

**TWS Renewable Energy Working Group (REWG)**

**Minutes**

**Subject:** REWG Monthly Board Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** December 9, 2022  
**Time:** 13:00-14:00 (EST)  
**Location:** Teleconference

**Attendees:**  
 Susan Rupp (Past Chair)  
 Jenn D’Augustine (Chair)  
 Sofia Agudelo (Secretary)  
 Matt Ihnken (Treasurer)  
 Jason Damm (Member at Large)  
 Mona Khalil (Member at Large)  
 Meaghan Gade (Member at Large)  
 Michael Fishman  
 Kelly O’Connor  
 Caroline Murphy  
 Tim Green

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
Prepare and Send out newsletter in early January (including announcement to January’s Webinar)	T. Green/L. Walston and J. Damm
Prepare synopsis of REWG’s involvement in past events	J. D’Augustine
Submit approved minutes and Confirm availability of the Annual All Members Meeting Minutes	S. Agudelo
Ask TWS about “Past Events” Tab in REWG website	J. D’Augustine
Determine need for “Spotlight feature” for TWP special issue	M. Fishman
REWG Webinar Series: January	S. Rupp
Confirm status of REWG Zoom account	J. D’Augustine
Treasurer must complete and submit the section or chapter Tax Report Form.	M. Ihnken, J. D’Augustine, and S. Rupp (by January 31)
BGEPA proposed Rule Status of Comments: CAN to send specific questions and REWG to distribute to membership to provide input	C. Murphy and J. D’Augustine
complete and submit Annual Report	J. D’Augustine (by January 31)
Decide date for the next quarterly members meeting (February 2023)	All

**1) Welcome/Roll Call**

**2) Old Business/Previous Action Items**

- a) Review/Approval of Executive Board meeting minutes from November 2022  
 Motion to approve minutes with edits: J. Damm; Seconded: M. Ihnken.  
*All in favor. Motion carried*
- b) Send previously approved minutes (including all members meeting minutes) to TWS – S. Agudelo
- c) Communications Committee
  - i) Newsletter for final quarter
    - (1) Prepare and Send out in early January - T. Green/L. Walston)
    - (2) Include announcement of the January webinar
  - ii) Webpage
    - (1) Remove past events

- (2) Create a "Past Events" tab. Add a small narrative to events where REWG was involved, describing what the group did for that specific event
  - (a) Prepare an overview/summary of what REWG did and send draft to BoD review - J. D'Augustine
  - (b) Reach out to Mariah to find out if TWS conference info is available to nonmembers after a period of time and to ask about "Past Events" Tab – J. D'Augustine
- (3) Identify upcoming events to post and send them to J. D'Augustine

**3) New Business**

- a) Wildlife Professional renewable energy: Special Issue March - April
  - i) Michael Fishman as point of contact
  - ii) Send drafts (4 – 5 pages) by January 15
  - iii) TWS membership encouraged but not a requirement
  - iv) Anything that related to wildlife and RE; not a scientific publication but an informational article (supported by data but not data heavy)
  - v) Is the "Spotlight" feature still needed? – Michael will let us know if they still need this piece
- b) BGEPA proposed rule
  - i) 30-day Extension
    - (1) Provided comments to CAC - Caroline Murphy gave updates on current status of comments
    - (2) TWS CAC has a working set of comments. They would like REWG to build up on specific comments, including: Underlying abundance criteria, associated auditing, and monitoring. Caroline will send these specific topics to J. D'Augustine
- c) Policy Priorities 2023-2024
  - (1) Jenn provided all priorities that were submitted from membership, including BGEPA, America the Beautiful, Inflation Reduction Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act Permit Program, Bats
  - (2) Use these opportunities to springboard CAC
    - (a) Setup early coordination call, review policies, early identification of issues
    - (b) Continue to remind membership about contributing to this discussion and CA topics
- d) Webinar Series
  - i) Continue updating the Tracking Spreadsheet with potential presenters
    - (1) May need to engage activity committee to continue working on this, developing contact list, outreach strategy
    - (2) S. Rupp to present January 2023 and send title, abstract, date/time for announcement
    - (3) Decide on Zoom account details
- e) Working Group Communication Account Discussion
  - i) Zoom account – Pro account (\$150/annually)
    - (1) Manager, Timeline, Needs
- f) Reminders/Reporting Needs

- i) 2023 TWS Award Nominations
- ii) By January 31, the treasurer must complete and submit the section or chapter Tax Report Form.
- iii) By January 31, complete and submit your Annual Report.
- iv) Decide on a date and schedule the quarterly All Members Meeting: Wait until February 2023

**4) Close Meeting/Set Date**

- a) Next Board Mtg. Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1300 EST
- b) Next All Members Meeting: February 2023 (TBD)

**Minutes approved by** Executive Board on January 13, 2023