

OLA Board Meeting 17 March 2021
Minutes

Present: Dreher, Sobota, Schaedel, Eilers, Jansen, Wille, Pennington, Larson (late)

Absences: Miller, Tullos

I. Attendance (Lara): 4:03

II. Approval of Minutes (Lara) February: 4:04-Andy made a motion to approve and Theo seconded. Unanimous approval

III. Treasurer's report (Andy): 4:05

- The Stakeholder Meeting was held on March 8 and was quite good - great job Theo. We earned \$380 from the non-member \$10 donations for the Stakeholder Meeting. Also of note, there was an increase in memberships in the Feb-Mar time period this year as compared to past years - 21 in 2021 vs 5 in 2020 and 9 in 2019. This could, in part, be due to the "free-for-Members" policy that we adopted for special events.
- Balances as of 3/14/2021 are \$11,301 for the operations account and \$24,606 for the scholarship fund.
- Andy has been working on tax forms for the past tax year (2020)

IV. Conference sessions: 4:10

- Theo: CyanoHABs Stakeholder meeting: short report
 - 60 attendees
 - Usual presenters from the state and federal agencies with updates
 - DEQ is expanding capacity for CyanHABs analyses
 - qPCR for toxin genes
 - remote sensing with the CYAN Shiny app specific for OR-using Sentinel satellite currently and MERIS for historical. The shiny app will link in-situ data as well
 - Hopefully more analysts positions will be created with potential increased funding
 - HABs Workshop for Willamette Valley drinking water utilities coming up - April 28th with DEQ and other agencies
- Lara: Careers in Freshwater Panel, April 8th from 3-4:30pm
 - 56 registered
 - Working on questions to ask broadly. Lara will send to the board for review

V. Plans for fall conference- 4:23

- WALPA is planning for an in-person meeting in October in Richland, WA
- Dan, Andy & Toni say there is still too much uncertainty for an in-person meeting in the fall for OLA.
- Andy says the virtual conferences work fairly well with focused sessions
- Theo says we need to commit to session topics.
- Dan suggests partnering with other organizations in the area. Theo says there has been WALPA discussion for a NALMs regional meeting in 2022
- Brainstorming session ideas in next month's meeting
 - Field trip? Perhaps in the fall or virtual
- Lake-themed beer? A few possible breweries: Ten Barrel, Worthy Brewing (Bend)

VI. Scholarship (Rich): 4:37

- Nothing to report-should announce winner at Career panel

VII. Advocacy status: 4:38

- Lake Abert: Meetings with Andy Kerr, Audubon, OR Natural Desert Association (ONDA) have been held to discuss the maps of areas to include for federal protection.
 - Group has settled on a multi-pronged approach for protection with different priority levels with Lake Abert at the first level, Warner Lakes-included in a secondary larger option, and other areas as tertiary larger options.
 - Meeting today with subgroup to discuss contacting Simplot (owners of ZX Ranch)
- HABs-Stakeholder meeting covered updates in the state
- Lead-State bill was referred to the Environmental & Wildlife Committee, but is now not going anywhere (no hearings as of yet).
 - Public input online has not been positive.
 - Should OLA provide input/outreach?

VI. New business: 4:45

- DEI statement-Lara & Toni have been discussing OLA drafting up
 - Toni suggests it shows OLA is aware of it and trying to work on it.
 - Lara will compile examples of DEI statements and provide a draft for the board to review
- July as Lake Appreciation Month-Rich drafted in partnership with NALMS (Theo)
 - Coincide with Secchi Dip-in
 - Seek state government to recognize July as Lake Appreciation Month
 - OLA support?
 - Andy will look into the past-similar things have happened
 - Toni suggests form a committee with other orgs to push Lake Appreciation Month
 - Theo suggests a field outing during July as annual event
 - Joe suggest perhaps down the road a trip to Salem to show support
- Toni has updated 303B list, some related to lead