

IASWCD Board of Directors Meeting

September 16, 2022

Minutes



Location: Indiana Farm Bureau building, downtown Indianapolis

Present: Roger Wenning, Troy Hattery, Stan Moore (online), John Kruse, Les Zimmerman, Sarah Delbecq (online), Joe Schmees, Amy Work; Kim Peterson, Mark Kingma, Jeff Baker, Elli Blaine, Bobby Hettmansperger (online), and Andy Ambriole (online)

Partners present: Walt Sell, Purdue (online), Trevor Laureys (online), Jennifer Thum (online), Angie Brown, IDEM (online);

Meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM

Consent agenda was approved.

Treasurer's report given by Jeff Schmees on behalf of Sarah Delbecq (online)

Partner Discussion and Handouts

- Elli Blaine, Urban Soil Health
- Trevor Laureys & Jennifer Thum, ISDA
- Angie Brown, IDEM
- Walt Sell, Purdue Extension
 - Steve Hawkins, Purdue Ag Center, retired recently – PACs
 - Design for ag soil health information – new program
 - There is an MOU signed with Purdue to work with them and other universities – current one is expiring; working as if it's still in place; new MOU is going through the chain so that this can be updated and taken care of
- NRCS and IDEA – Joe shared updates from them

IASWCD Business

- FY22 year end and FY23 budget discussions and vote
 - Joe went through budget line by line
 - Less income from conference – mostly due to decrease in registrations
 - Approximately 12 districts have not paid dues yet
 - NRCS agreement explanation
 - Audio was a huge expense at conference
 - Money was committed to SICIM through the 2022 budget; Joe following up with them regarding this and if they are going to request more funds. Les expressed the importance of partnering with SICIM. Roger would like to have an update from SICIM at next meeting if possible. Bobby stated to remember that we have \$5K in budget for legislative committee that will also benefit SICIM.
 - IANA – Joe explained who and what IANA is and discussion happened regarding how it was formed. 4R accreditation program was brought to Indiana via IANA. This was rolled out in 2021. There is no request from IANA at this time. Les expressed that we might want to keep our support at Joe's time.

- Joe adding money for new computer for Amy (\$2K)
 - Joe checking into Bank Service fees as they were high for the year
 - Joe planning to attend the NACD national conference in February.
 - Joe will also have the Executive Directors conference in early October.
 - Exec committee recommended a 5% increase in salary for both Amy and Joe.
 - Joe went over Grant Agreements (income and expenses)
- Motion to approve budget by Troy; John seconded. All favored, no opposition. No further discussion.
- Going to add “District Dues” at November meeting.

Discussed summer district meetings:

- Asked for board to send us topic ideas
- Regenerative agriculture with Rick Clark or ???
- “dues increase and why?”
- Board certification program
- SSCB, ISDA and IASWCD – differentiation and similarities and how we work together; perhaps have directors share their state perspective; and brag about how Indiana is doing

Legislative Committee Update

- Les gave background on Legislative Committee and state budget request
- One page CWI handout is the focus of the request and handed out to present members
- July 21 – met with Lt. Governor
- Met with Governor’s staff after Lt. Gov mtg – Aug 2
- Aug 12 – ISDA meeting at fairgrounds and IASWCD received news that their request would be \$920K
- Les and Kenny met with Senator Boots
- Joe, Kenny and Les went to the Water Summit

NACD August Summer Meeting – report from Roger

- Rewriting Strategic Plan
- Working hard on getting the Executive Directors together and maybe starting an affiliated group of these directors
- Regrouping committees
- Farm bill task force is ramping up; small group appointed by President Crowder – finding more money in the new farm bill
- Working with APHIS to reduce invasive species
- Editing policy group hand book to reduce size and redundancy
- North Central meeting – increased dues
- Les thanked Roger for his dedication to the organization

Other

- Amy gave update on District Showcase recipients and visits
- Amy gave update on RFF ceremony

Roger motioned to close meeting; Stan seconded. All approved. No opposition.

Meeting adjourned 2:13 pm