.50	\$60,663.84	x	Missou
PP transfer	7.6.17	NV Awards&Membership	\$469.14	\$61,132.98	x	Alaban
PP transfer	7.8.17	OH membership	\$195.30	\$61,328.28	x	Kansas
PP transfer	7.8.17	MO Awards& Membership	\$1,447.14	\$62,775.42	x	PA Gan
PP transfer	7.8.17	AL Awards & Membership	\$547.38	\$63,322.80	x	Congre
PP transfer	7.8.17	PA-G Awards/Membership	\$430.02	\$63,752.82	x	North I
119	7.12.17	Reimb K. Nix Spirit Award	\$60.45	\$63,692.37	x	Southw
PP transfer	7.14.17	Dues Congress. Sports Foun	\$195.30	\$63,887.67	x	Colora
PP transfer	7.14.14	Dues North Dakota	\$195.30	\$64,082.97	x	Tennes
PP transfer	7.14.17	Sponsorship Southwick Assc	\$244.20	\$64,327.17	x	Maine
PP transfer	7.14.17	CO Awards and Dues	\$430.02	\$64,757.19	x	Monta
Deposit	7.17.17	Utah	\$560.00	\$65,317.19		Utah
Deposit	7.31.17	Awards&Dues TN,ME,MT,NJ,				NJ Dep
		and NH	\$2,560.00	\$67,877.19	x	NH Fis
10164	7.23.17	Scott Ball - Travel Reimburse	\$1,242.52	\$66,634.67	xbalanced	
10165	7.31.17	Julie Hammonds ACI Awards				Florida
		Chair Travel Reimbursemen	\$917.38	\$65,717.29		Americ
10166	7.31.17	K2 Awards and Apparel	\$2,291.43	\$63,425.86		NY Dep
						Arkans
AUG						Oklaho
						RBFF
Deposit	8.1.17	KY registrations, FL awards				CT
		and ASA Dues	\$3,475.00	\$66,900.86		AREA
10167	8.4.17	Treasurer Conf. Trav. Reimb	\$1,374.13	\$65,526.73		GA
PP transfer	8.7.17	NYDEC Dues	\$195.30	\$65,722.03		Nebras
Deposit	8.18.17	Arkansas Dues and Awards	\$960.00	\$66,682.03		
Deposit	8.25.17	OK Dues and Awards	\$1,360.00	\$68,042.03		
Deposit	8.25.17	RBFF Dues	\$200.00	\$68,242.03		
Deposit	8.29.17	CT,AREA Dues, GA,NE due/a	\$2,400.00	\$70,642.03		
10168	8.31.17	MO Conser.Heritage Founda	\$5,000.00	\$65,642.03		

ITEM NO. 9: Communications Report.

Presented by Scott Ball, Membership Communications Chair

Membership

- Contacted 51 I&E chiefs and agency-level members, requesting assistance in updating online directory. Have received responses from 41 and updated website accordingly. Still sending follow-up messages to non-responders.
- Welcome the return of New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

Communications

- Next issue of The Balance Wheel to go out Sept. 15. The distribution list now has 531 subscribers (+60 since last report, mainly due to promotion at conference).
- Seeking remainder (1) of TBW articles from last year's scholarship recipients. Deadline for submissions from this year's scholarship recipients is Sept. 29. Several have already submitted theirs.
- As of Sept. 8, posted to ACI Facebook page 23 times since July meeting. Many postings from the conference site, plus a good number of job opportunity announcements. Facebook page has 455 likes (+25).
- Photos from 2017 conference posted to website. Primarily due to the conference and the posting of award winners, we had our best viewer day ever on July 17 – 359 unique views.

ITEM NO. 10: 2017 ACI Annual Conference (Indiana) and Auction Report.

Provided by Phil Bloom, 2017 Conference Chair and presented by Lance Cherry, Secretary

1. Indiana received the customary \$5,000 advance from the ACI Treasury.
2. Kentucky and South Carolina made direct payment of conference registration fees (\$3,975 total) for their attendees to Judy Stokes Weber. This should reduce Indiana's reimbursement of the \$5,000 advance to \$1,025. Note: Kentucky's payment (\$1,875) has been received by Judy, South Carolina's payment (\$2,100) is in the mail.
3. There is a current balance of \$8,821.39.
4. There are three unpaid receipts:
 - a. New Mexico, \$700 registration fees
 - b. Georgia, \$350 registration fee
 - c. J.F. Griffin Publishing, \$1,500 sponsorship
5. There is one unpaid invoice of \$332.50
6. The final bill from Abe Martin Lodge for meeting space rental is still being negotiated.

Bottom line, unless there are any undiscovered expenses lurking in the shadows, we anticipate sending the ACI Treasury a profit in the vicinity of \$10,000.

The final tally for the auction was \$5,008.90.

Since this Friday (Sept. 22) is Phil's last day with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Jessica Sparger (jsparger@dnr.IN.gov) with any questions on the ACI conference.

ITEM NO. 11: 2018 ACI Annual Conference (Missouri).

Presented by Heather Feeler, 2018 Conference Chair

The 2018 ACI Annual Conference will be July 29 through August 2, 2018 at the University Plaza Hotel in downtown Springfield, MO. The room rate will be \$89 per night and includes breakfast for two. The theme for the conference will be "Connecting The Dots". One of the activities the team is working on is an evening at the Springfield Cardinals baseball game. The team is currently working on sponsorships and completing the official sponsorship packet. The packet will be shared with the Board once finalized. Online registration will be provided through MO's Heritage Foundation. Promotions will begin in January and the draft agenda will be posted as soon as possible.

ITEM NO. 12: Auction Report.

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, Auction Chair

Work to secure trips and items for next year's auction is underway. There will be more to report as we get closer to next year's conference.

ITEM NO. 13: Futures Conference Report.

Presented by Kay Ellerhoff, Future Conference Hosts Chair

Georgia and South Carolina have been selected to host the 2019 ACI Annual Conference. Savannah and Atlanta are under consideration for the site.

The following states are slated to host future ACI Annual Conferences: 2018 Missouri, 2019 Hawaii, 2020 New Mexico, 2021 New Jersey, 2022 Open, 2023 Open, 2024 Michigan.

The following states have expressed interest in hosting the ACI Annual Conference in the future: Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Virginia, California, Vermont, New Hampshire and Colorado.

ITEM NO. 14: Awards Committee.

Presented by Aaron Meier, Awards Committee Chair

Aaron has reached out to Julie Hammonds to obtain full access to omniCONTESTS. He is waiting for a response at this time.

Kim Nix (AL, President) and Blake Podhajsky (OK, Board) requested Aaron Meier (NV, Awards) look into the possibility of state's being able to view all of their respective entries.

ITEM NO. 15: Ways and Means Report.

Presented by Micah Holmes, Board Member and Ways and Means Chair

Nothing to report at this time.

ITEM NO. 16: New Business.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 10 a.m. MDT.

ITEM NO. 17: Adjournment.

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. MDT.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lance Cherry".

Submitted by Lance Cherry, Secretary