

TWS Board Meeting Agenda

*San Francisco Bay Area Chapter*

*6:30 – 8:30 PM on February 17, 2021*

## Attendees

### Call-in

Carli B., Meghan B., Lauren R., Mary Y., Rachel R., Nicole C., Molly D., Natalie R., Leslie K., Laura D.

### Absent

 Patricia V., Kathleen G., Joe D.

## Agenda

## Old Business

* Vote to approve prior meeting minutes
	+ delayed until March Meeting

## New Business

### President Updates

* TWS Conference
	+ Chapter meeting was successful
		- 30 people attended chapter meeting!
		- Members were excited about our lecture series!
		- Ideas: Sogorea Te’ Land Trust coordination, bio blitzes, Falconry workshops
* Social media committee?
	+ Is this something that we’re interested in?
	+ Is this too much with our other burgeoning committees
	+ Should it be another Chair?
		- We could try to find a person interested
		- We could also get a group of people to be a “committee”
		- Professional Development willing to post for specific Professional Development-related outreach
* Slack channel for communications?
	+ This might be a good opportunity to get more involved with our membership
		- Pros: Lots of channels, levels of engagement
		- Cons: Not super user-friendly, could alienate some members who are unfamiliar with Slack
* 2021 Goal – Get together again!
	+ Professional lecturers’ series
		- Rachel, Nicole, Leslie to take the lead
	+ Event Ideas
		- “Build a box” Event that focuses on having a “take home” tangible object that supports wildlife at home
	+ Build membership on committees
		- Creating community through collective action, can be a way to further engage membership (‘tiny tasks’) to spread the work among a larger group
		- If there’s something that you’re interested in doing, or that you think is worth doing, let’s think about working together more to share the work and make things happen!
		- More teamwork – solicit the membership to help with smaller tasks
* Book club
	+ 9 people are interested so far! Rachel to plan a meeting for sometime in early March!
	+ Exciting!!

### Secretary Updates

* 209 members
* Quarterly membership updates! Next one will be in April.
* Membership overhaul is complete. Members should start automatically receiving emails when their membership is almost expired, and then again when it actually expires

### President-Elect Updates

* Laura will be attending a virtual escape room event as a “virtual field trip”. She’ll give more updates next month

### Past-President Updates

* HQ guidance asks for us to follow local guidelines for in-person events. No longer a blanket ban on in-person events
* Nat’s here to support Rachel and all of us to make sure that we don’t lose any knowledge and she’s ready to help

### Treasurer Updates

* Budget!
	+ Our annual budget is approved near the beginning of every Board term.
		- Ricka would present a draft budget near the beginning of a board meeting; then we will discuss and review; then vote on a final budget at the next board meeting

### Western Section Updates

* Virtual Exhibit Booth and virtual field trip – Well Done!

### **Professional Development** Updates

* More updates to come!! Nicole and Leslie will be meeting soon to discuss a proposal for 2021
* Professional lecturers’ series
* Hoping to be able to plan for an in-person event towards the end of the year!

### Conservation Affairs Updates

* MBTA Updates
	+ Letters being gathered, may not be much new information
	+ Patricia is helping mid-pen open trust draft their own MBTA letter
* She will be providing more information about a new bill in CA regarding restorative ranching

### Student Affairs Updates

* Lauren will check in with Halia to get more details about the actual funds and how to move forward with that
	+ Last year, Leslie and Molly discussed putting aside Animex money to host scholarships for SF Bay-hosted workshops

### Diversity Chair Updates

* Gabe Reyes will be joining us next month as Diversity Chair

### Public Outreach Updates

* Caitlin is our new Public Outreach Chair, she may not have the necessary information

### Website Updates

* New Board members! Send Meghan a short Bio and a photo for the website!

### Historian Updates

* No updates. Have been getting questions about whether or not we will repeat the Career Workshop!

### Newsletter Updates

* Absent

**Meeting called by President: 7:50 PM**