

MINUTES

Association for Conservation Information Board Meeting

Virtual ● May 11, 2022 ● 10 a.m-11 a.m. MDT

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)
- ✓ Scott Ball (FL, Communications)
- ✓ 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)
- ✓ Patricia Allen (AFWA, Board)

Unable to Attend:

- ✓ Kay Ellerhoff (MT, Futures)

ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Minutes.

- January 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to approve the March 2022 ACI Board Meeting Minutes.
Sara DiRienzo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4: Opening Remarks.

Presented by Lance Cherry, President.

- Attending the R3 Symposium has me excited for the ACI Conference as the vibe is much better in person.

ITEM NO. 5: Treasurer's Report.

Presented Judy Stokes Weber, Treasurer.

- Everything is well and we are in good financial standing.
- Ready to move ahead with conference funding, scholarships, etc.

ITEM NO. 6: Communications Report.

Presented by Scott Ball, Membership Communications Chair.

- There are currently 48 agency members, not 46 as previously stated.
- The next Balance Wheel is May 16, 2022.

ITEM NO. 7: ACI Grants Committee update.

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

- There are great concepts being submitted into the state grant applications.
- There are two grant concepts that are being discussed: 1) Paying photographers to acquire photos and 2) purchasing an asset management system.
- We need to consider a second year of the social listening grant to compare to the year one data.

ITEM NO. 8: Auction Committee Update.

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

- Oklahoma will donate a paddlefish fishing trip for the ACI auction.
- Other auction items of note that have been donated are waders, \$300 Costa credit towards sunglasses, Livingston lures, Simms jacket and bibs, and a Nashville trip, among others.

ITEM NO. 9: 2022 ACI Conference Update.

Presented by Jason Harmon, 2022 Conference Coordinator, Tennessee.

- Currently have 33 people registered for the conference.
- June 22nd is the last day to reserve a room under the ACI room block.
- July 1st is the last day to register for the conference.

ITEM NO. 10: Futures Conference Report.

- No report.

ITEM NO. 11: Awards Committee Report.

Presented by Aaron Meier, Awards Chair.

- We have 465 total entries submitted in the awards contest.
- Judging deadline is this week.
- Aaron asked that he not be the awards chair next year as he will be serving as the conference host next year.

ITEM NO. 12: Scholarship Report.

Presented by Sara DiRienzo, Scholarship Chair and Vice President.

- Scholarship recipients will be announced May 20th. There were 13 scholarship recipients this year and two holdovers from previous years.
- There were two non-member agencies who applied for scholarships. NWTF and Pheasants Forever.

ITEM NO. 13: Ways and Means Report.

Presented by Micah Holmes, Ways and Means Chair.

- Nothing to report at this time.

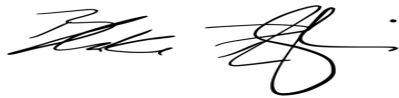
ITEM NO. 14: New Business.

- No new business to discuss.

ITEM NO. 15: Adjournment.

- With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 pm MDT.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to adjourn. Aaron Meier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Blake Podhajsky", written over a horizontal line.

Submitted by Blake Podhajsky, Secretary



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Treasurer's Report
April 30, 2022

Here is a copy of our check register March 1 through April 30.

MAR				
PP Transfer	3.14.22	WI DNR 2022 Dues	\$195.53	\$92,882.88
Check	3.23.22	IN 2022 Dues and Awards	\$662.44	\$93,545.32
10280	3.24.22	Hosting4Less	\$299.40	\$93,245.92
APR				
10281	4.5.22	WCPLLC Treasurer Stipend Judy Weber	\$1,250.00	\$91,995.92
10282	4.5.22	Scott Ball Comms/Membership Stipend	\$1,250.00	\$90,745.92
10283	4.14.22	Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports	\$2,500.00	\$88,245.92

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. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I will prepare the President's budget for the annual meeting shortly. Please let me know if you have any information that might be helpful to that end. We can look at that together if we have a meeting before Nashville.

Sincerely,

Judy

Judy Stokes
Weber, APR
Treasurer ACI

May 10, 2022



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**Communications/Membership Report to ACI Board of Directors
Scott Ball – May 11, 2022**

Membership

We picked up an Individual member this period: Gina Jackson (AFWA, Mgt. Assistance Team). Even though AFWA is an Agency member, she paid for an Individual membership.

As of 04/30/2022, ACI has:

- 46 Agency-level members, including:
 - 41 state agencies
 - 1 federal agency
 - 6 NGOs
- 2 Individual members
- 3 Sponsor-level members

Communications

- Next issue of *The Balance Wheel* will be published Monday, May 16 and emailed to 653 contacts. Topics will include the upcoming Conference and a summary of an R3 grant project.
- 689 Facebook likes (+13)
- 823 Facebook followers (+16)
- 20 Facebook posts (March-April)
- 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 82 members (+3).