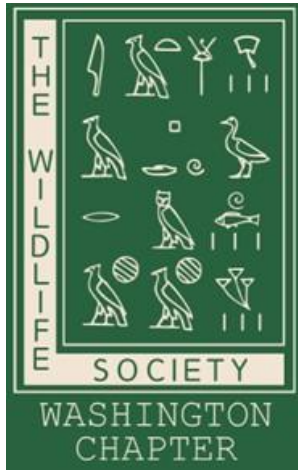


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Executive Board (EB) Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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Board Members Present

Sara Hansen, Past President

George Ritchotte, Vice President

Alex Pavlinovic, President Elect

Bruce Thompson, Treasurer

Candace Bennett, Secretary

Wendy Arjo, Board Member at Large

Kris Ernest, Board Member at Large

Regrets

Merci Clinton, Board Member at Large

Jen Syrowitz, Board Member at Large

Matt Wilson, President

Attendees

Bill Vogel (Awards Committee Chair)

Shelly Deisch, member

New Action Items

1. Agenda
 - a. **Matt** will add a ten-minute discussion for the November Agenda.
 - b. **Matt** will add a ten-minute discussion on the Chapter budget for the November Agenda.
2. Student Liaison
 - a. **Alex** will continue to work on the Student Liaison (like Parent) for WA-TWS
3. DEI Subgroup
 - a. **Kris** will work with **Sara, Candace**, and other **EB members** to outline Chapter expectations, reporting and related items.
4. November Meeting
 - a. **Candace** will send out a Google Form email to EB members about the November meeting preference.

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1. September Action Item Review (blue items complete)
 - a. JAM 2023
 - i. **Bruce, Sara, and Candace** will meet to discuss next steps for JAM 2023 website (end of September and early October) and will keep George in the loop to facilitate future meeting planning needs.
 - b. Annual TWS Conference
 - i. **Sara** will provide **Candace** information on the Out in the Field travel grant to email to members.
 - c. Chapter Dues Increase Survey

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- i. **Candace** will send a summary of the survey out to EB members.
 - ii. **Candace** will send out an online straw poll form to Ex Board for the dues increase. It will be open for two weeks.
 - d. October Agenda
 - i. **Matt** will add Chapter Dues Increase vote review on the agenda.
 - ii. **Matt** will add a topic on a Student Liaison (like Parent) from work by **Alex**.
 - iii. **Matt** will add 2023 Operating Budget discussion for a presentation by **Bruce**.
 - e. Website
 - i. **Sara** will add Chapter financials to the website.
 - ii. **EB members** will look at the redesigned website and provide feedback to **Sara**.
 - f. DEI Subgroup
 - i. **Kris** will work with **Sara, Candace**, and other **EB members** to outline Chapter expectations, reporting and related items.
 2. Chapter Dues Increase review on the agenda. (5-minutes)
 - a. Four responses from EB
 - b. Do you support a WA-TWS annual dues increase for 2023?
 - i. Yes - 100%
 - c. What amount of an annual dues increase do you support?
 - i. \$5 (47% support from members) - 100%
 - d. Do you support four WA-TWS Membership levels (current Regular and Student, new Early Professional and Retired)?
 - i. Yes - 100%
 - e. Do you support a tiered fee schedule per member level? (Currently regular members pay \$10/yr and students pay \$5/yr).
 - i. Yes 75%
 - ii. No 25%
 - f. Other comments
 - i. Two responses
 - ii. When people "Join WATWS" through portal should have a "Financial Hardship" checkbox?
 - iii. Please note that this is not an Executive Board "vote" as there has been no motion or second for specific action. This is a straw poll. At the October EB Meeting, there needs to be a specific motion and advanced and seconded before this topic should be discussed. That way, the Board will do its business correctly about parliamentary procedure.
 3. 2023 Operating Budget discussion for a presentation by Bruce (10 minutes)
 - a. Concerns with reversal in the stock market which affected accounts
 - b. Deficit spending is not supported by a few EB members
 - c. Fiscal Year 2023 budget must be approved before 1 January 2023
 - d. We still need to move the scholarship monies that have been allocated to the appropriate account.

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4. Student Liaison (like Parent) from work by Alex (1-minute)
 - a. Needs additional work
5. 2023 JAM Update (5 minutes)
 - a. All but one Plenary Speaker Determined
 - b. Getting items donated
 - c. Website is still being prepared for registration
6. Board Member Views of Reasonable Level JAM23 Registration Fees (5 minutes)
 - a. Registration amount for regular registration (input from EB members)
 - i. \$100-200
 - ii. \$100-\$120
 - iii. \$250
 - iv. \$200+
 - v. Recommend adding up costs and then determine how much the Chapter wants to make.
7. TWS Annual Conference, WATWS Reception (5 minutes)
 - a. Joint with NW Section Reception
 - i. Two beverages and food
 - ii. \$500 for WA-TWS to cover one beverage
 - b. Bruce moves to enter negotiations with the NW Section to donate up to \$500 for food and beverages at the National TWS Conference Reception in Spokane this November.**
 - i. Wendy seconds
 - ii. All ayes
 - iii. Motion passes**
8. Move the Nov 8th meeting to the 15th to discuss post-national meeting and updates (5 minutes)
 - a. Doodle Poll for third/fourth Tuesday or at National TWS
9. EB direction discussion (5 minutes)
 - a. Training session for EB to learn different aspects of duties and continuity
 - b. DEI implementations into the Chapter
 - c. Increase member engagement/relevancy
 - d. Focus on where we have budgeted items (scholarships, grants)
 - e. Conservation Committee – reengage in this field and matters associated
 - f. by-laws update
 - g. committee roles update
 - h. align with National TWS initiatives and priorities
 - i. Newsletters in a timely manner
 - j. WA-TWS Annual Meetings regularly
 - k. Increase student involvement

Next Meeting: October 11, 2022, 4:00-5:00pm