TWS Board Meeting Minutes

*San Francisco Bay Area Chapter*

*6:30 – 8:30 PM on December 15, 2020*

# Attendees:

## Call-In

Board Members: Natalie R., Kathleen G., Mary Y., Rachel R., Meghan B., Patricia V., Hailey P., Ricka S., Leslie K., Laura D., Molly P.

Incoming Board Members: Molly D.

## Absent:

Halia E., Joe D., Carli B., Natalie G.

# Agenda:

## Old Business

* Vote to approve prior meeting minutes (September, October, November)
	+ Minutes approved and will be updated to the website
* Review of action items from November meeting (still in progress)
	+ **Halia-** Send scholarship winners to Joe for newsletter - **to be done**

## New Busines

### President Updates

* 2020 Goal - Get Admin in Order
	+ Complete By-laws - **Nat R, Natalie G, Ricka ---DONE!**
	+ Complete position SOPs - **action item for everyone before 2021**
	+ Figure out how to track members - **Carli (with help)---DONE!!**
* Items to address in monthly email to membership
	+ Send items to include ASAP
	+ NEW MERCH
	+ SPOW (threatened), and monarch warranted but precluded endangered
	+ MBTA EIS finalized and awaiting final rule
* Western Section Conference
	+ How can we get members to *want* to attend our Chapter meeting?
		- Virtual Escape Room - Laura to look into it, with PRIZES
		- Wildlife trivia
		- Recipe share
		- Baby picture guessing
		- 2 truths and a lie
		- $500 budget for chapter meeting? - Ricka to confirm

### Secretary Updates

* Automatic membership emails are ready to go and will start in January
	+ New, 30 day expiration warning, and expiration emails

### President-Elect Updates

* Buffs are up for sale!

### Past-President Updates

* Absent

### Treasurer Updates

* Rachel should get reimbursed for postage for mailing buffs

### Western Section Updates

* Western Section conference updates
	+ Virtual Exhibit Booth available for Chapters - no cost.
	+ virtual field trip for the meeting that highlights your Chapter region
	+ Chapter Meetings will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7pm.
	+ Chapter Leaders meeting
	+ Silent auction as part of the Annual Meeting- anything to donate?
* Waiting on responses to questions
	+ When video due, when pictures of auction items due, and how to send them out?

### Workshop Updates

* Meeting tomorrow with Ricka and Allison re: butterfly workshop
	+ Host next year? All virtual? Mix?
* Responding to Career Workshop registrants
	+ Some late registrants want to access video
	+ Resent survey link and job opportunities (9 responded to evaluation survey)
* Many Western Section workshops in the pipeline
* Large video files for virtual workshops cause storage issues
	+ Start a YouTube channel?
	+ Western Section may be looking at cloud storage solutions
* Possible Wildlife Trafficking workshop?

### Conservation Affairs Updates

* SPOW and monarch warranted but precluded endangered listing decisions
* Submitted policy priorities to HQ from Western Section
	+ Adequate funding to agencies
	+ Wildlife trade and trafficking
* CDFW commission does not have the ability to list terrestrial invertebrate species (e.g. yellow-faced bumblebee)
	+ Should we advocate to change CDFW code to our state representatives?
* MBTA EIS finalized and will produce a final rule - lawsuits expected
	+ TWS does not participate in lawsuits, but should it?
		- Arguments provided for both sides
			* lawsuits can be an important component of making wildlife protection legislation work
			* TWS tries to take a more scientific/advisory role
			* Can still confer with other groups
			* Different levels of support for lawsuits possible
			* Possible legal reasons to avoid advocacy

### Student Affairs Updates

* Animex Scholarship deadline is tonight; 4 total applicants so far
	+ What can be done with extra money?
		- Prizes/swag for winners
		- start a separate scholarship fund (diversity)
		- Start a fund to subsidize student attendance at conferences.

### Diversity Chair Updates

* Diversity Committee filled workshop during the conference
* Starting YouTube channel with diversity videos

### Website Updates

* Wix website basic membership is still adequate

### Public Affairs Updates

* No updates

### Historian Update

* No updates

### Newsletter Updates

* Absent

President called meeting at 8:00 PM