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## BOD Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023

Wesleyan University, Exley Science Center Room 409

4:30-6:00 pm

**In attendance: NH, PR MS, CG, JS, RL, MM, JC, PD; DV and SP (Zoom)**

Meeting called to order at 16:36 [NH]

### Minutes

**1/26/2023 [CG]**

**RL, JS** - Unanimously approved

Annual Meeting: There were no minutes because CG was not present, however, the meeting was highlighted in the previous News Blast. PR to check what was done previously in terms of annual meeting minutes recording and will compile/share findings with BoD

### Treasury Report [SP]

Some revenue came in from both regular and student membership

“Card-hold fee” was of question and confirmed that it was to link the debit card to PayPal

Account balance as presented reflects value before paying Wesleyan for catering

Reviewed 1/26/2023 Report

**RL, JS** - Both reports unanimously approved

### Correspondence [RL]

Received a potential scam email related to PayPal. RL will communicate with SP to verify

4 new memberships this year

Fundraising opportunity email sent from Dr. Tamie Jovanelly. RL will forward to JC to send out via News Blast

### Updates to Calendar [NH]

Still available for committees to use for organizational purposes

## **Updates to Website and Website Maintenance going forward**

CG to follow up with LB regarding edits and updates. PR proposed that each standing committee reviews applicable pages, and the President/Vice President will handle more general items

## **Standing Committee Descriptions and Reports**

### **Program Committee [RL, JS, CG, NH]**

RL was elected chair

Annual Meeting: MT contacted Paul Olsen - he is willing to be the KeyNote speaker for the 2023 annual meeting. NH will contact him to follow up. The meeting will be on November 3, 2023, and will be at Trinity (CG will coordinate with event staff)

Spring Field Trip: JC contacted Will Ouimet - he will probably be able to hold a field trip in late May. Paul Olsen will be a possibility for next year's (2024) trip

Summer Picnic: RL inquired about Gillette Castle and also suggested that the base (by the boat launch) would be a good place as the main gathering area (less likely to be booked, good parking, etc.)

### **Membership [PR, MS]**

PR shared a graph showing membership over the last year. The goal is to refine the membership roster list (i.e., remove duplicate emails) and also increase student/younger professional membership (possibly coordinate with other young professional environmental groups).

Need to consider different payment method for Wild Apricot – will look into the best approach and propose next meeting

### **Communication & Education [JC, PD, MM]**

JC was elected chair

Student Grants: Goal was to increase the number of students who apply (with hopes that this leads to more student members). One possibility could be to find out how undergraduate research is handled at different universities. Need to coordinate with faculty to have them facilitate and encourage students to apply

RL brought up that we have historically been able to fund all the applicants that applied, so we should be mindful about not having too many people apply. We should focus on having quality application rather than too many applications

Reviewed and discussed questions that JC shared via email to make sure that proposed changes were in line with objectives as they were intended

**JS, CG** made the motion that the committee has the autonomy to modify the form as needed and send to BoD for review – Unanimously approved

**Other Business and Ideas for 2023**

**Thank-you gifts for departing BoD members**

Action item for next meeting is for members to think of a sustainable gift since mugs are no longer available

**Next BoD meeting = May 4, 2023, 16:30-18:00**

Meeting adjourned at 18:13 [**CG, MM**]

Respectfully submitted,

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