

Executive Board Conference Call - Draft Minutes

Meeting began at 2:05pm Central time

Attended by: President Leland Pierce, Vice-President Mark Wallace, and Secretary/Treasurer Annaliese Scoggin

Updates

- Treasurer’s Report
 - Checking Account: \$8,458.04
 - Savings Account: \$2,500.90
 - Total Funds: \$10,958.94
 - One new SWS-only member by paper application
- Committees
 - Women of Wildlife – Leland held a conference call with several interested committee members. Discussion seemed to support holding a webinar with an accomplished female leader (probably the new director of NMF&G)
 - Additional possible committee members: Ivonne Cassaigne (Leland will contact) and Dr. Rojilio Herrera at Nuevo de Leon (Mark will contact)
 - Geospatial Advisory - Leland held a conference call with several interested committee members and they are considering holding a webinar in November
 - A program in NM may be willing to fund a project to write a white paper
- Elections
 - Leland Sent out bios from Kathy Granillo and Fidel Hernandez
 - Both approved by board and chapter presidents to go onto elections
 - Mark has been searching out nominees for Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer
 - For Vice-president, Mark approached several members in AZ that declined, Leland will send Mark additional names
 - Annaliese agreed to run for treasurer for another term (preferably only one to allow other members to get involved at the board level)
 - Mark will continue to search out additional nominees
 - Revisions to by-laws
 - Revisions need to be voted on by membership (either online or by paper) or during the annual meeting.
 - The board members present agreed to call for a vote in the newsletter to provide all membership an opportunity (using Mark’s survey monkey account for the voting method)
 - Bios and pictures for elections need to be created for inclusion in the newsletter (Mark)
 - Annaliese inquired about actions for chapter representatives
 - Mark will visit with Carol and Selma to determine how this has worked in the past and come up with a possible plan to implement this
- Support for Certified Wildlife Biologist applications
 - One inquiry (TX) so far, will need to join the section and submit application
- Membership Drive

- No changes/progress

Strategic Planning – Leland discussed developing additional projects for Leadership Institute graduates to complete (with some sort of recognition) to provide them opportunities to get involved at the section level

Miscellaneous

- Awards
 - Roger Bumstead Award
 - No feedback yet, tabled for later
- Newsletter out by 1 November

Upcoming Events:

- National Conference in Pittsburgh, PA October 25 – 30th, Leland, Carol, CAC guy, Misty, and Annaliese plan to attend
- Next conference call will be between Oct TWS conference and Feb JAM, prior to holidays in November?
- Meeting in NM February 2015 – Leland discussed time for SWS Meeting (I didn't catch when?)