

Minutes of the January 14, 2016 AZAALAS Board Meeting

Members present: CJ Doane, Jaime White-James, Cheryl Johnson, Kylie Burritt, Stephanie Curtis, Tom Greene, Pam Bortz, Paula Johnson, Grace Aranda, Eileen Janke.

Member absent and excused: Frank McFadden

President CJ Doane called the meeting to order at 11:39a.m. The meeting was held via conference call.

Secretary Kylie Burritt distributed the minutes from the November board meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

Kylie reported the membership roster consists of 57 paid members. Northern Board Representative Tom Greene reported there was 32 members in Flagstaff that will be added.

Treasurer Stephanie Curtis provided the financial report: savings \$877.46; checking \$8,563.07; money market \$4,079.56. Two outstanding charges for November board meeting call and tech week items totaling \$383.78.

President CJ Doane reported that an estimate of 30 people attended the Holiday Installation in Phoenix. She added that everyone seemed to have a good time. There are no final numbers on raffle tickets yet. Treasurer Stephanie Curtis stated she will have those numbers for the next meeting.

President-elect Cheryl Johnson updated us on the upcoming International Tech Week celebrations. She along with Stephanie and Technician Branch Representative Eilene Janke met. They would be sending out an agenda sheet for each region to use and personalize based on events in their region. Tucson plans to do trivia questions each day sent to the UAC user group, with a winner being announced at the beginning of the following week. Past President Jaime White-James suggested questions could be from the national AALAS website to broaden the questions to include researchers.

President-Elect Cheryl Johnson asked about last year's Summer Video Conference and whether or not it happened. The answer was no. She also mentioned that dates for the 2016 Spring and Summer video conferences will be announced shortly. News Editor Grace Aranda reported that she contacted National AALAS about purchasing presentations from the 2015 National Meeting. It would be \$269 to purchase them. The Board voted and agreed to purchase the whole set for future use.

Eileen reported on the Fall Fun Event. Ideas were thrown around including the Tucson Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and Reid Park Zoo. Tom Greene added that dates should be chosen quickly, and CJ added the possibility of hotel information together for out of town members, and to host other events while down here, such as happy hour.

Grace reported that 7 companies have submitted their Buyer's Guide forms. She asked if anyone had any other companies, and to send this contact information to Grace.

Cheryl Johnson posed a question about supporting school science fairs. She added that AZAALAS could award projects that are animal centric, and prizes don't have to be large sums of money. It would boost the wants/desires for students to continue science education. Fairs start in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.