



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

Annual Meeting Minutes
Monday, 30 September 2019
12-1:30pm

Attendees (7 members, 7 non-members)

Current Members: Cary Aloia, Laura Duffie, Drew Fowler (by phone; Chair), Adonia Henry, Randall Knapik, Trey McClinton, Ben Wishnek. *Non-members:* Victoria Drake, Mark Hamlyn, Darien Logon, Clay Shipes, Kristin Szabo, Kelly Warren, Belinda Wilson.

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Drew Fowler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10pm.
 - b. Attendees from universities, consulting companies, non-profit organizations, and state and federal agencies, in AK, CO, ID, IL, MI, NV, OR, TX, and WV.
2. Overview of Wetland Working Group
 - a. Structure includes four-person board, newsletter editor, and social media liason.
 - b. Facilitate transfer of information.
 - c. Increase networking among people interested in wetlands.
3. Student Travel Award
 - a. Three applicants.
 - b. Board decided to award each applicant \$100; checks will be mailed to applicants.
4. Activities & Accomplishments During Past Year
 - a. Supported all-day workshop at TWS National Conference in Reno: *A Process-Based Approach to Wetland Management*. Co-supported and organized by Leigh Fredrickson and two working group members, Cary Aloia and Adonia Henry.
 - b. Newsletter
 - i. Volume 9, Issue 1, published during August 2019
 - ii. Volume 9, Issue 2, scheduled for December 2019 (articles and information needed – see Opportunities section).
5. Treasurer's Report - Not available
6. Elections

- a. No nominations were received during 2018 so current board has volunteered to continue for another year.
- b. One nomination received for vice-chair for 2019 election
- c. Voting will be conducted on-line during Fall 2019.

7. Opportunities for Upcoming Year – Open Discussion

- a. Good discussion among meeting attendees, including WWG members and non-members, with suggestions for what the working group should focus on during the upcoming year.
 - i. Be an active conduit to national TWS regarding policy and legislation that affects wetlands by drafting comment letters.
 - ii. Find or recruit a member that is knowledgeable and stays up to date on policy issues to act as policy liaison for working group.
 - iii. Continue and strengthen partnership with SWS.
 - 1. Increase cross-promotion with SWS Wildlife Group members.
 - 2. Increase sharing of information from both groups.
 - iv. Provide wetland subject content for state and chapter meetings.
 - 1. Reach out to respective TWS sections and state chapters to get wetland information at these meetings.
 - 2. This may also increase involvement of current members.
 - v. Collaborate with Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM).
 - vi. Compile and make available funding sources for wetland-related programs.
 - 1. Program building and planning activities, which are hard to fund.
 - 2. Restoration, enhancement, and management.
 - vii. Reach out to organizations for financial support (e.g., Ducks Unlimited).
- b. What is status of #wetlandswednesday campaign to raise awareness of wetlands that was included in the August newsletter?
- c. Keep website up-to-date to increase value for members.
- d. Continue organizing workshops and/or symposium at national meetings.
 - i. Conference workshops could provide revenue for WWG.
 - ii. This has been done by other working groups, but revenue dependent on # attending.
- e. Continue newsletters.
 - i. Adonia volunteered to continue editing and formatting the newsletter.
 - ii. Kelly Warren is interested in contributing feature article for next newsletter about developer pressure to loosen wetland regulations in State of Oregon.

8. Next Board Meeting – Fall 2019 (date TBD)

9. Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

Minutes prepared by Adonia Henry