

MINUTES

Association for Conservation Information Board Meeting

Virtual ● June 08, 2022 ● 10 a.m-11 a.m. MDT

ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order.

ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.

- ✓ Lance Cherry (NM, President)
- ✓ 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)
- ✓ 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:

- ✓ Sara DiRienzo (WY, Vice President, Scholarships)
- ✓ Tim Akimoff (OR, Board)
- ✓ Kay Ellerhoff (MT, Futures)

ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Minutes.

- May 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to approve the May 2022 ACI Board Meeting Minutes.
Darrin Hill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4: Opening Remarks.

Presented by Lance Cherry, President.

- "I am excited about having a face-to-face ACI conference for the first time in a couple of years!"

ITEM NO. 5: Treasurer's Report.

Presented Judy Stokes Weber, Treasurer.

- We are in good financial standing.
- Our revenue is about \$24,000 per year. We have not paid the conference advance to Tennessee, but right now it doesn't look like Tennessee needs the advance.
- Our expenses are about \$44,000 per year.
- Jenifer Wisniewski said "It was great to have ACI as a sponsor at the R3 Symposium. It would be great to have a presence at all the regional AFWA meetings."
- Lance Cherry said "We had a lot of conversations I didn't expect we would have at the R3 Symposium."

ITEM NO. 5 *continued*

- The idea of adding \$7000 to the budget for attending other conferences was brought forth. Judy Stokes Weber said “We will discuss this at the board meeting and have a vote with the membership to approve the budget add-on.”

ITEM NO. 6: Communications Report.

Presented by Scott Ball, Membership Communications Chair.

- Arizona is is a member again.
- The Gulf of Mexico Alliance has applied for a membership exemption..

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to approve the membership exemption for The Gulf of Mexico Alliance. Linda DiPiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 7: ACI Grants Committee update.

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

- There are four grants we should here back from soon: 1) Social listening 2.0, 2) Photo asset solution, 3) YouTube promotion for hunting, 4) Marketing R3 \$50,000 grant.
- Our current R3 grant projects are happening right now.

ITEM NO. 8: Auction Committee Update.

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

- Jenifer Wisniewski said “I plead with each of you to provide a trip, or donate items for the auction.”

ITEM NO. 9: 2022 ACI Conference Update.

Presented by Jason Harmon, 2022 Conference Coordinator, Tennessee.

- Currently have 67 people registered for the conference. Hoping to have 80-100 total.
- 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.
- The conference agenda is 90% done and the program is coming along nicely.
- Two songwriters, Wynn Varble and Billy Montana, will perform during the welcome reception.
- Don King will host a Nashville walking tour that will include the Musicians Hall of Fame and the Ryman Auditorium, among others.
- Up to 30 people can choose to tour Buffalo Ridge Refuge to experience the shooting range, shooting clays course, trapping demonstrations and a photography class.
- An email will be sent soon to register for field trips.

ITEM NO. 10: Futures Conference Report.

- No report.

ITEM NO. 11: Awards Committee Report.

Presented by Aaron Meier, Awards Chair.

- All judging assignments are complete.
- Awards plaques have been ordered.
- Aaron Meier said “We need to start discussing who will replace me as the awards chairperson. My co-chair Karen is retiring and will not be able to take over.”

ITEM NO. 12: Scholarship Report.

Presented by Joanne Martonik, Scholarship Committee Member.

- One scholarship recipient cannot attend the conference.

ITEM NO. 13: Ways and Means Report.

Presented by Micah Holmes, Ways and Means Chair.

- Micah Holmes said “I have taken a look at the bylaws and have identified some items that need to be looked at, tweaked, or changed. I would like to form a committee to go over the bylaws and procedures. We will then propose a new draft at the conference board meeting.”
- Judy Stokes Weber, Blake Podhajsky, Scott Ball and Joanne Martonik volunteered to join Micah Holmes on this committee.

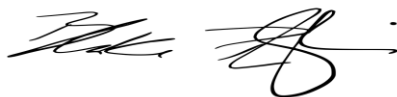
ITEM NO. 14: New Business.

- Jenifer Wisniewski, Fairly Mahlum, and Aaron Meier have volunteered to be the nominating committee at the ACI conference. They will recruit new board members and new awards chairs.

ITEM NO. 15: Adjournment.

- With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am MDT.

MOTION: Jenifer Wisniewski moved to adjourn. Judy Stokes Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Submitted by Blake Podhajsky, Secretary



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**Treasurer's Report
 May 31, 2022**

Check register from July 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

FY 2022 ACI Check Register

Transaction ID	Date	Description	Amount	Balance	
				86,144.53	
JULY					
10264	7.5.21	SC Ball Comm/Mem Stipend	\$1,250.00	\$84,894.53	ok
10265	7.5.21	WCP JSW Treas. Stipend	\$1,250.00	\$83,644.53	ok
Check	7.7.21	TX Parks and Wildlife 2022 dues	\$200.00	\$83,844.53	ok
10266	7.28.21	WCP Awards Force C.C. reimb	\$4,608.00	\$79,236.53	ok balance
AUG					
Check	8.19.21	FL FWC 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$79,436.53	ok
PP Transfer	8.20.21	Westervelt Ecological Services donation	\$195.53	\$79,632.06	ok
PP Transfer	8.20.21	NJ F&W 2022 Dues and Awards	\$273.94	\$79,906.00	ok
PP Transfer	8.20.21	LA W & F 2022 dues and awards	\$391.55	\$80,297.55	ok
PP Transfer	8.22.21	NC Wildlife 2022 dues & awards	\$469.96	\$80,767.51	ok
PP Transfer	8.22.21	OR 2022 Dues and Awards	\$587.57	\$81,355.08	ok - 2 deposits
PP Transfer	8.22.21	NV Div Wildlife 2022 Dues and awards	\$1,175.63	\$82,530.71	ok
PP Transfer	8.28.21	GA DNR 2022 Dues & Awards	\$430.75	\$82,961.46	ok
PP Transfer	8.28.21	WA FishWildlife 2022 Dues & Awards	\$469.96	\$83,431.42	ok
PP Transfer	8.28.21	ME Inland Fish. & Wildlife 2022 Dues	\$195.53	\$83,626.95	ok
PP Transfer	8.28.21	HI 2022 Dues	\$195.53	\$83,822.48	ok

PP Transfer	8.28.21	KS 2022 Dues & Awards	\$626.77	\$84,449.25	ok
PP Transfer	8.28.21	TN Wildlife Res. 2022 Dues & Awards	\$1,606.87	\$86,056.12	ok
PP Transfer	8.28.21	OH DNR 2022 Dues & Awards	\$587.57	\$86,643.69	ok balance
Check	8.31.21	MT 2022 Dues and Awards	\$1,040.00	\$87,683.69	ok
Check	8.31.21	ID 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$87,883.69	ok
PP Transfer	8.31.21	NY DEC 2022 Dues and Awards	\$391.55	\$88,275.24	ok
SEPT					
Check	9.1.21	Lower Loop NRD 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$88,475.24	ok
Check	9.6.21	CA 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$88,675.24	ok
PP Transfer	9.8.21	USFWS 2022 Dues and Awards	\$1,802.89	\$90,478.13	ok
PP Transfer	9.8.21	AFWA 2022 Dues	\$195.53	\$90,673.66	ok
Check	9.8.21	AL 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$90,873.66	ok
PP Transfer	9.8.21	CAHSS 2022 Dues	\$195.53	\$91,069.19	ok
Check	9.13.21	NH 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$91,269.19	ok
Check	9.13.21	UT 2022 Dues and Awards	\$840.00	\$92,109.19	ok
Check	9.16.21	OK 2022 Dues and Awards	\$1,880.00	\$93,989.19	ok
Check	9.20.21	TX 2022 Awards	\$1,440.00	\$95,429.19	ok
PP Transfer	9.20.21	PA Game 2022 Dues	\$195.53	\$95,624.72	ok
Check	9.22.21	RBFF 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$95,824.72	ok
10267	9.22.21	Hosting 4 Less secure certificate	\$25.00	\$95,799.72	Ok balance
Check	9.29.21	MI 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$95,999.72	ok
PP Transfer	9.30.21	MI 2022 Awards(Brad Parsons)	\$38.71	\$96,038.43	ok
PP Transfer	9.30.21	WY 2022 Dues and Awards	\$587.57	\$96,626.00	ok
OCT					
10268	10.1.21	WCP Q3 Stipend Treasurer	\$1,250.00	\$95,376.00	ok
10269	10.1.21	Scott Ball Q3 Stipend Comms/Member	\$1,250.00	\$94,126.00	ok
Check	10.1.21	CT 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$94,326.00	ok
Check	10.4.21	NE 2022 Dues and Awards	\$1,560.00	\$95,886.00	ok
10270	10.11.21	CNA Surety Bond	\$320.00	\$95,566.00	ok
Check	10.14.21	NM 2022 Dues and Awards	\$1,480.00	\$97,046.00	ok
10271	10.14.21	VOID (used old name of company)			
10272	10.14.21	K2 Trophies and Awards LLC	\$4,022.43	\$93,023.57	ok balance
Check	10.25.21	CA awards	\$640.00	\$93,663.57	ok balance
NOV					
PP Transfer	11.5.21	VA Dues and Awards (2 invoices)	\$587.08	\$94,250.65	ok balance
DEC					
PP Transfer	12.1.21	MO 2022 Dues and awards	\$1,802.89	\$96,053.54	ok
Check	12.21.21	IA 2022 dues and awards	\$240.00	\$96,293.54	ok
Check	12.21.21	SC 2022 Dues and awards	\$600.00	\$96,893.54	ok balance

10273	12.29.212	Nevada ACI 2023 Conference seed \$	\$5,000.00	\$91,893.54	ok
JAN					
10274	1.2.22	WCP Treasurer Stipend	\$1,250.00	\$90,643.54	ok
10275	1.2.22	Scott Ball Comms Mnr/Memb Stipend	\$1,250.00	\$89,393.54	ok
PP Transfer	1.6.22	AREA 2022 Dues	\$195.35	\$89,588.89	ok
PP Transfer	1.6.22	KY 2022 Dues and Awards	\$313.23	\$89,902.12	ok
PP Transfer	1.18.22	SD Dues and Awards	\$313.23	\$90,215.35	ok
PP Transfer	1.21.22	ND Dues	\$195.53	\$90,410.88	ok
PP Transfer	1.21.22	CO Dues and Awards	\$1,136.43	\$91,547.31	ok
direct deposit	1.21.22	AZ Game and Fish	\$960.00	\$92,507.31	ok balance
Check	1.22.22	MA Fisheries and wildlife Dues	\$200.00	\$92,707.31	ok
10276	1.22.22	ACI's AFWA Membership	\$250.00	\$92,457.31	ok
Check	1.22.22	FL Awards	\$920.00	\$93,377.31	ok
10277	1.24.22	Reimburse WCP File4Biz 1099 service	\$3.14	\$93,374.17	ok
Check	1.25.22	ASA Sponsorship	\$250.00	\$93,624.17	ok
FEB					
Check	2.5.22	AR 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$93,824.17	ok
10278	2.5.22	Reim WCP for WY annual report filing	\$52.00	\$93,772.17	ok
Check	2.19.22	Chuck Yoest TN Individual member	\$25.00	\$93,797.17	ok
Check	2.18.22	RI DEM 2022 Dues	\$200.00	\$93,997.17	ok balance
10279	2.19.22	WY Game and Fish donation Hosafros	\$100.00	\$93,897.17	ok
MAR					
PP Transfer	3.14.22	WI DNR 2022 Dues	\$195.53	\$94,092.70	ok
Check	3.23.22	IN 2022 Dues and Awards	\$662.44	\$94,755.14	ok balance
10280	3.24.22	Hosting4Less	\$299.40	\$94,455.74	ok
APR					
10281	4.5.22	WCPLLC TStipend jsweber	\$1,250.00	\$93,205.74	ok
10282	4.5.22	Scott Ball Comms/Membership Stipnd	\$1,250.00	\$91,955.74	ok
10283	4.14.22	CAHSS Sponsor R3 Symposium	\$2,500.00	\$89,455.74	ok balance
MAY					
		no transactions		\$89,455.74	

On the following page you will see a draft budget for our review and President's consideration.
 Sincerely,

Judy
 Judy Stokes Weber, APR
 Treasurer ACI

June 8, 2022

FY 2023 DRAFT ACI Budget						
Beginning Balance Checking Accounts				\$89,500	estimate	
REVENUE						
	Dues, Awards	\$24,000				
	Interest	\$0				
	Conf Returns	\$0				
	Total Income	\$24,000		\$24,000		
FY 2023 Assets Available				\$113,500	\$113,500	
EXPENSES						
	Conference Advance		\$0			
	Scholarships		\$15,000			
	Award Plaques		\$4,000			
	Online Awards Platform		\$4,800			
	Webhosting/Security certificate		\$300			
	Treasurer Stipend		\$5,000			
	Surety Bond		\$325			
	Communication Manager Stipend		\$5,000			
	Conference Travel Reimbursement		\$6,000			
	Professional Fees CPA Review		\$500			
	Office Expenses		\$100			
	Affiliate membership in AFWA		\$250			
NEW!	ACI sponsorships		\$3,000			
FY 2021 Total Expense			\$44,275		\$44,275	
Estimated Checking Account Balance June 30, 2023					\$69,225	
TIAA CD					\$25,323	
Balance at End of FY 2021(June 30, 2021)					\$94,548	
Budget with revisions from meeting information accepted by board on xxxx						
JSW						
6.8.22						



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Communications/Membership Report to ACI Board of Directors Scott Ball – June 8, 2022

Membership

Our membership has grown since the May meeting with the renewal of Arizona Game & Fish. American Sportfishing Association has raised its membership level to Sponsor Member. Gulf of Mexico Alliance has applied for Agency membership and submitted a Dues Relief request, which requires approval of the Board.

As of 05/31/2022, ACI has:

- 49 Agency-level members, including:
 - 43 state agencies
 - 1 federal agency
 - 5 NGOs
- 2 Individual members
- 4 Sponsor-level members

Communications

- Next issue of *The Balance Wheel* will be published Friday, July 15 and emailed to 576 subscribers. Topics will include the upcoming Conference (including a recruitment pitch for new BOD candidates) and a summary of an R3 grant project.
- 689 Facebook likes (no change)
- 823 Facebook followers (no change)
- 3 Facebook posts (May)
- 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 84 members (+2).