



Animal Behavior Management Alliance

Annual Member Business Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2011

Denver, CO

- I. Call to order at 12:34pm MST by Rickey Kinley.
- II. Minutes recorded by Heather Leeson.
- III. Opening comments (R. Kinley)- He has only heard positive feedback about the conference and hopes everyone is having a good time. This will be a shortened meeting due to time constraints with programs at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

- IV. Acceptance of the minutes from the 2010 member business meeting.

MOTION made by Gary Wilson to accept the 2010 member business meeting minutes, having been reviewed in advance. Second made by Susie Ekard. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

- V. Board reports
 - A. CFO report (R. Kinley)
 - i. 2010 Financial report- Wells Fargo business checking- \$19,882.66; Conference account- \$2,500.00; BMF account- \$8760.73; total in checking accounts- \$31,143.39. Capitol One high yield savings- \$41,095.69; total in all accounts- \$72,239.08.
 - B. Past President (S. Purtell)
 - i. Election results
 1. Review of election process- Apologies for the tardiness of the election via survey monkey. At some point, the elections will be held on our website. Five members were elected by the membership receiving 51% of votes cast.
 2. Incoming board members as a result of the 2010-2011 election- Emily Insalaco will be continuing on and was voted into the president elect position; Nicki Boyd will be continuing on and was voted into the CFO position; Darren Minier will be a director at large; Christine McKnight will be a director at large/secretary elect; Margaret Whittaker will be a director at large.

- ii. Website- Upgrades are continually in progress. Conference registration on our website was new this year and went well. Surveys, shop AMBA, and a forum will be coming in the near future.

C. President Elect (H. Hellmuth)

- i. Program Council Chair introductions- These introductions were done prior to the program council meetings on Tuesday, 19 April 2011 but are listed here for reference.

1. AnimalProfessional.com ad hoc (Emily Insalaco, Denver Zoo)
2. Behavior Management Fund (Michelle Farmerie, Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium)
3. Conference (Darren Minier, NPRC at UC Davis)
4. Conference Content Advisory (Megan Phillips, SeaWorld)
5. Conference Proceedings (Jennifer Hickman, Denver Zoo)
6. Education (Missy Lamar, Charles Paddock Zoo)
7. Government Affairs (Otto Fad, Busch Gardens)
8. Honors and Awards (Jennifer Hennessy, Roger Williams Park Zoo)
9. Membership (Julie Hartell-DeNardo, St. Louis Zoo)
10. Merchandise (Susie Ekard, San Diego Safari Park)
11. Nominations and Elections (Rickey Kinley, Cincinnati Zoo)
12. Public Affairs (Margaret Rousser, Oakland Zoo)
13. Publications (Heidi Hellmuth, Smithsonian's National Zoo)
14. Research and Evaluation (Darren Minier, NPRC at UC Davis)
15. Site Selection (Rickey Kinley, Cincinnati Zoo)
16. Sponsorship (Penny Krebs, Providence Police Department Mounted Command)
17. Veterinary Advisory (Vint Virga, Veterinary Healing Arts)
18. Website (Susan Purtell, San Diego Zoo)

- D. Proceedings Committee (J. Hickman)- Heidi reported on Jennifer's behalf. We are going green this year with conference proceedings. The electronic proceedings will be on our website as a member benefit. We will also be retroactive with previous conference proceedings soon.

E. Publications Committee (H. Hellmuth)-

- i. Electronic WellSpring- We will be going fully electronic with this publication in 2012; 2011 is the phase-into period. WellSpring on the website will be accessible by members only.
- ii. Submission request- Heidi is always looking for paper submissions, if you have one please contact her.

VI. Old Business- no outstanding business to discuss.

VII. New Business

A. Acknowledgement of 2011-2012 board members (R. Kinley)

President- Heidi Hellmuth	Director- Tricia Dees
President Elect- Emily Insalaco	Director- Otto Fad
Past President- Rickey Kinley	Director- Penny Krebs
Secretary- Heather Leeson	Director- Christine McKnight
CFO- Nicki Boyd	Director- Darren Minier
1 st Vice President- Margaret Rousser	Director- Joe Pesce
2 nd Vice President- Cathy Schlott	Director- Margaret Whittaker

B. Strategic planning

- i. 2010 conference survey (R. Kinley)- We asked the membership via email and Facebook to fill out an ABMA survey via survey monkey after the 2010 conference. The board took the feedback and is trying to steer the organization in a direction the membership voiced. Items from this survey we are moving forward with include the panel discussion for this years' conference, taking a stand on government and animal welfare issues, and being more green.

C. Denver Downtown Aquarium site visit (Alison Cronk)- She is the curator of non-aquatics. There are activities starting immediately upon arrival, please follow signage. The Denver downtown aquarium has one million gallons total water. They offer public swim with the sharks program and are the first facility in the world to offer open water scuba certification through PADI.

D. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo president (Bob Chastain)- Thank you, ABMA membership, for coming to the zoo. You have the best jobs in the world. The animal staff of CMZ planned the entire visit today- Thank You! The philosophy of this zoo is that the animal's have the important job of making the public fall in love with them so the public is excited about them. Training and enrichment programs allow for greater visibility and interactions, allowing guests to do their job. Keep pushing the industry forward and remember that what you are doing will save the natural world.

VIII. Motion to adjourn

MOTION made to adjourn 2011 member business meeting at 12:54pm MST by Susan Purtell. Second made by Genevieve Warner. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**



ABMA Business Meeting Financial Summary for 2010

Income

Interest	\$ 418.14
Donations	\$.00
Conference	\$ 52,222.89
Membership Dues	\$ 12,790.00
Merchandise	\$ 2898.00

Total	\$ 68,329.33
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Expenses

Postage/Newsletter	\$ 963.86
Accounting/Admin	\$ 1441.08
Mid-year Meeting	\$ 787.60
Misc.	\$ 218.50
Conference	\$42,021.07
Insurance	\$816.00
Printing	\$ 5401.71
Information System (Web Design)	\$ 2548.73
Merchandise	\$ 2632.08
Scholarship	\$309.00
Bank/CC Fees	\$3833.14

Total	\$60,972.63
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2010 Fiscal Summary

Income **\$68,329.33**
Expenses **\$60,972.63**
Total Income= **\$7,356.70**

Account Balances on 12/31/10

Business checking **\$ 19,882.66**
Capital One investment **\$41,095.69**

Business Savings **\$ 8,760.73**
 (Behavior Management Fund)
 Conference seed \$ 2,500.00

Ending balance	\$ 72,239.08
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