**MINUTES**

**Association for Conservation Information Board Meeting**

Conference Call **** July 14, 2021 **** 10 a.m-11 p.m. MDT

**ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order.**

**ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.**

Jenifer Wisniewski (TN, President, Conference Co-Chair, Auction)

Lance Cherry (NM, Vice President)

Sara DiRienzo (WY, Secretary, Scholarships)

Scott Ball (FL, Communications)

Kay Ellerhoff (MT, Futures)

Tim Akimoff (OR, Board)

Jason Harmon (TN, Board)

Micah Homes (OK, Ways & Means)

Nadia Reimer (KS, Board)

Alix Pedraza (SC, Board)

Ashley Sanchez (NV, Board)

Craig Sanchez (NM, Board)

Kim Nix (AL, Immediate Past President)

Kyle Martens (NE, Board)

**NOT PRESENT**

Judy Stokes Weber (VT, Treasurer)

Patricia Allen (AFWA, Board)

Darrin Hill (OK, Board)

Aaron Meier (NV, Awards)

**ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Minutes.**

* May 2021 board meeting minutes attached
* **MOTION:** Lance Cherry moved to approve the May 2021 ACI Board meeting Minutes. Seconded by Craig Sanchez. Motion passes unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 4: Opening Remarks.**

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, President

**ITEM NO. 5: ACI multistate grant update.**

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, President

* Approved for the grants for the second full application.
* Applying for a second round of multistate grants.

**ITEM NO. 6: Communications Report.**

Presented by Scott Ball, Membership Communications Chair

* July 2021 report attached.
* Membership numbers have not changed and that was expected.
* Scott is struggling to get people to respond to the Balance Wheel requests.
  + Balance Wheel will feature the convention, grants, and the election of officers and board members.
  + Jennifer if putting together a nominating committee to help recruit: Kyle, Nadia
* Scott is proposing collecting information with pop-ups.
  + There is a widget in the website currently to help collect email addresses. We will work to enhance this option.

**ITEM NO. 7: Treasurer’s Report.**

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, on behalf of Judy Stokes Weber, Treasurer

* July 2021 report attached.
* We are financially sound, and the conference is not costs us much to put on for free.

**ITEM NO. 8: 2021 ACI Conference Update.**

Presented by Lance Cherry, Vice President

* Virtual conference is coming together.
* Keynote could not make it, but there are new speakers in place. Focus will be on the closing of small outdoor businesses during the pandemic balanced with the rise of outdoor participation.

**ITEM NO. 9: Auction Report.**

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, Auction Chair

* No auction this year.

**ITEM NO. 10: Futures Conference Report.**

Presented by Kay Ellerhoff, Future Conference Hosts Chair

* Time to move beyond 2027, to 2028!
* Montana is interested to be on the future’s list.

**ITEM NO. 11: Scholarship Report.**

Presented by Sara DiRienzo, Scholarship Chair

* Everyone is on scholarship!!

**ITEM NO. 12: Awards Report.**

Presented by Aaron Meier, Awards Co-Chair

* Everything is wrapped up and going well!

**ITEM NO. 13: Ways and Means Report.**

Presented byMicah Holmes, Ways and Means Chair

* Nothing to report.

**ITEM NO. 14: New Business.**

**ITEM NO. 15: Adjournment.**