



Present: Deb Nofzinger (Director), Jenn Kirts (Secretary), Bob Dispenza (Treasurer), Becky Parkin (Ways and Means), Jill Vance (Scholarships)

Absent: Cookie Ferguson (Archives), Kelly Bentley (Interpretive Project Grants), Nora Sindelar (Ways and Means), Will Gosnell (Student Involvement), Laurel Zoet (Awards), Aaron Douglass (Communications), Jennifer McDowell (Deputy Director), Renell Roebuck (Membership)

Director's Report – Deb Nofzinger

- National Office is requesting support for their Journey Home campaign to pay off the \$200K mortgage. Region 4s' account is somewhere close to \$40K. Bob would have to go to National's website to get quarterly statements. Deb is going to check with them on where we are currently. We did this individually a couple of years, but we did not give as a region at that time. Deb will send all of the information out to the whole board along with a proposal about whether or not we support it.
- The annual meeting at Pokagon is scheduled for January 10-11. Exec will meet Wednesday afternoon and Vicki Basman will come in to do strategic planning with us. She is on the national board.
- Deb will be going to New Orleans for the National Conference. She needs to get stuff from Becky for the table.
- At the January meeting, we have to discuss our stipulations on who can run for offices. We are the only OU who has these prerequisites. We should revisit this and see if we can reduce or eliminate these requirements.

Deputy Director's Report –Jennifer McDowell

- Not present. Report provided by Deb and Becky.
- Gary Harrington is the head. They have not yet set final registration cost.
- Becky Parkin provided an update. The whole conference will take place in the city of Cleveland, right on the lake. Once they get approval from national, they will be looking for committee members.

Bob Dispenza – Treasurer

- We have a little less money than we did before. Bob is trying to work on asking RIW folks to submit stuff in batches instead of just piecing it together. Everything should be submitted directly to Bob, and then he will submit to National.

Jenn Kirts – Secretary

- No updates.
- Deb brought up bringing some outside people in to get them involved.

Committee Discussions/Reports

- Ways and Means – Becky Parkin
Nora and Becky have talked to some people about taking over the committee. Nora has been out with knee surgery, so she hasn't been in the office for a bit. Someone just reached out requesting more books, so Becky is taking care of that. They don't have any plans to get anything new or major right now.

- Membership – Renell Roebuck
Not present
- Archives – Cookie Ferguson
Not present
- Awards – Laurel Zoet – report submitted via email
 - 2018 marked the end of three year terms for Bob Hinkle and Mindy Murdock.
 - The seats they left open have been filled by Mike Broughton of Huron-Clinton Metroparks in Michigan and Mark Read of Murphys Point Provincial Park, Ontario. I recruited Mike and Mark to round out the Awards Committee because when I stepped in as chair everyone was from Indiana and Ohio + me from Michigan. I thought adding a member from Michigan and one from Ontario would round out and balance the committee with each state/province being represented.
 - Award nomination deadline has been pushed up 2 weeks from February 1st to January 18th.
 - I updated the 2019 nomination form to include the new deadline and the new/current award committee members.
- Interpretive Project Grants – Kelly Bentley
Not present
- Communications - Aaron Douglass
Not present
- Scholarships and Grants – Jill Vance
We had one recipient, Aaron Douglass from Turkey Run State Park, for the National Conference. Regional applications are not yet up. She received several requests about the Regional scholarships wondering what the cost of the conference will be. Once she receives that information, she will have applications ready.
- Student Involvement – Will Gosnell
Not present

Adjourned at 3:02pm.

2018 Conference Call Schedule

- January 10-11, 2019 – Annual Meeting at Pokagon