



MINUTES

Association for Conservation Information Board Meeting

Virtual Conference Call • November 12, 2025 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CDT

ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:05 a.m. CDT

ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call

- ✓ Aaron Meier (NV, President)
- ☐ Linda DiPiano (NJ, Vice President)
- ✓ Lance Cherry (CAHSS, Secretary)
- ✓ Dan Dennison (HI, Treasurer)
- ✓ Blake Podhajsky (OK, Immediate Past President)
- ✓ Brent Drinkut (IN, Board- 26)
- ☐ Bobby Jones (NV, Board- 26)
- ✓ Beth Quillian (OR, Board-26)
- ✓ Jonathan Carlucci (NJ, Board- 27)
- ☐ Jane Gustafson (NE, Board- 27)
- ✓ Devon Lindley (Choctaw Nation Wildlife Conservation-28)
- ✓ Natalie Andes (GA Department of Natural Resources-28)
- ✓ Katie Paey (NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife-28)
- ☐ Jenifer Wisniewski (National Deer Association, Grants Committee Chair)
- ☐ Jason Harmon (TN, Fundraising/Auction Committee Chair)
- ☐ Micah Holmes (OK, Ways and Means Committee Chair)
- ✓ Patty Allen (AFWA, Communications Committee Chair)

ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Minutes

Presented by Aaron Meier, President

- September 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Blake Podhajsky made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the September 10 Board Meeting to be approved without changes. Devon Lindley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 4: Opening Remarks

Presented by Aaron Meier, President

Aaron Meier shared his recent achievement of securing the division administrator position, attributing it to the support and lessons learned at ACI. He expressed gratitude to the group for their assistance and recommendations. The conversation ended with condolences and a request for prayers for Jane Gustafson, who was absent due to the passing of her mother.

ITEM NO. 5: Treasurer's Report

Presented by Dan Dennison, Treasurer

Dan Dennison reported that the transition with Judy Stokes Weber is nearly complete, with a balance of \$80,557 expected in the ops account after Judy's deposit. He noted that there are 33 unpaid invoices, and he will send reminder notes to ensure payment by the end of the year. Dan also mentioned that the conference account has \$22,496, which he believes is slightly lower due to lower auction proceeds this year. He reminded everyone that payments must be received by the end of the year to participate in next year's awards program, though exceptions are occasionally made.

ITEM NO. 6: 2026 ACI Conference Update

Presented by Blake Podhajsky, 2026 Conference Coordinator

Blake Podhajsky shared conference planning updates, including securing over \$4,000 in auction donations and seeking a keynote speaker, with Clay Newcomb from Meat Eater being a potential candidate. Blake noted that the website updates, including the Whova app setup and sponsorship tickets, were complete, and Dan expressed gratitude for the donation button implementation, which would simplify accounting processes. Blake inquired about tracking donations through the website's donate button, and Lance Cherry explained that manual entry into Whova would be needed for donations made through the website's donation button that are marked as conference sponsors.

ITEM NO. 7: Communications Report

Presented by Patty Allen, Communications Chair

Patty Allen reported a 51% open rate for the October Balance Wheel and mentioned the addition of a working donation button to the ACI website, which she led. Patty also shared she had completed updating all photos to ACI's Flickr account.

ITEM NO. 8: Awards Committee Report

Presented by Beth Quillian, Awards Committee Co-Chair

Beth Quillian reported on her meeting with Jordan Sanford from Pennsylvania, who is considering joining the committee as co-chair. Beth requested Board Members send co-chair recommendations to her by email and reminded everyone she is actively looking for judges.

ITEM NO. 9: Auction and Fundraising Report

Presented by Jason Harmon, Auction and Fundraising Committee Chair

No Report. Jason Harmon was unable to attend, but provided an update by email stating Oklahoma already has a good jump on the 2026 ACI Annual Conference Auction and that he is working with them.

ITEM NO. 10: Scholarships Committee Report

Presented by Vacant

No report presented. The Board acknowledged the committee chair vacancy. Aaron requested Board Members send the names of potential candidates to him by email.

ITEM NO. 11: Grants Committee Report

Presented by Jenifer Wisniewski, Grants Committee Chair

No report presented.

ITEM NO. 12: Ways and Means Report

Presented by Micah Holmes, Ways and Means Committee Chair

No report presented.

ITEM NO. 13: New Business

Presented by Aaron Meier, President

Blake noted that Cory Chandler's vacant board position should be filled, and Aaron requested Board Members send emails with the names of potential candidates.

ITEM NO. 14: Adjournment

Dan Dennison made a Motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Devin Lindley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Submitted by Lance Cherry, Secretary