

MINUTES

Association for Conservation Information Board Meeting

Virtual ● March 9, 2022 ● 10 a.m-11 a.m. MST

ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order.

ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.

- ✓ Lance Cherry (NM, President)
- ✓ Sara DiRienzo (WY, Vice President, Scholarships)
- ✓ Jenifer Wisniewski (TN, Immediate Past President, ACI Grants, Auction)
- ✓ Blake Podhajsky (OK, Secretary)
- ✓ Judy Stokes Weber (VT, Treasurer)
- ✓ Jason Harmon (TN, Board)
- ✓ Aaron Meier (NV, Awards)
- ✓ Tim Akimoff (OR, Board)
- ✓ Micah Holmes (OK, Ways & Means)
- ✓ Ashley Sanchez (NV, Board)
- ✓ Linda DiPiano (NJ, Board)
- ✓ Joanne Martonik (RBFF, Board)
- ✓ Darrin Hill (OK, Board)
- ✓ Fairly Mahlum (NC, Board)

Unable to Attend:

- ✓ Scott Ball (FL, Communications)
- ✓ Kay Ellerhoff (MT, Futures)
- ✓ Patricia Allen (AFWA, Board)

ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Minutes.

- January 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to approve the January 2022 ACI Board Meeting Minutes.
Joanne Martonik seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4: Opening Remarks.

Presented by Lance Cherry, President.

- Lance Cherry announced he took a new position with the Council to Advance Hunting and Shooting Sports.

ITEM NO. 5: Treasurer's Report.

Presented Judy Stokes Weber, Treasurer.

- Everything is well and we are in good financial standing.

ITEM NO. 6: Communications Report.

Presented by Lance Cherry President, on behalf of Membership Communications Chair Scott Ball.

- There are currently 46 agency members.
- The next Balance Wheel come out March 15.

ITEM NO. 7: ACI Grants Committee update.

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, ACI Grants Committee Chair, Immediate Past President and Auction Committee.

- There are five states getting \$50,000 for the new grant to do R3 marketing- Kentucky, Alabama, Michigan, Florida and Kansas.
- There are 49 states that have signed up for the social listening grant reports.

ITEM NO. 8: Auction Committee Update.

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, ACI Grants Committee Chair, Immediate Past President and Auction Committee.

- Jenifer Wisniewski asked the board to find auction items for the conference and have them mailed to Tennessee.

ITEM NO. 9: 2022 ACI Conference Update.

Presented by Jason Harmon, 2022 Conference Coordinator, Tennessee.

- Jason Harmon expressed that the conference is coming together nicely.
- The welcome reception will be held at the Country Music Hall of Fame and the awards banquet will be held at the Johnny Cash Museum.
- Jason Harmon asked the board if raising the registration fee to \$300 would be OK. Lance Cherry replied and said he did not think that would be a problem.

ITEM NO. 10: Futures Conference Report.

ITEM NO. 11: Awards Committee Report.

Presented by Aaron Meier, Awards Chair.

- The deadline to enter the awards contest is set for March 25. Aaron Meier said there are currently 45 submissions and an additional 19 in progress.
- There may be a different plaque for the awards this year.

ITEM NO. 12: Scholarship Report.

Presented by Sara DiRienzo, Scholarship Chair and Vice President.

- The board agreed that they will offer 15 scholarships.
- The board discussed offering scholarships to send ACI members to the upcoming R3 Symposium in Oklahoma.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to offer ACI board members scholarships to the R3 Symposium first, then offer the scholarships to ACI members. Fairly Mahlum seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 13: Ways and Means Report.

Presented by Micah Holmes, Ways and Means Chair.

- Nothing to report at this time.

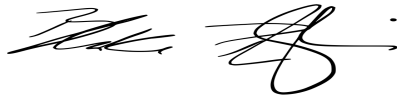
ITEM NO. 14: New Business.

- There is a need to compile important ACI documents and archive them in one location.
- Blake Podhajsky will reach out to ACI board members and gather any documents and other important files and save them to the ACI google account drive.

ITEM NO. 15: Adjournment.

- With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 pm MST.

MOTION: Judy Stokes Weber moved to adjourn. Ashley Sanchez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Submitted by Blake Podhajsky, Secretary



Communications/Membership Report

March 9, 2022

Membership

We picked up an Individual member this period: Chuck Yoest (Tennessee Dept. of Environment & Conservation). Hoping to bump up to Agency level next year.

As of 02/28/2022, ACI has:

- 46 Agency-level members, including:
 - 40 state agencies
 - 1 federal agency
 - 5 NGOs
- 1 Individual member

Communications

- Next issue of *The Balance Wheel* will be published Tuesday, March 15 and emailed to 578 subscribers (no net change). Total audience is 650, which includes contacts imported from conference attendee lists. Topics will include the Awards Contest, Conference and an upcoming human-bear conflicts workshop.
- Website has been “repaired.” (Thank you, Lance).
- 676 Facebook likes (+16)
- 807 Facebook followers (+5)
- 4 Facebook posts (Jan.-Feb.)
- The ACI Group Facebook page is one that allows members to post messages and ask/answer questions. We also re-post items from the main FB page there. It currently has 79 members (+2).



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Treasurer's Report
February 28, 2022

No unusual expenses in the last couple of months.

JAN				
10274	1.2.22	WCP Treasurer Stipend	\$1,250.00	\$90,643.54
		Scott Ball Comms Mngr/Memb		
10275	1.2.22	Stipend	\$1,250.00	\$89,393.54
PP Transfer	1.6.22	AREA 2022 Dues	\$195.53	\$89,589.07
PP Transfer	1.6.22	KY 2022 Dues and Awards	\$313.23	\$89,902.30
PP Transfer	1.18.22	SD Dues and Awards	\$313.23	\$90,215.53
PP Transfer	1.21.22	ND ues	\$195.53	\$90,411.06
PP Transfer	1.21.22	CO Dues and Awards	\$1,136.43	\$91,547.49
Check	1.22.22	MA Fisheries and Wildlife Dues	\$200.00	\$91,747.49
10276	1.22.22	AFWA membership	\$250.00	\$91,497.49
Check	1.22.22	FL Awards	\$920.00	\$92,417.49
10277		Reimburse WCP File4Biz 1099 service	\$3.14	\$92,414.35
FEB				
Check	2.5.22	AR 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$92,614.35
10278	2.5.22	Reim WCP for WY annual report filing	\$52.00	\$92,562.35
Check	2.19.22	Chuck Yoest TN Individual member	\$25.00	\$92,587.35
Check	2.18.22	RI DEM 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$92,787.35
		WY Game and Fish donation		
10279	2.19.22	Hosafros	\$100.00	\$92,687.35

In addition to the funds in the checking account, we have a CD in the amount of \$25,000 earning a small amount of interest.

Judy Stokes Weber, APR
Treasurer ACI