



SOUTHWEST VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

SWVMA Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 10:00AM-11:30AM
Meeting on Teams Meet

Meeting Minutes January 4, 2023

2022 Board Members

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| a. Willie Sommers, President (2019) | DFFM |
| b. Juanita Armstrong, Vice President (2020) | Maricopa County Parks |
| c. Corina Anderson, Treasurer (2019) | SWCA |
| d. Kris Haskins, Secretary / Past President | Arboretum at Flagstaff (retired) |
| e. Tom Dinn, Board Member (2021) | Bayer |
| f. Nick Brasier, Board Member (2020) | SWCA |
| g. Curt Deuser, Board Member (2022) | National Park Service |
| h. Dan McLendon, Board Member(2021) | American Conservation Experience |
| i. VACANT, Board Member | (VACANT) |

CALLED TO ORDER: (X=present; E=excused; A=absent)

A. New Board members: Introductions / Roll Call / Call to Order

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| a. Juanita Armstrong, President (2020)X | Maricopa County Parks |
| b. Corina Anderson, Vice President (2019)X | SWCA |
| c. Mary Fastiggi, Secretary (2023) X | McDowell Sonoran Conservancy |
| d. Willie Sommers, Past President (2019)X | DFFM |
| e. Nick Brasier, Treasurer (2020) X | SWCA |
| f. Dan McLendon, Board Member (2022)E | American Conservation Experience |
| g. Tom Dinn, Board Member (2021?)A | CINVEN thomas.dinn@envu.com |
| h. Curt Deuser, Board Member (2022)E | LMIRIST National Park Service |
| i. Andy Pigg, Board Member (2023)X | USDA Coconino NF |
| j. Jen Becker, Board Member (2023)X | Pima County Flood Control |
| k. Board Member | (VACANT) |
| l. Tom Ohmart, At large Board Member X | |
| m. others? | |
- Other participants –; Peter Lefebvre

B. Meeting Called to Order:

- a. Approve Meeting notes Dec 7, 2022, Approved
- b. Grants. 2 signed agreements U of A for \$1,500 and Greenlee County \$2,500. Check for half of each grant have been sent with \$1,250.00 to Greenlee County and \$650 for U of A.
- c. Motion (Juanita and Willie) to vote new board members. And Second motion (Corina) and all board attendees approved (included Juanita, Willie, Nick, Corina, Mary once voted in) and as follows: Nick Brasier-Treasurer, Mary Fastiggi-Secretary, Andy Pigg and Jen Becker new board members; An email was sent to additional board members and Dan McClendon cast the final vote to reach a quorum.
- d. In Addition, an email was sent to approve Corina as Vice President (position change) Juanita Motioned, Dan McLendon Second motion (via email) and Mary Fastiggi, NAMEs members voted yes

C. Treasurer Report: Current Balance 15,305.67 (after bills paid) see attachment



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- D. **Secretary Report:** Juanita motioned meeting minutes approval, Willie second and board approved. Send pdf to members.
- E. **Old Business:**
 - a. Grants Update (given on Dec 7-Recap)
 - b. Award Nomination to MSC Jan 2023-in person Weed Manager of the Year.
 - c. Insurance Update-waiting for a quote from nonprofit alliance of AZ nonprofits. Estimate should be less than 400 (director and officers' insurance) Separate insurance for conference Costs.
 - d. Juanita will look in to getting Insurance asap.
 - e. Additions to Noxious Weed List: African sumac is being revisited. ADA (Arizona Dept. of Agriculture) is allowing a justification letter to be submitted. Willie and John S. have drawn up a draft justification for adding this species to the Noxious Weed List. Willie will distribute for further comment.
- F. **New Business:**
 - a. Discuss meeting first Wednesday of the month does that work for all? YES
 - b. Update Committees :
 - i. Added as highlighted below for Need Facebook admin, Grants,
 - c. Advocacy
 - d. EPA pesticide registration review
 - e. Update website with new board positions and members.

Board Appointed Positions and committees: Need to be updated.

Board-Appointed Positions	*Bold indicates a standing committee, others are ad hoc
Representative to North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)	Eleanor Gladding
Advocacy	John Scheuring, Need
Website Committee	Mary Fastiggi and <i>Juanita Armstrong</i>
Facebook Admin.	<i>Need New? Nick Brasier</i> assists Juanita
Committees	
Grants	<i>Willie S., Curt Deuser,</i> Andy Pigg
Strategic Planning /Operational Plan	<i>Juanita, Corina and Willie</i>
Weed Management Areas	<i>Kim Franklin, Willie Sommers, Corina Anderson, and Andy Pigg</i>
State Weed List	<i>John Scheuring, John Brock and Patti Fenner</i>
Conference Planning	<i>Corina Anderson, Juanita Armstrong, Willie Sommers, Tom Ohmart and Dan McLendon Nick Brasier</i>
Sponsorship	<i>Tom Ohmart,</i> Tom Dinn?
Education/Conservation	<i>Michael C, John S,</i> Pertter Lefebvre
Nominating	Willie and <i>Tom Ohmart</i>



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H. Round Robin (*if time permits*) – brief updates from Board members and participants related to vegetation management: Spent 25 minutes introductions and responsibilities.

Follow Up Items:

- Juanita
 1. Advisory Board Contact Sheet
 2. Updating the Website with new emails with Marlo
 3. Add contact for position/new members on website
 4. Set up meeting with Mary and Kris and Willie for the secretary transfer

- Willie, Juanita, Corina and Nick will set up B of A meeting to transfer account names

Andy- Interested in committees: Weed mgmt. area?, Education/Conservation and Grants

Mary-Interested in Website mgmt.

Peter Interested in Education/Conservation

Some of the updates:

Michael Chamberlain: U of A Jose Weed specialist- he may not be that involved . another hire with Pima County parks and extension Ben Tully- publicity and outreach

Willie U of A cooperative extension to update the nonnative plants of Arizona booklet Larry Howery and Elise Cornish. Their students update.... Juanita asked if possibility to have these as swag for the conference with other trinket funded by DFFM Jobs act

Discussed the New Invaders Watch or EDDR program up and running. Juanita will send out the preliminary work started about 1.5 years ago, needs EDDR website updates.

Spent about 15 minutes discussing upcoming projects, job openings and getting and another 20 minutes just conversing and getting to know one another.

Adjourn 11:36 pm - Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 @10:00 am (Corrina will lead)

After the meeting it was determined we were missing one vote for an official quorum, for new board members and we failed to vote for the position change of VP. So, two separate emails were sent out. One email sent to entire board requesting a vote for Corina's position change to VP and one email was sent to just the absent board members to vote on new board positions and Treasurer change of position. The fifth vote was received on 1/9/2023 approving all new board members and treasurer change. We still need to vote in Corina as new VP.