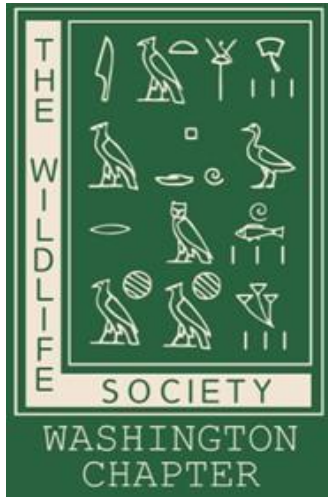


## Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society

### Executive Board (EB) Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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#### Board Members Present

George Ritchotte, Vice President  
Alex Pavlinovic, President Elect  
Bruce Thompson, Treasurer  
Candace Bennett, Secretary  
Merci Clinton, Board Member at Large  
Wendy Arjo, Board Member at Large

#### Regrets

Sara Hansen, Past President  
Matt Wilson, President  
Jen Syrowitz, Board Member at Large  
Kris Ernest, Board Member at Large

#### Attendees

Bill Vogel (Awards Committee Chair)

Tony Fuchs (Grants Committee Chair)

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#### Action Items

1. Agenda
  - a. **Matt** will add a topic to April's EB meeting to discuss the WildApricot subscription.
2. Elections
  - a. **Candace** will send the ballots to WA-TWS members.
  - b. **Candace** will post the ballot on the webpage and Facebook.
3. Scholarship
  - a. **Merci** will send recommendations for the Fitzner Scholarship to the Executive Board.
4. Grants
  - a. **Tony** will send recommendations for the Research and Conservation grants to the Executive Board.
5. JAM 2023
  - a. **Bill** will send the Meeting at a Glance to Candace for an email to WA-TWS contacts and to Wendy for JAM partner emails.

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#### Agenda

1. Nominations and Elections Update
  - o Candidates were posted on the website last month.
2. Scholarship Update
  - o One applicant rose to the top for consideration.
3. Grants Update
  - o One applicant was applicable for both the Research and Conservation grants.

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- The Committee will finish a recommendation for the Executive Board.
- 4. WildApricot
  - Temporarily Increased membership (to 10 June 2023) to accommodate more than 500 contacts. Will return to lower category to begin next 2-year subscription.
  - A new price increase is coming for the whole platform.
  - How can the Chapter afford this service?
  - George was curious if we could transition back to being under parent TWS.
- 5. 2023 JAM Update
  - 135 abstracts submitted
  - 14 posters submitted
  - Student housing
    - 17 students housed
    - 6 institutions
  - Schedule Review
    - Monday
      - working sessions
        - amphibians
      - workshops
    - Tuesday
      - Registration opens in the AM
      - Workshops/trainings (5)
      - Resume review PM
      - Icebreaker
        - 90 signed up currently
      - Field trip – herpetology
    - Wednesday
      - Plenary sessions
      - Business luncheons
      - Special Sessions (4)
    - Thursday
      - Special Sessions
      - Contributed papers
      - Symposia (Thurs/Fri) – Snake
      - Social
      - Banquet
      - Auction
    - Friday
      - Wildlife Handling (Fri/Sat)
      - Symposia – Turtle
      - Field Trip – Wolf Haven
      - No IGNITE Sessions

***Next Meeting: April 11, 2023, 4:00-5:00pm***

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Adjourned at 5:01pm