

IPAW Board Meeting Minutes
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Board members present by telephone: Christa Schaefer, Diane Schauer, Jessica Roloff, Kari Hagenow, Mark Renz, John Lunz, and Anne Pearce, Kelly Kerns

Also present: Emily Sprengelmeyer

Absent: Greg Bunker, Heidi Kennedy, Steve Bertjens, Nisa Karimi, and Katherine Stahl

Administration

1. **Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 12:07 PM. Roll is listed above.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Schauer moved to approve the agenda. Pearce seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Lunz moved to approve the minutes of March 17, 2020. Schauer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** No formal report. IPAW should not expect income generated from 2020 UMISC Conference.

Old Business

5. **July/August IPAW Newsletter**
 - ❑ The next newsletter is slated for July/August distribution. The President's letter will address COVID-19 and event cancellation. Possible topics include:
 - Update from WI Wetlands Association
 - Virtual Conferences (Renz)
 - Update on herbarium voucher specimens (Karimi)
 - AIS Grant changes (Hagenow)
 - Intro of new PA (Sprengelmeyer)
6. **Calendar Review and Upcoming Events**
 - ❑ CWIP Invasive Species Management Workshop; Mead Wildlife Area rescheduled Oct. 3, 2020 (Hagenow presenting)
 - ❑ Garden Fair at Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay, WI now canceled
 - ❑ Invader Crusader Award Ceremony; Olbrich Gardens, Madison, WI now canceled but awards will be announced soon.
 - ❑ Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Eau Claire County now canceled
 - ❑ UMISC 2020 Virtual Conference rescheduled Nov. 2-6, 2020

New Business

7. **New Program Assistant Introduction**

Sprengelmeyer provided a brief introduction. Sprengelmeyer will connect with Michele and meet with Renz and Pearce to discuss mail and financials.
8. **Stahl Resignation and Nomination**

Stahl is resigning from the Board due to time-management conflicts. Stahl recommends Christopher Gaetzke of LCISP as a potential board member. Hagenow will reach out to Gaetzke to gauge interest.

Committee Reports

9. UMISC 2020 Updates

The conference will be held virtually in 2020. The primary speakers are still planning to present. A positive of the virtual conference is the possibility of attracting attendees that are unable to travel. Abstracts are due June 19. Conference fees are reduced.

UMISC 2022 Updates

Renz is looking into adjustments for the 2022 contract. KI Conference Center in Green Bay is potentially free based on catering order and room reservations. A conservative estimate for attendee range is 300-400. The conference is scheduled for a Tuesday-Thursday. The contract is void if there are government-mandated travel restrictions within five days of scheduled event; Renz will look into any flexibility KI can offer on these restrictions.

10. CISMAs

Kearns questioned if CISMAs can embed webpages within the IPAW webpage. Board recommends that Kearns does not open the option to CISMAs at this time.

April call included 90-minute breakout sessions to discuss survey results. Conversations included volunteer management and how to engage volunteers. Survey questioned CISMAs on challenges and opportunities over the next year.

Renz Lab is hosting virtual office hours Fridays, 12:00 – 1:00 PM to ask questions about invasive plant management. The Lab is open to individuals taking over a session to share information about specific areas of interest.

11. Communications & Website

No report.

12. Membership

Hagenow reported a member interested in a lifetime membership option. The Membership Committee/Board is not opposed to the option. Hagenow and Sprengelmeyer will prepare a proposal for a future board meeting.

13. Education

No report.

14. Other Announcements

Lunz suggests a 20-year IPAW anniversary party in 2021. He recommends looking into cost and location from 2010. Schauer recommends rolling out a lifetime membership option a 20-year anniversary. The board will discuss options in a future 2020 meeting.

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 PM.

Next meeting: Tuesday July 14, 2020 12-2 PM with a location to be determined.