



The North Central Chapter

Society of Wetland Scientists

NCC SWS Board Meeting Dec 9th, 10 am CST (Zoom)

Agenda:

Call to order (Christina Hargiss)

Determination of quorum (Jennifer Boyer) Quorum has been met, 6 members were present.

Plankell, Eric Thomas eplankel@illinois.edu present
Johnson, Sara A saraaj@illinois.edu present
Paul Weihe WeiheP@central.edu absent
Judge, Casey Casey.Judge@iowaagriculture.gov present
Boyer, Jennifer Jen.Boyer@dupageco.org present
Nieset, Julie E jenieset@illinois.edu present
Kate Lucier klucier@hntb.com absent
Christina Hargiss present

2021 Budget – Christina

Budget Discussion

Sara asked why webinar funds were not used during Covid. Christina and Julie respond that members were too busy to organize webinars and events. Julie is willing to take the lead to put something in the newsletter to gain involvement to put on webinars and involve students and give them opportunities to share their research.

Sara mentioned Audubon grants and research talks and suggest that students who receive grants come back to talk about their research the next year.

Sara was asked by students of SWS group to speak at their virtual conference and suggests using her video about how to start a student chapter.

Casey: Concerns brought up that balance is being drawn down and the chapter is spending more than it is taking in. The board decided to use some of the account to fund student involvement and research. Casey suggests grants every 2 years instead of each year to keep programs going and keep them sustainable. Sara suggests asking members to fund specific grants for nominal amounts (for instance \$1 for example grant).

Membership as of 12/9/2020 (Jen)

381 total members

45 student members (11% of total NCC membership)

Julie: A donation button was added, but it has not been earmarked for a specific purpose.

Eric and Jen like the idea. Christina will ask SWS corporate if they can do a specific set of buttons.

Motion to approve the budget as presented: Sarah Johnson; Second: Julie Nieset, motion passed

Wisconsin Wetlands Conference Sponsorship – Christina

Motion to allocate \$250 to support Wisconsin w a meeting.

Julie Nieset made the motion; Sarah Johnson seconded, motion passed

Nominations– Julie

Discussed getting nominations started for the upcoming elections for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, two At-Large Board Members, and a Student Representative and brief discussion of timeline of having nominations info in the Winter newsletter and candidate's info for the Spring newsletter with voting to follow. Inductions of candidates at the virtual SWS Meeting in June.

Next Newsletter Time frame – Jen

Winter newsletter to introduce the candidates and will aim to be published on Jan 15.

Newsletter publishing date January

Spring newsletter will aim to be published April 5.

Additional business-

Ajourn at 11:12