



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society
May 23, 2022
Virtual Meeting**

Present Kristina Tolman
Andy Labay
Sean Deery
Brittany Chesser
Thomas Decker
Casey Williams
Haley Kokel
Kelly Duffie

Called to order at 3:05 pm

1. Treasurer's Report- Thomas Decker

a. Current financial status

- i. Anything to report? Need to start thinking of registration costs both early bird and late registrants

\$500 check to APMS for scholarship

\$50 tax filing

35.00 business account fees per month

\$4761. 47 in checking

2. Committee Nominations and Reports

a. **Auditing**

- i. Committee Chair: Thomas Decker
ii. Chairpersons: Casey Williams

Committee will look at APMS operating procedure manual for how they do auditing

b. **Membership and Publicity**

- i. Committee Chair: Kristina Tolman
ii. Chairpersons: Cory Smith, Andy Labay

Kelly sent picture of current booth set up. All approved the need to order banner and table wrap

Next year, put together package from TAPMS for TCAFS?

Brittany mentioned needing space for TCAFS booth in return for TAPMS booth at their meeting. New banner and TAPMS table cloth organized and ordered before then. Improve promotional items.

Kelly mentioned that TAPMS had a table banner with newer logo



Email Emily Griffith for table cover
Design new banner with website info and Social Media
Brittany recommended contacting Angela Engeland with TPWD about healthy streams initiative and Robert McCartney with Texas State on Triploid Grass carp in private waters.

Brittany recommended in the future TAPMS donations to TCAFS raffle
Kristina – look at programs at other universities and associations

c. Nominating

- i. Committee Chair: Jason Chapman
- ii. Chairpersons: Brittany Chesser

Who is rotating off board ?

d. Program

- i. Committee Chair: Kristina Tolman
- ii. Chairpersons: Andy Labay, Brittany Chesser, Cory Smith
Symposium or discussion on specific topic?
Kristina – special sections harmful algae / bluegreen algae
30 minute questions answer section with experts
Nuisance control - sections
Restoration - sections
Invite WSA students or speakers?
Target new topics from APMS

e. Governmental Affairs

- i. Committee Chair: Kelly Duffie
- ii. Chairpersons: Thomas Decker
See newest email Kelly sent last week
He will continue forwarding relevant emails to the board
We post most updates on social media
Schedule Carlton Lane ASAP
Invite someone from TCEQ pollutant discharge, water quality, WOTUS permitting.

f. Awards, Scholarship, and Scholastic Endowment

- i. Committee Chair: Kristina Tolman
- ii. Chairpersons: Brittany Chesser
target WSA students
Sean mentioned reaching out to the Phragmites research lab at Tulane
Put scholarship info on website permanently



Always looking for students

Bill mentioned AERF will pay for any student travel

- g. **Site and Local Arrangements**
 - i. Committee Chair: Bill Torres
 - ii. Chairpersons: Kristina Tolman, Casey Williams
Bill looking for offsite venue for president reception.
Kristina will send Bill recommendations for such

 - h. **Editorial-** To assist in the preparation of the Society's official publications. The Editor will chair this committee.
 - i. Committee Chair: NEED TO FILL
 - ii. Chairpersons: Brittany Chesser
Most information is there for new newsletter but not put into template
 - 1. March 2022- missed deadline
 - 2. September 2022

Brittany has template ready for newsletter. Need volunteers to collect topics. Copy and paste. Kristina offered to help maybe wait for a June / July newsletter to announce abstract submissions.

 - i. **Website**
 - i. Committee Chair: Brittany Chesser
 - ii. Chairpersons: Haley Kokel, Sean Deery
Add scholarship page for info
Update minutes.

 - j. **Sponsorship**
 - i. Committee Chair: Andy Labay
 - ii. Chairpersons: Kelly Duffie
Kelly asked about existing list of past sponsorships ?
Brittany replied no formal list, Bill has some sponsors.
Kelly asked for list of registrants from last meeting. Brittany will add what she has to Google Drive folder
Approach potential sponsors ASAP to get on their schedule.
Kristina mentioned to add a shared folder / google drive.
Brittany has one created already for TAPMS, will send link.

 - k. **Social Media**
 - i. Committee Chair: Haley Kokel
 - ii. Chairpersons: Casey Williams, Kelly Duffie
Nothing to report
3 new likes last week
- 3. Important dates for 2022 Meeting**
- a. Abstract submission
 - i. Open July 5 - Aug 12
Still on track



Committees to meet before abstract submissions

- b. Registration
 - i. Sept 5- 30 open early bird
 - ii. Oct - Conf reg price
 - c. Scholarship
 - i. Apps due by Aug 12 w/ abstract
- 4. TAPMS SOP Manual**
- a. Progress

Committees add topics regarding their committee tasks, duties and operations

5. Next Board Meeting

No planed meeting before Abstract submission unless necessary

6. Other items

Bill mentioned procuring Social media consultant.

APMS strategic planning meeting

Kelly, regarding contacting TCEQ, wants update on WOTUS permitting. Brittany has a potential contact.