

TWS Renewable Energy Working Group (REWG)

Minutes

Subject: REWG Monthly Board Meeting
Meeting Date: February 10, 2023
Time: 13:00-14:00 (EST)
Location: Teleconference

Attendees:
 Jenn D’Augustine (Chair)
 Matt Ihnken (Treasurer)
 Jason Damm (Member at Large)
 Meaghan Gade (Member at Large)
 Tim Green

Action Items	Responsible
Webpage update- create list of necessary updates	Matt, Jason
Reach out to specific groups and people for REWG webinar series speakers, including S. Fritts (for symposium speaker list from 2022) and grad students	All, J. D’Augustine, M. Gade
CAC engagement- email people on google sheet for interest and to set a kick off meeting	Tim
Reach out to CAC activity committee to get speakers for REWG	Jenn
Adding list of Energy symposium speakers and Raptor Symposium speakers to reach out to for REWG speaker	Jenn, Matt (raptor)
Send zoom invitation to all membership for March 16, May 4, and Aug 3	Jenn
Create membership report	Jenn
Think of field trip ideas for next TWS meeting in Louisville KY (e.g. solar facility, distillery)	All

1) Welcome/Roll Call

2) Report

- a) Provide monthly membership updates (particularly interested in change from pre-conference to post-conference)
 - i) Membership Totals: Pre symposium: 149, November: 155, January: 172
 - ii) Jenn to make report; how does webinar series affect attendance?

3) Old Business/Previous Action Items

- a) Review/Approval of Exec Board Meeting Minutes for January (sent 02/08)
 - i) Approved
- b) Communications Committee
 - i) Webpage –
 - (1) Update webpage – any volunteers to review and identify updates that need to be made - TWS webpage has been updated, anyone want to take lead on our page to see if things need to be updated; need to get meeting minutes up, upcoming and past events
 - (a) Members section – needs to be fully updated
 - (b) Meeting Minutes (need December 2022; once approved – January 2023)
 - (c) Events section
 - (i) Past Events section – review Summary of REWG involvement provided by J. D’Augustine (January 11, 2023)
 - (ii) We need to identify upcoming events to post (likely based on newsletter)

1. Conferences
 - a. ACP Environmental Siting (March 28-30, 2023)
 - b. Agrivoltaics/Land Use/Solar Conference (March 13-15, 2023)
 - c. Any other thoughts?
 2. Send email to Mariah with list of updates that we need; Matt and Jason have volunteered to take a look at the website for the changes.
- c) Wildlife Professional renewable energy edition
- i) Jenn provided summary about the working group highlighting what REWG has done including mission statement, ex board meeting summary with Conservation affairs network, workshops and symposium, position statement, overview of how to join WG – Jenn will circulate that document.
- d) Policy Priorities 2023-2024
- (1) Use these opportunities to springboard CAC
 - (a) Setup early coordination call, review policies, early identification of issues
 - (i) We have a [google spreadsheet](#) with contacts for people who have ever expressed interest in different groups. We likely need to reach out and set up a kick off call; Tim is going to send out email to gauge interest and go from there to set up the meeting. Might need to reach out to activities committee to help us find speakers
 - (ii) ACTION ITEM: Reach out to activity committee to get speakers for REWG. Need outreach strategy.
- e) Webinar Series
- i) We are looking for presenters!
 - (1) May need to engage activity committee to continue working on this, developing contact list, outreach strategy
 - (2) Need a February presentation
 - (a) Need title, abstract, date/time
 - (3) Symposium speakers > Jenn reach to Sarah/Symposium speaker list and gauge interest in presenting (add that we'd like to extend this to their colleagues and grad students); grad students (Meaghan to coordinate); March – Meaghan coordinating;
 - (a) Meaghan to present on state solar survey, send title and description, maybe last week of Feb?
 - (b) Meaghan still reaching out to grad students
 - (c) List of people who presenting at the symposium to use that as an outreach for speaker to the REWG- adding to [this list](#)
 - (d) Raptor symposium is another good place to start -- Matt is going to compile that list and add to google doc

4) New Business

- i) Quarterly Members Meeting
 - (1) February 2nd 3pm EST – Quarterly Members Meeting (never announced)

- (a) Need to move this to end of February/early March
- (b) Thursday March 2? Gives people 2.5 week notice, but do we need to give members 30 days, per the bylaws?
 - (i) March 16 at 3 EST
 - (ii) ACTION ITEM: Send invitation to membership by Monday Feb 13

(2) May 4th

(3) August 3rd

(4) Should we have information on website? Yeah, let's put it on the website, send a recurring invite for other dates listed above at the same time. One con of putting on website is that its public, but these are member meetings so might get non-members. Is that a bad thing?

(5) Does anyone keep track of traffic on website and if not, should we be putting effort into it? Perhaps do a poll at the next member's meeting to see if they are actually using it.

b) Reminders and News updates

5) Open Forum

a) Next TWS in Louisville, not doing a symposium. Could we schedule a field trip to a solar site if there is one close and we can get access? Matt is going to start looking into this. Setting this up the earlier the better for access and security, and cost for transportation. Look into a distillery that is operated on renewable energy for a meet up?

b) Treasury report:

i) Matt: we have \$3803 with last quarterly dues at \$800; only one other WG has more \$\$ than us!

ii) ACTION ITEM: have standing treasury report for future agendas.

6) Close Meeting/Set Date

a) Next Board Mtg. Friday, March 10th @ 1300 EST