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At an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee held virtually April 10, 2020, it was decided to postpone the June 2020 annual meeting for one year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The report herein is submitted to fulfill our obligations outlined by the WSM by-laws and to provide an uninterrupted series of volumes dating back to the beginning of this organization.

WSM 2020

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting October 30, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom

Board members present: Treasurer Kelvin Barwick; Secretary Wendy Enright; Member-at-large Jann Vendetti; Past Presidents Doug Eernisse, Pat Krug, Hans Bertsch, Danielle Zacherl

The meeting was opened with general comments on participants' backgrounds and inquiries into each other's wellbeing.

Preliminary Business:

❖ 2021 Meeting

- Danielle jumpstarted the conversation about meeting virtually next year
- Unfortunately, Miguel Angel del Rio Portilla was not able to join the meeting due to other obligations, so we were not able to hear his thoughts
- All other officers were in favor of hosting an online meeting for 2021
 - Danielle and Doug had insights from working with this year's AMS and WSN meetings and offered to share their expertise and/or their academic Zoom accounts
- An online meeting addresses several limitations we've had in the past regarding expenses, visas, and other travel logistics
- Issues remain regarding details
 - Pre-recorded presentations?
 - "Break-out" sessions for additional Q&A opportunities?
 - Concurrent or single sessions?
 - Promoting the meeting to reach a wider audience
 - Possible collaborations with other societies?

❖ Open Officer Positions

- Unfortunately, our first vice-president, Shawn Wiedrick and our second vice-president, Sam Donohoo, have had to resign their positions
- Our other member-at-large, Lisa Pageot also resigned
- Kelvin is looking to train a replacement
- The board had an animated discussion of potential candidates to fill the VP positions as well as ways to bring more members to the society in general
 - Pat will reach out to Christine Parent from the University of Idaho as a potential 1st VP candidate
 - Hans will reach out to Maria Moreno from La Paz as a potential 2nd VP candidate
 - Other names mentioned as possible future candidates included Vanessa Delmanaz or Dan Geiger from SBMNH, Eric Sanford, Rory McDonnell, Phil Liefgrief from the shell club, and Austin Hendy with NHMLAC
 - Danielle will promote WSM at the upcoming WSN meeting and Doug will mention it to the SCUM crowd
 - Still looking for a treasurer-in-training and a second member-at-large

Old Business:

- The minutes of the 2019 meeting held at Asilomar in conjunction with the WCM were distributed by the Secretary via email October 30, 2020
 - Hans moved to approve the minutes, Kelvin second, motion approved
- Kelvin presented the Treasurer and Membership reports
 - Conference expenses for 2019 were limited to stipends for symposia speakers
 - Membership is currently at 35 individuals and 6 institutions although that number may rise once certain members of the board double-check their bank statements
 - A question was raised about whether it was possible to set up an auto-pay feature on the WSM website but Kelvin felt that was beyond our capabilities at this time
 - Wendy moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Hans second, motion approved

New Business:

- Student Grants for 2021 will proceed as usual with Danielle leading the committee
- McLean Grants will also be awarded contingent on COVID-related limitations
 - Issues were raised regarding travel and access issues related to museum collections
 - Decision was made to allow delays in the awarding of travel grants through Spring 2022 in the hopes that the pandemic situation will be better in the future
 - Alternatively, students may propose to use some of their budget to pay to have museum staff access appropriate specimens for their project. This strategy would be contingent on the student receiving permission from their advisor, the institution, and the staff

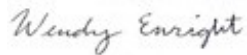
Miscellaneous Business:

- Hans sent out a thank you to Wendy for sending out the WSM volume 50 annual report as well as to Kelvin for his tireless work in support of the society
- Kelvin clarified that the minutes of this meeting and the treasurer's report will be put together as the "annual report" for this year since we did not have a more traditional meeting

Danielle moved to adjourn, Kelvin second, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Enright



WSM Secretary

Treasurer's Reports October 20, 2020
Cash flow for July 23, 2019 – October 18, 2020

In-flows	
Membership	\$514.59
Interest earned	\$3.65
Student grant donations (available balance \$4035.35)	\$641.50
Total in-flow	\$1,159.74
Out-flows	
Student paper/poster awards	-\$300.00
Student Grants	-\$2,000.00
Office supplies	-\$110.67
Bank Charges	-\$30.00
Conference 2019	-\$900.00
Total out-flow	-\$3,340.67
Net cash flow	-\$2,180.93
PayPal cost not realized above (2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction)	
Fees	-\$11.45
Cash on hand as of October 18, 2020:	
Checking	\$11,397.89
Savings	\$13,156.38
Credit card	\$0.00
Total	\$25,554.27
Memberships (2019 totals in parenthesis)	
Individual	35(55)
Institutional	6(6)

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(Lifetime Honorary members in **bold**)

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