

Student Development Working Group Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 25th, 2023, at 07:30 PM EST

Call to order: 7:32 PM EST

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

- Brilyn Brecka, Darwin Mayhew, Morgan Register, Jacob Tepsa, Madison Stevens, with special guests: Jeffrey Edwards, Alex Dudley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Confirm Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Approval of Budget/Funds

- \$XXX reported by Madison
- (Madison) Update and discussion on financial standings and use of funds from Slack conversation.
 - Sounds like there is plenty of money, so we can use it for grants, etc.
- (Darwin) Cont. of discussion above. The means of financial planning in the future.
 - We should ask someone to show us the platform for fundraising

Topics

- Update our roles and accomplishments within the Handbook
 - REMINDER TO ALL: Keep up with updating roles and assignments throughout the year (bi-monthly take a glance over!)
- Schedule of the next year in advance.
 - 5/30/2023
 - 6/27/2023
 - 7/25/2023
 - 8/29/2023
 - 9/26/2023
 - 10/31 (around this week, will be utilized to plan for the conference!)
 - *insert unknown date/time for onboarding meeting of new officers before conference*
 - 11/5-11/9 Louisville, KY Conference (Jacob plan for 11/3-11/10 due to board meetings)
 - 11/28/2023 tentative last meeting with new officers taking over & discussion of conference takeaways.
- Follow-up of Student Town Hall Meetings
 - Need to contact Mariah to post recording (Morgan follow-up due to not hearing back.)
 - Follow-up meetings? Response so far?
- Student Chapters Map Discussion
- Bioblitz
- Subcommittee Meeting Updates
 - Meeting with Student Blueprint Thursday 4/27. Meeting with Jacob 30 minutes prior
- Trailblazer Grant

- Update from Darwin on submissions
 - Hooray, we received more vortex binoculars
 - Let's push harder to advertise bc there are slots to fill
- Discuss how we added questions to survey applicants for Ed
 - We should ask more questions to get folks to apply.
- Recap meeting with Ed and Cameron about the future growth and expansion of Trailblazer Grant.
 - Finding sponsors to donate gear rather than financial gains
 - Information on what students actually need
- Increasing Grant visibility.
 - Should send to section presidents or social medias so they can share as well.
- Hosting a TWS Webinar
 - May 8th from 4-5:30p
 - Ed Arnett + TWS Council Members in attendance.
 - Write up for Webinar:
 - Attention students! Join CEO Ed Arnett and TWS President Don Yasuda for a Town Hall discussion on Monday, May 8 from 4pm to 5:30pm Eastern. Share your thoughts and ideas on how TWS can better serve its student members, and engage in conversation with TWS leaders on the strategic planning process that will move TWS into the future. The last hour of the meeting will be focused on collaboration among student chapters. Ask questions and share ideas with your peers on activities, guest speakers, fund raising, and any other topics of interest to your student chapter.
 - Ideas of topics to talk about: Encouraging chapters to mention the SDWG in local meetings.
 - Create infographic of the web that is TWS
 - Morgan: highlight slack general channels at the meeting
 - We should share a sign-up form and advertise for folks to join the Slack channel
- Urban Wildlife Working Group
 - Requested our participation jointly alongside ECPWG on the DEI grant that's due very soon and possible additional funding.
 - UWWG is having a conference, 27 volunteer stipend
 - Read document and email vote by Thursday
- SRIP submissions for TWS2023
 - Expect reviews needed 5/9-5/19.
 - Email on our gmail about it.
 - Action Item: Need to send names and emails of those participating.
 - Could solicit remote volunteering
- NCS Webinar collaboration [Week of September 18th](#)
 - Everyone welcome Jeffrey and Alex!
 - Mental health issues have been a concern

- Experiences, stories, imposter syndrome, toxic positivity
- Webinar open to professionals and students: NCS or nationwide?
 - Want 2 speakers, one confirmed
 - Any ideas for other speakers (15-20 min talk, then panel discussion)
 - Someone from Human Dimensions?
- Hosted by SDWG for more formal look
- TWS Working Group Officers Meeting
 - Wednesday, May 3 from 3-4:30p for WG officers
 - A survey will be sent at a later date.
 - Zoom registration link:
 - <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcuiurzwsHdalcUjjS8kl-jvgV6ovf4AL>
- Reminder of top three priorities this year:
 - Trailblazer Grant
 - Subcommittees Formed
 - Town Hall Meetings

To-Do (tentative, add and change during meeting!)

Chair:

1. Check out the infographic document

Chair-elect:

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Past-Chair:

1. Check out the infographic document

Secretary:

1. Check out the infographic document
2. Reach out on socials for SRIP volunteers
3. Grab student spotlights

Treasurer:

1. Check out the infographic document

For the Good of the Order

Adjournment:

Ending meeting formality:

Board member 1: "I make a motion to end the meeting"

Board member 2: "I second"

Chair: "All those in favor"

Board members: "Aye"

Chair: "All those opposed"

"..."

Chair: "Abstentions"

"..."

Chair: "Meeting adjourned at XX:XX"

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 PM EST