

MINUTES

Association for Conservation Information Board Meeting

Conference Call ● November 14, 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)
- Micah Homes (OK, Past President, Ways & Means)
- Blake Podhajsky (OK, Board)
- Bonnie Holding (ME, Board, Scholarships)
- Alix Pedraza (SC, Board)
- Sara DiRienzo (WY, Board, Scholarships)
- Andrea Jones (MT, Board)
- Scott Ball (FL, Communications)
- Kay Ellerhoff (MT, Futures)
- Heather Feeler (MO, Conference Chair)
- Judy Stokes Weber (NH, Treasurer)

Unable to Attend:

- Lance Cherry (NM, Secretary)
- Mandy Futey (NJ, Board)
- Aaron Meier (NV, Awards)
- Dan Dennison (HI, Board)
- Jeff Kurrus (NE, Board)
- Phil Bloom (IN, Past Conference)

ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Minutes.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to approve the Sept. 12, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Bonnie Holding 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

None

ITEM NO. 5: Nominations for Vacant Board Position.

Presented by Kim Nix, President and Micah Homes, Ways & Means

Nominations for appointing a new Board member will be presented. The Board will vote to appoint the vacant position. The Nominating Committee includes; Aaron Meier (NV), Micah Homes (OK) and Mandy Futey (NJ).

Recommend Jane Gustafson be nominated to fill position left by Joanie Straub, but Jane just cycled off so they will make a new recommendation next call. No vote.

ITEM NO. 6: Donation in Memory of Scott Pengelly.

Presented by Kim Nix, President

Check written Sept. 20 2017.

ITEM NO. 7: Treasurer's Report.

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

Agency membership: Alabama, Aquatic Resources Education Association, American Sport fishing Association, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho (new), Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (new), North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, PA Fish and Boat, PA Game, RBFF, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin (by waiver), Wyoming. (34)
 Expected shortly: FWS, FL and SC

Sponsorships: Southwick Associates

AUG						Oklaho
						RBFF
Deposit	8.1.17	KY registrations, FL awards				CT
		and ASA Dues	\$3,475.00	\$66,900.86	x	AREA
	10167 8.4.17	Treasurer Conf. Trav. Reimb	\$1,374.13	\$65,526.73	x	GA
PP transfer	8.7.17	NYDEC Dues	\$195.30	\$65,722.03	x	Nebras
Deposit	8.18.17	Arkansas Dues and Awards	\$960.00	\$66,682.03	x	PA Fish
Deposit	8.25.17	OK Dues and Awards	\$1,360.00	\$68,042.03	x	Vermo
Deposit	8.25.17	RBFF Dues	\$200.00	\$68,242.03	x	Idaho
Deposit	8.29.17	CT,AREA Dues, GA,NE due/a	\$2,400.00	\$70,642.03	x balanced	West V
	10168 8.31.17	MO Conser.Heritage Founda	\$5,000.00	\$65,642.03	x	
SEPT						
Direct Deposi	9.1.17	TX Awards	\$1,360.00	\$67,002.03	x	
	10169 9.20.17	MN Conservation Volunteer	\$100.00	\$66,902.03	x	
		in memory Scott Pengelly				
PP transfer	9.20.17	K. Martens (NE Forest Servic	\$38.82	\$66,940.85	x	
		awards payment				
PP Transfer	9.24.17	PA Fish and Boat Commissio	\$195.30	\$67,136.15	x	
Deposit	9.25.17	SC Registrations for 17 conf.	\$2,100.00	\$69,236.15	xbalanced	
OCT						
	10170 10.10.17	Scott Ball Quarterly	\$1,250.00	\$67,986.15	x	
	10171 10.10.17	C.N.A. Surety (Bond)	\$257.00	\$67,729.15	x	
Deposit	10.10.17	Vermont Dues & Awards	\$280.00	\$68,009.15	x	
	10172 10.11.17	Omni Solutions Group	\$2,700.00	\$65,309.15	x	
Deposit	10.12.17	GA 2017 Conf Reg fee	\$350.00	\$65,659.15	x	
Deposit	10.12.17	ID dues/AZ Dues&Awards	\$1,080.00	\$66,739.15	x	
PP transfer	10.12.17	WV Dues	\$195.30	\$66,934.45	xbalanced	

- 2 notes: 1. It is time to receive Indiana Conference proceeds – 90 days are up.
2. It is time for the full court press to get dues in – Deadline 12/31/17 to be awards - eligible.

Following up with Indiana to get conference money back. Need to invite Jessica Sparger to the next meeting and send out the results from the survey that they sent.

We got Wisconsin back on board as a member! And Idaho!!!

Respectfully submitted, Judy Stokes Weber, ACI Treasurer on 11.14.17.

ITEM NO. 8: Communications Report.

Presented by Scott Ball, Membership Communications Chair

Membership

- Wisconsin DNR has applied for membership and dues exemption.
- Responses to request for directory updates have slowed down considerably – 42 of 51 I&E offices have responded. Will send one more request.

Communications

- Next issue of The Balance Wheel to go out Nov. 15. The distribution list remains at 531 subscribers.
- Nine of 17 scholarship recipients have submitted their TBW articles (deadline was 9/29). Several have promised to comply in near future, but a few have not responded to request.
- As of Nov. 13, posted to ACI Facebook page 6 times since September meeting. Many postings from the conference site, plus a good number of job opportunity announcements. Facebook page has 458 likes (+3).

Minutes:

- Wisconsin requires a vote since there was a waiver. Blake moves to accept. Judy seconds. Vote unanimous to welcome back Wisconsin. Their membership is good through June 30, 2018.
- Kay has contacted Wisconsin about 2022 for hosting. And they want to be on the futures list so we feel like they will continue their membership.
- Will announce Maine's new website on ACI Facebook
- Andrea points out social media FB page for active social media folks. Will share link in TBW and on social media
- Blake points out the video group, and will maybe share that on FB as well

ITEM NO. 9: 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".

Putting fishing touches on registration

Send sponsorship package so that we can see and help solicit

Working on speakers, soliciting ideas for speakers from Board

Exploring field trip opportunities – Bass pro museum tour trying to get

Promo item – probably a bag

ITEM NO. 12: Auction Report.

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, Auction Chair

Hawaii trip this year?

Heather will be the auction contact person for the conference

Judy says make sure you have a way to take credit cards! Discussion on how to take money.

Have shipping available for Missouri? So shipping can take place after auction.

ITEM NO. 13: Futures Conference Report.

Presented by Kay Ellerhoff, Future Conference Hosts Chair

The following states are slated to host future ACI Annual Conferences: 2018 Missouri, 2019

Georgia/South Carolina, 2020 New Mexico, 2021 New Jersey, 2022 Open, 2023 Open, 2024 Michigan.

Doing all her regular contacting and adding Wisconsin and Kansas to the futures list!

ITEM NO. 14: Awards Committee Report.

Presented by Aaron Meier, Awards Committee Chair

No report at this time.

ITEM NO. 15: Ways and Means Report.

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

No report at this time.

Scholarships Committee Report.

Presented by Bonnie Holding, Scholarships Co-Chair

The Scholarship Committee will continue to enforce the ACI rule; if you don't submit your article, then you are not eligible for a scholarship.

Bonnie presented a few questions regarding awardees failing to write articles as required:

- What are better ways to get the work out of the people who receive the money?
- Make people sign something detailing the commitment to ACI?
- Is it worth sending a formal letter CC'ing director and outlining obligation and stating that you are going to be billed if you don't do your articles?

Board members are encouraged to send ideas to Kim Nix to be discussed with Bonnie Holding and Sara DiRienzo.

ITEM NO. 16: New Business.

Jenifer Wisniewski shared information about the AFWA committee's work on a national campaign/toolkit. The board is reminded to make sure they take the survey.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2017 at 10 a.m. MDT.

ITEM NO. 17: Adjournment.

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm EST.

Cherry

Submitted by Lance Cherry, Secretary