

## OLA Board Meeting 16 December 2020

### Minutes

**Present:** Dreher, Miller, Schaedel, Sobota, Willie, Larson, Pennington, Eliers, Jansen, Tullos

**Absences: None**

Lara as new secretary

II. Approval of Minutes (November) (4:02p): [Toni Pennington](#) approved, Schaedel seconded, unanimous approval.

III. Treasurer's report (4:05p): Andy has sent the monthly report

- In good shape overall- hopefully should have more renewals at the end of the year
- Directions for the scholarship should be discussed

IV. Lara's proposed spring career event for students (4:10p)-OLA is on for sponsoring

- Collab w/WALPA and PNW SFS-Lara will check
- OSU Limnology contact & help with dissemination-Dan
- OSU Hydrophiles contact-Desiree
- Diverse set of speakers-Desiree
- OSU Zoom and website:Rich will need to set up the website portal ahead of time
- Contacts for speakers, send out an email requesting contacts-Willie
- Lara will start organization.

V. Other ideas for 2021 OLA conference sessions (4:20p):

- 2nd HABs sessional: Theo will notify once date for Stakeholder meeting is set, and then a decision on a session, perhaps more discussion-based, can be made, but for a different day.
- Late winter session (February)-Rich, Joe & Toni leading a session

VI. CyanoHABs Stakeholder meeting, March 2021 (4:25p) (Theo)

- Decided on charge: \$10 for non-members with students and members free
- Morning (9a-12p) session is set with the usual agency point people (OHA, EPA, USGS, USFS & DEQ)
- Talks will be very short
- Sobota & Tullos recommend breaking up over 2 days-2nd session open to other speakers

VII. Advocacy reports: CyanoHABs; Lake Abert (4:33)

- CyanoHABs (Theo,Dan, Desiree, Lara): OLA responded to proposed state legislative concepts for additional support for HABs related work
  - Rich recommended including citizen science-> suggested to add in the future
  - Key points: additional positions at OHA & DEQ (such as a chemist, field tech), expanding monitoring and outreach
  - Ken Helm is continuing to keep this on the legislative agenda
- Lake Abert (Trish, Theo, Joe & Ron): Seeking ways to prevent further diversions upstream
  - Senator Wyden is pursuing Wild & Scenic River designation for Upper Chewaucan River, but not for Lake Abert.
  - US Congress Proposal for USGS to study saline lakes for 5 years (Senator Merkley)
  - Most of lake is under jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management with a few private holdings

- Working towards a Conservation Objective with Andy Kerr and ONDA (Oregon Natural Desert Association) -federal protection for Lake Abert and surrounds that will include in-stream water rights for the lake
- Will bring recommendation to the Board before submission by the group to Senators Merkley and Wyden
- Ron & Joe are working on a proposal to study lakes in the Great Basin

#### VIII. New business (4:50p)

- Scholarship ideas & committee (Rich, Theo & Stan?)
  - Need a committee chair-Rich will chair
  - Dan Sobota will join the committee
  - Committee needs to review application materials before announcement-Wayne has a standard template
  - Formalize the application objective-sponsor a person interested in a limnology career
  - Amount-raise? & move up the deadline-Rich
  - Motion (Toni approved & Andy seconded) on raising to \$1500 + travel up to \$200 for the OLA annual meeting (with receipts)-voted unanimously yes.