

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT

April 29, 2010
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- I. Call to order made by Susan Purtell at 12:12pm.
- II. Minutes recorded by Heather Leeson.
- III. Opening comments (S. Purtell)- It has been a nice week for the conference thus far. The member business meeting is for all members to attend. Voting members (emeritus, lifetime, professional, and active) can vote on items via raise of hand. There is hard work all year to organize the conference. In progress items are the website and Wellspring modifications. If members have questions/concerns about anything the board is doing please contact us.
- IV. Acceptance of the minutes from the 2008 and 2009 member's business meeting.
 - A. **MOTION** made by Tim Sullivan to approve the 2008 member business meeting minutes. Second by Will Bruner. **Passed by unanimous consent.**
 - B. **MOTION** made by Genevieve Warner to approve the 2009 member business meeting minutes. Second by Julie Hartell-DeNardo. **Passed by unanimous consent.**
- V. Board Reports
 - A. President report (S. Purtell)- Mainly worked on general duties and website issues. It has been a privilege and honor to serve the membership this year.
 - B. CFO report (N. Boyd)- Copies of the financial summary are available for members. Overall it was a tough year financially. Along with the Behavior Management Fund there are other ways to raise money so we don't rely solely on a conference to raise money. ABMA Olympics raised \$377. Expenses for the upcoming year to be removed are from the website and Wellspring. Nicki asked if there were any questions about the financial status of organization. None noted from membership. Although we dipped into savings to finish the website there was much discussion with board to approve it to for the betterment of organization. Dani Cremona proposed going green with Wellspring- this topic to be discussed later in report.
 - i. 2009 Financial Report (see last page)- In the red \$23,000 and we lost \$10,000 at the Providence conference due to lower attendance and the overall cost of putting on a conference. Paid \$17,000 into website. We are \$4,000 down on memberships due to website transfer but it seems to be recovering. Wells Fargo account earning ~1% interest and we have earned ~\$700 this year. \$91,360.04 as of today but we still have some conference fees to settle along with silent auction and merchandise income.
 - ii. **MOTION** made by Gary Wilson to approve the 2009 financial report as posted. Second made by Heidi Hellmuth. **Passed by unanimous consent.**
 - C. Past President (S. Ekard)
 - i. Election results:
 - a. Review of election process- This is annual event usually starting in July. Look to the website or emails for details and deadlines. Submissions must be on time and have two recommendation letters.
 - b. Election results – Five incoming board members as a result of the 2009-2010 election. Welcome Otto Fad, Heidi Hellmuth, Joe Pesce, Margaret Rousser, and Cathy Schlott onto the board for 2010-2013.

- D. President-Elect (R. Kinley)
 - i. Program Council Chair introductions
 - a. Behavior Management Fund (Michelle Farmerie, Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium)
 - b. Conference (Ronda Schwetz, Denver Zoo)
 - c. Conference Content Advisory (Emily Insalaco, Denver Zoo)
 - d. Conference Proceedings (Nicole Dorey, University of Florida)
 - e. Education (Missy Lamar, Charles Paddock Zoo)
 - f. Government Affairs (Otto Fad, Busch Gardens)
 - g. Honors and Awards (Jen Hennessy, Roger Williams Park Zoo)
 - h. Membership (Julie Hartell-DeNardo, Oakland Zoo)
 - i. Merchandise (Susie Ekard, San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park)
 - j. Nominations and elections (Susan Purtell, San Diego Zoo)
 - k. Public Affairs (Sue Hunter, National Aquarium)
 - l. Publications (Heidi Hellmuth, Smithsonian's National Zoo)
 - m. Research and Evaluation (Jessica Moody, Wildlife Conservation Society)
 - n. Site Selection (Rickey Kinley, Cincinnati Zoo)
 - o. Sponsorship (Penny Krebs, Providence Police Department Mounted Command)
 - p. Veterinary Advisory (Vint Virga, Veterinary Healing Arts)
 - q. Website (Susan Purtell, San Diego Zoo)
- E. 1st VP (N. Begley)
 - i. Thank you to all of our sponsors: Carnegie Natural History Museum, Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, National Aviary, Western PA Humane Society, and the myriad of people that assisted with all aspects of the conference including Michelle Farmerie, Lee Nessler, and Cathy Schlott. Sea World is the sponsor for tomorrow's workshop. Beer sponsors are Penn Brewery, Rock Bottom Brewery and The Church Brew Works. Purina donated several gift bag items and SSA sponsored zoo food lunch. Susan Purtell thanked Nicole Begley for all her hard work on this great conference.
 - ii. Thanks also to the volunteers for working the merchandise, silent auction, and raffle.
- F. 2nd VP (E. Insalaco)
 - i. Announce 2011 conference in Denver, CO. Date: 17-22 April 2011. This is one week earlier than usual but 22nd falls on Earth Day so the zoo has special events planned for us. For questions about the conference see Emily Insalaco.
 - ii. Denver Zoo and Downtown Aquarium will be co-hosts. Keynote speaker will be Jill Mellon from Disney's Animal Kingdom. Each conference gets planned three years ahead.
- G. Secretary (M. Rousser, H. Leeson)- If you have membership problems use the "Contact Us" button on the ABMA website (www.theabma.org) or email Susie Ekard directly.
 - i. Membership update (as of April 14, 2010)
 - Professional- 163
 - Active- 22
 - Emeritus- 0
 - Lifetime Professional- 6
 - Associate- 140
 - Student- 40
- H. BMF travel scholarship (M. Farmerie)- The purpose of the Behavior Management Fund is to raise money for scholarships and grants. Proceeds this year are from

the raffle and the Olympics. A new grant for field work/conservation related to behavior management is on the horizon. October is the deadline for the scholarship application for next year's conference. If you want to present but there is no funding from your institution, then you can apply for the travel scholarship which includes airfare (\$400 max), hotel and registration. Application is available for any ABMA member, even committee chairs and board members.

- I. Government Affairs (O. Fad)- Replaced Angie Millwood as the chair for this committee. Committee function is monitoring the federal register to be on look out for legislation that will affect our jobs/animals and administration rule making. This committee also advises the board of upcoming topics of concern, and if responses are recommended the organization needs to be made aware and statement(s) prepared.
 - i. Otto mentioned the Congressional subcommittee hearing discussion on Tuesday that was briefly discussed to members. He foresees an increase in animal rights movements and a greater role from this committee. He requested more members for this committee. Maureen Duryee has agreed to help but others are encouraged, contact Otto if you're interested.
- J. Proceedings Committee (N. Dorey)
 - i. Picture request- Lots of good photos this week but she wants to get a better representation of all in attendance at conference. See Nicole if you'd like to share. Photobucket account will soon be added to Facebook. Username is "abma_conference"; password is "pictures". She requested more members for this committee. If you're interested, contact Nicole. Email addresses are available in the conference program or through the website under About Us where you can look for board members and committee chairs.
- K. Publications Committee (S. Purtell, H. Hellmuth)
 - i. There have been requests in past for an electronic version of Wellspring and we are moving forward with this. Starting in 2011, it will be electronic for all members but you can opt-in for paper copies. See upcoming issues for more information on this. Starting soon, members will have full access to full issues on the website. Non-members will be able to see the cover story and table of contents for current and past issues.
 - ii. Plea for submissions for Wellspring- Heidi requested the need for more photos and articles. She also requested more members for this committee.
- L. Conference Content Advisory committee (E. Insalaco)- This committee was renamed last year. This committee receives the abstracts and puts together the program for each conference.
 - i. CEU's- Receiving 10.5 from APDT and 13 from IAABC. See Emily tomorrow for credit forms. Recognition of committee members- Megan Phillips, Jody Ambrose, Melissa Nelson, and Christine McKnight. Melissa and Christine did CEU's, thank you! If you know of a better way to recruit members of other organizations to earn credits by attending our conference then let Emily know. Other ideas for recruitment would also be appreciated.
- M. Site selection (R. Kinley)
 - i. Possible Joint Conference with IMATA- There are a few city ideas for future conferences- Las Vegas with IMATA and Toronto has expressed interest to host as well. Anyone interested in hosting talk to Rickey for issues involved. Update from Susan Purtell about joint conference. We have met with IMATA already but nothing has been decided. Some joint sessions are probable (workshop, icebreaker, etc). There is conflict on

when to have it since both organizations hold their conferences at different times of the year, but we have offered dates between January and May. Request from members on feedback- approximately one-quarter in attendance showed interest. Another conference possibility is a cruise.

- ii. 2012 in Bay Area of California- Oakland Zoo, Coyote Point Museum, California Academy of Science are co-hosts.

VI. Old Business- None to discuss.

VII. New Business

- A. Regional ABMA workshops (G. Wilson)- After attending a Clicker Expo he got an idea about a one day program to offer somewhere midyear as a way to offer opportunity for members to present workshops/presentations. We could possibly go around the country to offer something for all members or host in the same location each time. This would be geared towards members that may not be able to attend a full conference. A day off might be better accepted by one's institution. Feedback discussion from the board and membership about interest. Penny Krebs thinks hosting it regionally would allow ABMA to cut expenses and a great idea overall. Will Bruner asked how to clarify focused topics. He also thought it is a great idea for people in the area and for new people to gain experience. This could also change the scope of conference to be more presentations and more advanced topics since a majority of attendees are professional members with more experience. Heidi Hellmuth suggested regional instructors at these regional workshops and possibly trying at midyear board meeting locations. Susan Purtell believes there is more to discuss and expand on planning. If you have other ideas to offer with this please email us. These workshops would be available for non/members.
- B. Board meetings (S. Purtell)- They are held twice a year in two different locations which have an agenda with minutes. The board also has two conference calls with agenda and minutes.
- C. Acknowledgement of outgoing Board Members (S. Purtell)- All board members serve on a volunteer basis and we thank them for their time.
 - i. Nicole Begley
 - ii. Mike Boos
 - iii. Susie Ekard
 - iv. Raquel Gardner
 - v. Angi Millwood
 - vi. Margaret Rousser

D. Acknowledgement of 2010-2011 Board Members (S. Purtell)

President – Rickey Kinley	Director – Tricia Dees
President-elect – Heidi Hellmuth	Director – Nicole Dorey
Past president –Susan Purtell	Director – Otto Fad
CFO – Nicki Boyd	Director – Jennifer Hennessey
Secretary – Heather Leeson	Director – Penny Krebs
1 st VP – Emily Insalaco	Director – Joe Pesce
2 nd VP – Margaret Rousser	Director – Cathy Schlott

VIII. Outgoing president comments (S. Purtell)- Thank you all for attending.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

- A. **MOTION** made to adjourn at 1:06pm by Missy Lamar. Second made by Dani Cremona. **Passed by unanimous consent.**



ABMA MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING
Financial Summary Report for 2009
 April 29, 2010

Income

Interest	\$ 680.20
Donations	\$.00
Conference	\$ 59,130.50
Membership Dues	\$ 16,826.59
Merchandise	\$ 3,326.98

Total	\$ 79,964.27
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Expenses

Postage/Newsletter	\$ 8299.83
Accounting/Admin	\$ 1956.98
Mid-year Meeting	\$ 250.88
Misc.	\$ 1165.77
Conference	\$69,321.07
Insurance	\$816.00
Printing	\$ 2,754.51
Information System (Web Design)	\$ 16,229.85
Merchandise	\$ 2450.57
Scholarship	\$309.70

Total	\$103,555.16
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2009 Fiscal Summary

Income	\$ 79,964.27
Expenses	\$(103,555.16)
Balance =	(\$23,590.89)

Account Balances on 12/31/09

Business checking	\$ 3,495.39
Capital One investment	\$40,681.08
Business Savings (Behavior Management Fund)	\$ 8,126.51
Conference seed	\$ 2,500.00
Ending balance	\$54,802.98