

Board Meeting Minutes (Fall 2021)

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Since our last newsletter, the Board and members met virtually several times – June 21, July 29, Aug 25, and Sept 7. The Board also interacts through email communications. Board meetings are open to the membership, so participation is always welcome!

Below is a list of some of the topics discussed and decisions made on these Board member calls and via online communications.

Annual conference

The annual conference has been the biggest topic of conversation over the last few months. We made some great headway on lining up a venue, caterer, speakers, and workshops before making the difficult decision to postpone the planned November conference in Jackson because of the surge of the Delta variant. Thank you to everyone who responded to our surveys about your preferences for this year's conference and the timing of the rescheduled conference – we had great response rates and the board really appreciated hearing from membership to help us make these decisions.

Our new plan is for an April conference in Jackson. Although we know the timing can't be perfect for everyone, we are looking forward to a great spring conference. Please plan to join us for our first in-person get together since the 2019 conference!

Board member elections and business meeting

Although the conference is not happening this fall, the board decided to continue to hold new board member elections and the annual business meeting on their usual fall schedule. Hopefully you have all seen the email about the board member election – please get your vote in for the two open at-large board member seats and the president-elect. Voting closes on Oct 31 and results will be announced at the annual business meeting.

The annual business meeting will be held Nov 5 from 2-4 pm via Zoom. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please be on the lookout for an invitation to join.

Sublette mule deer working group

Rhiannon Jakopak, chair of the legislative affairs committee, applied to serve on the Sublette mule deer working group as a representative of WY-TWS. Unfortunately, the application was not selected; however, we are optimistic that the working group will have balanced discussions.