



**SWS NCC Meeting – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
12:00 noon (CT)**

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**Agenda:**

1. Call to order – Christina
  - a. Time: 12:01 CST
  
2. Determination of quorum – Jen
  - a. Board members present:
    1. President – Christina Hargiss
    2. President-Elect – Casey Judge
    3. Immediate Past-President – Julie Nieset
    4. Secretary – Jen Boyer
    5. Treasurer – Eric Plankell
    6. At Large Board Member –Paul Weihe

Introductions of members present took place.

7. Approval of minutes from board meetings 9/20/2019, 12/9/2020 and 01/09/2020  
**Motion to approve minutes listed in the agenda from 3 previous meetings was made by Julie Nieset and second Andy Robertson; Motion passed.**
  
8. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report – Eric-See report, Not many transactions this year. Just a small debit to support the WWA meeting. Proposed budget-set aside \$3K for meeting support, SWS NCC mentoring, Int' mentoring program, and support for NCC annual meeting and sponsorship for regional meetings. In the past we have supported WWA, MWI and OHIO, MWPA. Christina-we have typically set aside \$250 for each. Eric: Funds are also set aside for research awards and student support at regional meeting and national meeting. Stipends for presenting at webinar meetings and support for student chapters.

There are funds for chapter support such as shipping the chapter display. \$160 chapter membership to state and non-profit associations. Contests, etc.

Kurt asked about the process for tapping into the \$500 for starting a student chapter.

Eric: make a request, then there is a process through the main organization to get them legally recognized. Kurt: what is the timing? Christina: it is a pretty quick process and can be done in a few weeks.

**Kurt Kowalski motioned to approve, Matt Van Grinsven Second; Motion passed**

- b. Awards – Karen  
See report- Isabel Dunn (club at University of Wisconsin) and Morgan Morin chosen.
  - c. History – Dave -gathering information on past officers for knowledge base. Looking to digitize information that is currently paper. Eric, supports effort to digitize and archive. Budget excess may be used for this purpose.
  - d. Bylaws – Casey-A committee was put in place to modernize and update. In particular, looking at revising wording for student reps as it relates to voting. Reviewing and updating grant application process. Compare international SWS standing rules to ours. Would like to pick this up again. Julie Nieset: when there is two student reps, it is nice for them to have each other for support. Agree with having two students on the board. Kurt: do we have language on how to deal with student chapters? Proposes that as a topic for the committee. Casey: Leandra Cleveland, SWS secretary general, says we have a group at Duke and one at WI as well. Agrees that this would be a good idea to review and to understand how to handle when a program goes defunct.
  - e. Program/Outreach – Julie -Stated that SWS has a checklist and funding for current and proposed chapters. Stated strong support for student groups and asked potential mentors to contact her. Christina: plug for NDSU. Funding for state associations. Wetlands of distinction-in the next newsletter will have more information and call for involvement -nominations and reviewers. Funding for webinars-for students as well, which is strongly encouraged. Brenten: What does wetlands of distinction entail? Julie to follow up with Brenten after meeting with more information.
  - f. Membership – Jen-See report-After a drop in 2020, membership is up to 407 members, of which, 53 are students. Student organizations and student membership incentives are probably helping. Suggest streaming regional meetings for more educational opportunities for members.
  - g. Mentoring – Kate- See report -Wetland professionals mentoring program-if you are interested in mentoring or finding a mentor, please email: [NCCwetlandmentors@gmail.com](mailto:NCCwetlandmentors@gmail.com). Chat question: do you have to be in a wetland position? Christina: no, that is not necessary.
  - h. Nominations – Julie, thank you to new members offering their service.
9. Old Business
- a. Website donate button-this is no longer an option, but checks are still accepted for anyone wanting to donate to the chapter.
  - b. Free/discounted student memberships-11 students have received a free/discounted membership. Whitney: if a membership was already purchased, is it possible to refund discount. Christina: yes, please email us.

- c. Tribal grants-2019 initiative-one year program.

#### 10. New Business

- a. New logo – Casey- The new logo was voted along with the board elections. We were asked to bring our logo in line with branding standards. Thanks to Dr. Sharon Kahara for designing the previous logo as part of a chapter contest in 2005, and thanks to Kristin McGuine with SWS business office for the updated design options.
- b. Installation of new officers – Christina/Casey
- c. Annual Meeting/JASM – Casey/Christina-Hoping the NCC would be able to host the annual meeting, but COVID has pushed us back in the rotation. One of the benefits to hosting is that the host chapter gets some of the proceeds. SWS agreed that if we manage the volunteers for JASM, we will be able to share in the proceeds. An influx of funds helps to keep the chapter initiatives alive since membership alone isn't enough to support. Christina-on the ground help will be needed as well as programming assistance. Paul-local activities committee could use people living near Grand Rapids. Kurt: Chapters have always been given a portion of proceeds.
- d. Fall chapter meeting – Casey/Christina. Plan to do a virtual format this year and in-person next year.
- e. INWA-Indiana wetland Association has been started. [Indianawetlands.org](http://Indianawetlands.org)

#### 11. Meeting Adjournment

**Jen Boyer makes the motion to adjourn, Casey Judge seconds; Motion passed**

**Thank you to the current officers for your hard work! And congratulations to all of the incoming officers!**

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President – Christina Hargiss  
President-Elect – Casey Judge  
Immediate Past-President – Julie Nieset  
Secretary – Jen Boyer  
Treasurer – Eric Plankell  
At Large Board Members – Kate Williams and Paul Weihe  
Student Representative – Sara Johnson, Eliza Lugten

#### **Incoming Board**

President – Casey Judge  
President-Elect – Andrew Robertson  
Immediate Past-President – Christina Hargiss  
Secretary – Jen Boyer  
Treasurer – Keith Carr  
At Large Board Members – Kate Williams and Matthew Van Grinsven  
Student Representative – Whitney Sauskojus