

## **Association for Conservation Information**

**Board Meeting** (conference call)

**6/1/16**

**Call to Order:** President Micah Holmes called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call (Kim Nix):** Micah Holmes (President, OK), Kim Nix (Secretary, AL), Phil Bloom (IN), Aaron Meier (NV), Jane Gustafson (NE), Kay Ellerhoff (Futures, MT), Randy Zellers (The Balance Wheel, AR) Regina Knauer (MO), Blake Podhajsky (OK)

**Unable to attend:** Robin Cahoon (Vice President, UT), Jenifer Wisniewski (GA), Lance Cherry (NM), Michael Gray (KY), Don King (Immediate Past President, TN), Judy Stokes Weber (Treasurer, NH), Julie Hammonds (Awards, AZ) Kathy Garza-Behr (OH)

**Approval of Minutes:** Since a quorum was not on the call, the approval of the minutes from April was postponed until the July meeting.

**2016 Conference (Aaron Meier):** Aaron reported that the agenda is locked down and registration is going well so far. He now needs to put some focus on the auction. Micah suggested that we work on getting people to donate trips. Aaron will get the word out that people can ship things to him ahead of time for the auction and he will get the items to the conference site.

Micah said that Wisconsin is sending someone to the conference for the first time in many years, and he is trying to get Idaho and California to attend.

**Future Conferences Report (Kay Ellerhoff):** Kay reported that Alabama has backed out of hosting 2018 conference. Missouri has agreed to step in for 2018. Here is the lineup as it now stands:

2017—Indiana

2018—Missouri

2019—Vacant

2020—NM

2021—New Jersey

2022—Georgia

2023—Hawaii

She will be actively looking for someone to host in 2019.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Stokes Weber was not on the call, so no Treasurer's report was given.

**Scholarship Report:** Michael Gray was not on the call, but Micah reported that 20 scholarships were awarded. The recipient from Alabama has declined, and. Micah asked Kim if she could find a replacement. Kim stated that she was fairly certain she could find someone to accept that scholarship and she promised to let Micah and Michael know by the end of the week.

**Balance Wheel:** Micah said that he'd like to get a subcommittee of board members to discuss the paid positions and find a long-solution for the newsletter, awards chairman and webmaster positions. Aaron volunteered to be a part of this committee. More discussion will take place on this at the July board meeting.

**Awards:** Julie Hammonds was not able to make the call but Micah reported that he has been in contact with her. We tied last year's entry numbers and everything is on track. He and Julie will coordinate sending out letters to the directors of states that won awards with the hope of getting more attendees to the conference.

**ACI-Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Partnership (Micah Holmes):** Nevada Director Tony Wasley is chairman of the Outreach and Education Committee of AFWA. He would like to find a way for that AFWA committee and ACI communicate better. A conference call has been set up between Wasley, Micah Holmes, Aaron Meier, Judy Stokes Weber and Patricia Allen (communications person at AFWA). Aaron said he hopes that Wasley can report on that effort during his scheduled speech at the ACI conference in Nevada.

Micah also mentioned that AFWA gives out several awards at their annual meeting. July 1 is the deadline for entries and info is on their website.

**Next meeting:** July 11 at 3 p.m. at the conference hotel in Lake Tahoe.

### **Adjournment**

Micah adjourned the meeting

*Submitted by Kim Nix, Secretary*