



Southeastern Section – The Wildlife Society

Executive Board Meeting

17 October 2021

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order** **Ray Iglay**

- 2. Welcoming and Opening Statements** **Ray Iglay**

- 3. Report by the Secretary-Treasurer** **Daniel Greene**
 - Board members and guests
 - Secretary Minutes
 - Membership Update
 - Treasurer's Report

- 4. Review of Upcoming Members Meeting** **Executive Board**
 - Agenda
 - Bylaws Revisions
 - Elections
 - Committee Reports
 - Field Course

- 5. Other Business and Discussion** **Executive Board**

- 6. Adjourn** **Ray Iglay**

Fall Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society
Virtual Meeting
17 October 2021

ATTENDEES

Executive Board

Ray Iglay
Kelly Douglass
Mike Mengak
Dan Greene (virtual)

Position

President
President-elect
Past President
Secretary/Treasurer

Members in attendance: Colleen Olfenbittel, Lisa Muller, Darren Miller, Michelle Miller, and Caroline Murphy.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 P.M. EST.

Members meeting agenda. - Ray will print.

Meeting Minutes: Dan Greene itemized the main topics for discussion related to the previous board meeting calls in 2020-2021.

2020-2021 has been quiet due to ongoing effects of COVID-19. Key topics are as follows:

22 October 2020

1. Members meeting agenda briefing and necessary revisions
 - a. Discussed three things for our next year. Benefits of Membership dues, increasing membership, and communication.
 - b. Otherwise, we focused on committee updates.

10 December 2020

1. We discussed holding reoccurring meetings with state chapter board members to create a pathway for them to bring items to us that are important at their unit level.
 - a. Collectively, we may increase the number of letters of support, position statements, and comments to provide on high-priority items.
 - b. Committee Engagement:
 - i. We began discussions about how our committees are not vocal to membership or the EB except through annual reports. We are still working to improve this issue. E.g., state chapters have SE Section Representatives, but they don't communicate with us and we don't have great communication with other subunits.
2. SETWS Bylaws - Began discussions about how to update our bylaws - this continued to be a reoccurring conversation through our reoccurring meetings and those were distributed to be voted upon.

3. SE Rep to Council - Mike Conner's term is expiring, and we created a list of potential candidates for his replacement.
 - i. Similarly, we discussed a potential list of candidates for TWS Fellows.
4. Field Course - Discussions about funding opportunities and whether a 2021 field course could occur.
5. Nominations and Elections - President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer will be available next year.

21 January 2021

1. Continued to progress on same topics.
 - a. Finalized loose ends such as SEAFWA poster/talk awards.

March 24, 2021

1. Discussed chair positions to fill
2. Scheduled date to meet with state chapters
3. Discussed innovation ideas - opportunities to make state chapter members or members living in a section automatic member of TWS. Did not progress.

Membership: We currently have 588 members paid through TWS which is the same as last year. Family (17), Honorary (2), International Regular (1), New Professional (49), Regular (337), Retired (72), Student (110).

Treasurer's Report: Dan provided an overview of the Section's finances. Current funds = **\$23,322.39**

Of those funds, \$3,152.52 are being held for the Fur Resources Committee which is no change from last year. Therefore, SETWS funds are \$20,169.87. Of those, \$1000 are donations for SETWS field supplies, and another \$400 are donations for the field course. Expected expenses include Best Student Presentation and Poster awards. All other reoccurring annual expenses are accounted for at this time.

Since last year's October meeting:

- Debits
 - \$1500 for newsletter services
 - \$100 best presentation
 - \$100 best poster
 - \$109.13 to Ray for 2020 Plaques
- Deposits:
 - \$100 deposit from NC TWS for field course sponsorship
 - \$1000 Weyerhaeuser for SETWS Field Course
 - \$2070 (TWS)
 - \$764 TWS
 - \$1618 TWS
- Outstanding:
 - \$158.36 outstanding check

Began discussion on reallocating funds to go into an investment account.

Audit Chair is vacant. Will conduct an audit (split into 2 periods) once we have our bylaws finalized. The reason for this is our operating and fiscal year were set as Jan 1 to Dec 31, but our fiscal year was out of alignment with TWS's and needed to be corrected.

New Business

The Wildlife Professional Advisory Board. Colleen mentioned need for ideas for submissions to names, preferably someone from the southeast.

- Nominations
 - S/T - 2 people nominated
 - President elect - 2 people nominated
 - Ballot is being done electronically and should go out tonight to membership.
- Bylaws - we have more changes to make and the draft is not ready to be finalized.
 - Affiliate Member and Honorary Member - what's the value of these categories?
 - We need to address committees and special committees
 - Tell membership that we are still working on bylaw revisions and a new revision will be distributed soon.

Adjournment: 4:19 PM ET, Kelly motioned to adjourn the meeting; Darren seconded. All were in favor. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M. EST.

SEAFWA Editors:

Dr. Daniel Greene (Weyerhaeuser) is Associate Editor. Given the lack of 2020 submissions and uncertainty of submissions in 2021, it was decided to postpone filling the Assistant Editor role until 2020.

Twelve wildlife manuscripts submitted this year, and we are still processing those with reviewers. There remains lots of confusion between the manuscript submission process and simply submitting an abstract for SEAFWA. We are working to increase clarity in 2021.

Field Course:

Dan Greene, SETWS Field Course Update: Daniel Greene announced the upcoming SETWS Field Course to be held at the Jones Center at Ichuaway in Newton, GA, June 1-15, 2022. Applications will be accepted soon. We will renew conversations with universities, chapters, and advertise externally. Cap is planned at 24 students. Registration is first come, first serve, except last year's participants are being offered first chance to reserve. Tuition and credits were run through Castleton University to reduce costs, which include food, lodging, and instruction which is a great deal. If State Chapters would like to sponsor a student, they can, they just need to email Dan to reserve a spot. Katie Edwards will send the registration/Eventbrite link to all SETWS members.