

WBAALAS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 15th, 2024, 2:30- 3:30 PM @ Teams Meeting

- **Roll Call** – Mel R., Traci G., La’Akea S., Ashley R., Dante D., Emily F.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – July 18th 2024 meeting minutes were approved.
- **Treasurer Report (Traci G)**
 - **Checking \$12365.95**
 - 7/29/27 Zelle Reimbursement for Awards -107.60
 - 7/31/24 Mailchimp -29.24
 - 8/12/24 Philadelphia Insurance -1035.00
 - 8/12/24 Zelle picnic -492.23
 - 8/14/24 Zelle AALAS National Meeting Scholarship -1000.00
 - **Savings \$11,179.63**
 - 7/24/24 Interest +0.42
 - **PayPal \$0**
 - No transactions
- **Membership Report (Traci G.)**
 - 234 individual
 - 21 commercial
 - 10 institutional
 - No change in Membership from last meeting
- **Website Report (Dave R.)**
 - Website has been updated to include the July Board meeting minutes and the upcoming Vivarium Manager Roundtable meeting in the events section
- **Calendar Review (Mel R.)**
 - Call for nominations for next year,
 - If we change the term calendar year in the updated Bylaws, we don’t need to worry about call for nominations until next year
- **Social Media (Ashley R.)**
 - Facebook: 69 members
 - 24 active members (active meaning viewed, posted, commented, or reacted to a post)
 - LinkedIn: 55 connections
 - 6 profile views
 - 47 post impressions
- **Newsletter (Ashely R.)**
 - Next newsletter will come out in September.

EVENTS

- **Manager’s and Technician Roundtables (Melissa R., Dave R.)**
 - Q3 Manager Roundtable – Thursday September 12 @ 12pm - Virtual
 - Invite needs to be sent out still

- Q3 Technicians Roundtable – At Allen Institute in person (if enough people sign up)
 - Targeting week of 9/23
 - Being hosted by Allentown
- **Summer Picnic (Ashley R.)**
 - Wrap up discussion
 - Went well, decent turn out (~20 people), everyone had a good time
 - Consider a different park in the future to see if it would increase turn out? Rotate park locations each year?

Ongoing Items

- **Bylaws Update (Dante D.)**
 - Changes to be sent out to membership for voting
 - Biggest changes are term limits being changed to 2 years and calendar timing
 - Voting will be done using a Google form.
 - Emily will send Dante a link to a form we have used in the past and will send out the voting form via Mailchimp
- **Salary Survey (Devin M.)**
 - Form sent out to vivarium managers on 6/10/24. A few responses were received.
- **Anne Turner Care Academy Scholarship**
 - Next event Spring of 2025, registration to open early fall
 - Would a vendor be willing to sponsor
 - Will the board sponsor? We should decide if we will have a Winter event or not to see if we will have the funds for this scholarship.
 - Get ideas for Winter events and we will discuss at next meeting.

NEW ITEMS

- The UW Dare 2 Care program is putting on their second annual commemoration on Aug 28 11a-1pm where Cindy Buckmaster is speaking. The UW would like it to be a community event if possible.
 - <https://sites.uw.edu/d2c/2024/08/09/dare-2-care-compassion-in-science-second-annual-commemoration/>
- The board agreed it would be a good idea to help spread the word for this event to members and we should take pics for the newsletter

Next meeting

Sept 19, 2:30pm