



SOUTHWEST VEGETATION  
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

SWVMA Board Meeting  
Wednesday August 2, 2023, 10:00AM-11:30AM

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## Agenda August 2, 2023

**CALLED TO ORDER: (X=present; E=excused; A=absent) (need 5 for quorum)**

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

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|-----|------------------------------------|--|
| 1.  | X -Juanita Armstrong, President    | Maricopa County Parks                  |
| 2.  | E -Corina Anderson, Vice President | SWCA                                   |
| 3.  | X -Mary Fastiggi, Secretary        | McDowell Sonoran Conservancy           |
| 4.  | X -Nick Brasier, Treasurer         | SWCA                                   |
| 5.  | X- Willie Sommers, Past President  | AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Mgmt. |
| 6.  | E-Dan McLendon, Board Member       | American Conservation Experience       |
| 7.  | X -Curt Deuser, Board Member       | National Park Service                  |
| 8.  | X -Andy Pigg, Board Member         | USDA Coconino NF                       |
| 9.  | E-Jen Becker, Board Member         | Pima County Flood Control              |
| 10. | Board Member                       | (VACANT)                               |
| 11. | Tom Ohmart, At Large Board Member  | Retired                                |

Other participants – John Scheuring (AZNPS); Peter Lefebvre (BIA) , Michael Chamberland (UA) ;  
Denise (Tucson Audubon)

### **B. Meeting Called to Order:**

**C.** Approved Meeting Minutes from July 5, 2023.

**D. Treasurer Report:** Bank Update: Bank of America \$14,170.76, PayPal account: \$500 AZDOT paypal info?  
Willie has the key for the PO box. Approved motion to add someone to the bank.

**E. Motion:** Motion to add current SWVMA president Juanita Armstrong to the bank account for SWVMA.  
Treasurer Nick Brasier called the motion, board member Curt Deuser seconded the motion. All board members voted yes. The motion was approved.

**F. Secretary Report:** Will update the website with the approved minutes this August.

### **G. Old Business:**

- Invasive Species illustrations Vote
  - Revoltaart Quote \$1500 (24 infographics and flyer creation (not printed))
  - 24 (Twelve species each area) have been selected.
  - Fivefold with Velcro latch \$271/100 plus 100 8.5x11 flyers ~100
  - Total Cost of \$1871, last month we approved up to \$2000 for all of above.
  - Down Payment of 30% (\$561)
- Weed Manager of the Year Updates: Nominations before the conference (on webpage now)
- Website Updates: Save the date is up, One Page Flyer is available.
  - Add Monique Illustrations, select species.
- Bank Transfer- A MUST we are running out of checks...ASAP



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**H. New Business:**

1. Conference Updates: Dates: October 18-19 (Wed-Thurs) location Arizona American Italian Club.
  - a. Juanita, Willie and Tom Met on site at location, good location plenty of space.
  - b. Willie - working on the presenters and field trip details- Requests sent out working on getting bios.
  - c. Board Members that will be moderating at the conference Juanita (intro) , Dan, Jen and Mary
  - d. Willie-show the draft document conference: will email draft speaker list. Timeline is to get the speaker list by the 11<sup>th</sup> and locked in by the 18<sup>th</sup> of August.
  - e. Juanita and Mary are working with Marlo to get registration set up, may take about 2 weeks.
  - f. Tom O working on sponsors- update – we have several sponsors, but still looking for additional sponsors.
  - g. Tom O working on swag
  - h. Conference cost \$115 day 1 (includes coffee/tea/snack/lunch/afternoon coffee snack break plus BBQ. Field trip \$30 day 2. Total Conference cost \$145 without the CEUs.
  - i. CEU’s will be \$45 per day with 6 or 12 CEUs available.
  - j. Anything else?
    1. Donation of gift basket – National Association of Environmental Professionals – local chapter, do they also want a table?
    2. Board members who live in PHX area, it would be great to have you help with set up and take down
  
2. Grants Updates from 2021? A two-year grant cycle would be best for the organization, since the grants are 2-years, that would allow for the board to focus 1 year on grant applications and the other year on a special project.

<b>Board-Appointed Positions</b>	<b>*Bold indicates a standing committee, others are ad hoc</b>
Representative to North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)	<i>Willie Sommers</i>
Advocacy	<i>John Scheuring, Tyler Bowen</i>
Website Committee	<i>Mary Fastiggi, Juanita Armstrong</i>
Facebook Admin.	<i>Nick Brasier</i>
<b>Committees</b>	
Grants	<i>Willie S., Curt Deuser, Juanita</i>
Strategic Planning /Operational Plan	<i>Juanita, Corina and Willie</i>
Weed Management Areas	<i>Kim Franklin, Willie Sommers, and Corina Anderson</i>
State Weed List	<i>John Scheuring, John Brock and Patti Fenner</i>



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Conference Planning	<i>Corina Anderson, Juanita Armstrong, Willie Sommers, Tom Ohmart and Dan McLendon</i>
Education/Conservation	<i>Michael C, John S, Peter Lefebvre</i>
Stinknet Brochure Team	<i>Willie, Juanita, John Scheuring, Curt Dueser and Michael Chamberlain</i>
Sponsorship	<i>Tom Ohmart</i>
Nominating	<i>Willie and Tom Ohmart</i>

- I. **Round Robin** (*if time permits*) – brief updates from Board members and participants related to vegetation management:
  - 1. DFFM grant application period closed and they received 33 applications, which is a record. Total request is over 4 million and approx. 1 million is available to award.
  - 2. Short course in Farmington, NM on invasive plant management, including on biocontrol. You can get CEUs, Southwestern Invasive Plant Short Course – mid- July
- I. **Adjourn - Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 6, 2023 @10:00 am**