

WBAALAS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 8th, 2022, 3:00- 4:00 PM @ Teams Meeting

- **Roll Call** – Ashley R., Traci W., Dave R., Emily F., Sakara P., Jonathan M.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – November Meeting Minutes Unanimously Approved
- **Treasurer Report (David R.)**
 - Checking: \$4,077.76
 - Recent transactions: None

 - Savings: \$11,172.57
 - Recent transactions: none (only interest payments)

 - PayPal balance - \$0
- **Membership Report (David R.)**
 - 265 individuals (no change since last meeting)
 - 7 institutional (no change since last meeting)
 - 30 commercial (no change since last meeting)
- **Website Report (Christine L.)**
- **Calendar Review (David R. and Sakara P.)**
 - Tech Week 2023: January 29th – February 4th
- **Social Media (Ashley R.)**
 - Facebook:
 - Background updated
 - 71 total members
 - 39 active
 - 19 total posts (down from last month)

 - LinkedIn:
 - 43 connections (up from 2)
 - 5 profile views
- **D8 Update (Ashley R.)**
 - D8 2024 meeting is set to be hosted in the PNW.
 - Oregon is unable to host
 - D8 committee is wondering if we are willing to host it that year, and just have the support of the other NW Branches.

- The Branch discussed the idea of having WBAALAS host D8 in 2024, Ashley to circle back and mention the amount of work/money involved and that we would need a substantial amount of assistance from the other branches to make it work
 - WBAALAS is not in a very stable place at the moment and it is hard to say how we will be doing in 2024, but willing to host if there is no other option and we get the help we need

I have not heard an update on the funds from HI. It was brought up as an idea for the hosting branch to hold the funds, but they also mentioned Utah may be able to hold. This would need to be done within the next week.

EVENTS

- **2023 Manager's and Technician Roundtables (Jonathan M., Melissa R., Dave R.)**
 - Manager's Roundtable
 - Will discuss holding it in person for 2023, but virtually has gone well
 - Technician Roundtable
 - 2022 Q4 roundtable did not happen
 - Plan for in person for Q1, potential for Novo to host location
- **Tech Week**
 - Date: January 29th to February 4th
 - Will definitely continue with online trivia throughout the week and gift card prizes
 - Discussed having a scholarship to National AALAS as a prize – planning to announce the scholarship during tech week but present the prize during the trade fair – Dave to look into this further and get back to the board
 - Tech of the day shout-out throughout the week – Sakara to email Manager's roundtable group for tech nominations to shout out
 - Potential to host a Webinar + Happy Hour event at end of the week – will discuss further

OLD ITEMS

Elections:

- Nominations extended, to close December 16th
- 4 positions open:
 - President Elect
 - Secretary
 - Board Member 1
 - Board Member 3
- Terms that are up this year:
 - Julie B. (Board member 3) – can run as BM1 or any other position (not continuing on the board)
 - Jonathan M. (Board member 1) – can run as BM3 or any other position (not continuing on the board)
 - Sakara P. (Secretary) – can run as any position (not continuing for 2023, will stay newsletter editor and help out with trade fair)
 - Emily F. (Past President) – can run as any position
 - Traci W. Become President
- Still only 1 Nomination so far
 - Riley Stehr from Inotivco – Board Member 1 or 3

- Traci and Ashley have some additional people to reach out to about joining
- Sakara to confirm with Christine on TBR position for 2023
- Emily willing to hold Secretary position with help from Dave
- Jonathan hoping to take a break but willing to help out where needed
- Sakara willing to take President Elect position as last resort

NEW ITEMS

Trade Fair 2023 Planning

Date:

- May 4th was taken
- April 28, 2023, Friday and May 15, 2023, Monday are available. That Monday, would need to be finished in the Douglas classroom by 4.30pm as the room is booked right after that.
- No guarantee Ed will be onsite, suggested to hire AV tech
 - AV tech suggested by Evell that is familiar with the space
- No guarantee Douglas Classroom will be available until spring class list goes out
- Prices increasing for 2023

Location: UW horticulture Center

Rooms: Same rooms as 2022? Do we need additional space?

- Keep the same rooms

Sakara to contact Evell for:

Thursday availability through May and June (half day)

When the spring class schedule goes out

How much prices are increasing

Pricing for membership

Dave to look at what other branches are charging. If we decide to increase prices, will hold an ad hoc meeting for voting.

Next meeting

January 12th 3-4PM