



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society
January 15, 2019
Conference Call

Past President – Kristy Kollaus-present

President – Jason Chapman-present

President Elect – Brittany Chesser-present

Secretary – Casey Williams-present

Treasurer – Thomas Decker-present

Editor – Melani Howard-present

Executive Director – Bill Torres-present

Director –Monica McGarrity-present

Director –Andrew Labay-present

Director – Jeff Hutchinson

Director – Haley Kokel-present

Director –Kristina Tolman-present

Meeting called to order 2:05 with quorum by
President Bylaws presented to new board
members by President

1. Treasurer’s Report – Thomas Decker

a. Current financial status

No Report. Financial records have not yet been transferred to new Treasurer at the bank. Kristy Kollaus reported that last known financial status was around \$6,000 gained from 2020 annual meeting.

2. Committee Nominations and Reports

a. **Auditing** - To audit the accounts of the Society annually and certify the results of the audit to the annual business meeting.

i. Committee Chair: Thomas Decker

ii. Chairpersons: Casey Williams

b. **Membership and Publicity** - To promote the Society and to recruit new members. The President-Elect shall chair the committee.

i. Committee Chair: Brittany Chesser

ii. Chairpersons: Casey Williams

Andy Labay

Quick discussion regarding location of totes containing TAPMS equipment and promotional equipment.

c. **Nominating** - To nominate qualified candidates for the offices of the Society in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Sections 7, 8, and 9.

i. Committee Chair: Jason Chapman

ii. Chairpersons: Monica McGarrity

d. **Program** - Will develop and implement the annual meeting program.

i. Committee Chair: Brittany Chesser

ii. Chairpersons: Monica McGarrity

e. **Governmental Affairs** - (a) Acquaint themselves with all pending legislation of administrative rules directly or materially affecting aquatic plant management and convey such information to the Editor for dissemination to the members. (b) Collaborated with other organizations, to provide Legislators or Congressmen with information and assistance on matters directly or materially affecting aquatic plant management. (c) Perform special assignments as directed by the President or Board of Directors.



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- i. Committee Chair: Jason Chapman
 - ii. Chairpersons: Monica McGarrity
Keep contact with AERF for updates
 - f. **Awards, Scholarship and Scholastic Endowment** - Will handle matters relating to the selection and presentation of awards by the Society.
 - i. Committee Chair: Monica McGarrity
 - ii. Chairpersons: Melanie Howard , Kristy Kollaus
 - g. **Site and Local Arrangements** - To arrange for the site and associated physical requirements of the Society's annual meeting
 - i. Committee Chair: Bill Torres
 - ii. Chairpersons: Jason Chapman
Melanie Howard and Kristy Kollaus
 - h. **Editorial** - To assist in the preparation of the Society's official publications. The Editor will chair this committee.
 - i. Committee Chair: Melani Howard
 - ii. Chairpersons: Brittany Chesser
Jeff Hutchinson (ask)
Monica McGarrity
 - i. **Website** - To assist in the preparation of the Society's official website.
 - i. Committee Chair: Brittany
 - ii. Chairpersons: Monica McGarrity
Haley Kokel
 - j. **Sponsorship** - To promote the society through securing sponsor involvement and contributions.
 - i. Committee Chair: Jason Chapman
 - ii. Chairpersons: Kristy Kollaus
Andy Labay
 - k. **Social Media** – To regularly update and monitor the TAPMS social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter)
 - i. Committee Chair: Casey Williams
 - ii. Chairpersons: Brittany Chesser
Haley Kokel
3. **Schedule next board member meeting/conference call?**
- a. Would like to meet again in June, August, October

First week of June proposed. Send a doodle poll for scheduling
Meeting in person or conference call undecided
Abstract submission months (August 1 through September)?
Question on CEU accreditation timeframe?

4. **Any other items to discuss**

- a. Bylaws are posted on the website if new directors are interested in viewing them. These were reviewed in 2018.
- b. Need new meet the board with Bios?



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Melanie wants bios of board members for newsletter by midApril with picture. Melanie will send reminder email. If you are already a board member and want an updated bio also send.

- c. Memberships for those who did not attend the CEU meeting last fall?
President asked for ideas on gaining new membership. Brittany stated no way to join on the website. Monica asked about Wild Orchid. Kristy reminded about Eventbrite for continuous membership registration. President asked about just stating on the website that membership is included in conference registration instead of having a Join button on the website? Thomas Decker asked about setting up a active member period from Nov to Oct. with renewal notices before Conference. Membership is paid for the following year at time of conference. John will get with Bill about status of Eventbright.
Keep the membership tab but take off the “become a member today” on website
- d. Any ideas to grow membership?
Ask Bill Torres on how other organizations acquire members.
Marketing material flyers brochures
Field days or workshops separate from the conference.
Membership list? Kristy or John
Brittany responds with a mail chimp
Field trip during conference.
Reaching out to universities around the U.S. with aquatic programs.
Monica asked about a past membership list to reach out.
- e. Aquatics Magazine- Would the regional chapters consider supplementing the printing/ mailing cost of ~\$1,000.00 annually (maybe we base this on how many members are receiving the magazine regionally)?
Brittany updated on the feedback regarding the funding for the publication. Feedback from respondents requested mostly a digital publication offered only to Florida members or if funded by APMS to be sent to APMS members. President will inquire further on behalf of TAPMS.