

KAWO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – 7:00 PM on Zoom

Register for meetings on the KAWO website at:  
<http://www.kalamazoowildones.org/business/>  
The link will be the same for all EC meetings in 2022.

Attendance:

Present – Jason Ballew, VP , Margo Rebar, Treasurer, Quyen Edwards, Secretary  
Ruth Caputo, Gail Simmons, Kim Patrie, Mel Luna, Ann Fraser, Noel Ocen-Gorgone,  
Ilse Gebhard, Paul Olexia, Mike Klug

Absent –

Dave Wendling. Kathy McGoff, Jessie Davis, President (8:00 PM)

1. Call to order; Changes to the agenda.  
Call to order from Jason 7:10 PM.  
Changes to agenda – Gail 1 item, Kalamazoo Bee Club
2. Approval of minutes of September 21, 2022 (Quyen) –Minutes Attached  
Motion to approve Margo, second Gail. Motion Passed.
3. Treasurers Report & Approval (Margo) – October Report Attached.  
- 2023 Draft Budget Attached. Margo would like to discuss.  
Discussion about October expenses. Margo asked about double billing from MailChimp and  
Jason said he will look into that.  
We had a 2023 draft budget discussion. Margo gave each committee chair the opportunity to  
request funds for 2023. Budget requests are to be approved at the November meeting.
4. Old Business
  - a.) Follow-up regarding Elections -  
Upcoming elections were mentioned at the September in-person program and in Seedlings.  
Kim has indicated she will not chair the Publications Committee.  
Ruth has indicated that she will not chair the Programs Committee.  
Quyen has indicated she will not run for Secretary in 2023.  
Ann has indicated that she will not run as a Member at Large, but will chair the Programs  
Committee.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Jennifer Laforest reached out and indicated Oct. 19 that she would continue with Facebook. Quyen Edwards is also an Admin on the Facebook page and is willing to continue to help with that.

At the meeting, Gail Simmons said she is willing to run as Secretary in 2023.  
We are still in need of a Publications Committee Chair and two Members at Large.  
Facebook post by – Quyen, website update by –Ann. We will also bring this up at the next program meeting. Elections will be online again this year.

5. New Business

a. **Discussion about recording monthly presentations** (Jason)

63% of members expressed desire for presentations to continue to be recorded, for viewing afterward if they are not able to attend programs or want to share it with others.

Ruth said she would ask about equipment at FUMC. Ann will reach out to the person who does the recordings at the Audubon meetings. Quyen said that the Portage District Library has the technology in place for hybrid programs. If other options do not work out, Ann will talk to Quyen about this as a possibility. The other recommendation was to look into Public Media Network (as an option for students looking for experience).

6. Committee Reports / Ad Hoc

**Programs (Ruth)** – The program for 2023 has been finalized. A file is attached.

It happened that we had local or near local speakers so our budget is going to be lower than average. Our next meeting “Panel Presentation: “A Wealth of Experience within KAWO” on October 26 will be introduced by Ruth. She’s also confirming arrangements at FUMC.

**Membership (Jason)**

This link did not work for everyone. Jason will try resending the document.

- Please use this link to view the feedback report: Question 5, regarding suggestions for programming, activities, etc.

[https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=0998bf4f0f&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:1746958105290584380&th=183e71241755b13c&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f\\_l9d2k4xq1](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=0998bf4f0f&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:1746958105290584380&th=183e71241755b13c&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_l9d2k4xq1)

**Gail** – We received an email with an invitation to attend an event at the Portage Senior Center – Kalamazoo Bee Club. Ann will connect with a student who has worked with this group in the past and try to get them KAWO materials to hand out there.

**Kim** – Bookmark for 2023 programs is going to the graphic designer so that we can have it for distribution by the November meeting.

**Jessie** - Discussion of licensing fee for a native plant Zine (8:00 PM)

Jessie is interested in licensing a limited run of a native plant Zine with the intention to distribute it at in-person KAWO events like the Spring Plant Exchange. She felt strongly about paying the artist, Mel Luna, for their work. Quyen and Noel have seen it. It is a charming and informative handwritten zine with information about native plants and their importance. Is there a conflict of interest since the artist is on the Board? The group was interested in seeing some of the work before making a decision about it. Mel will send out one or two pictures and we will discuss this again at next month’s meeting.

7. Adjournments – Adjourned at 8:15PM

Motion by Paul, seconded by Gail. Motion passed.

>>> The next meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – 7PM – Zoom

(\*per the KAWO Business Meeting Schedule on the website)

**WildOnes Natural Landscapers, Ltd Mission:**

*WildOnes: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities.*

**KAWO Vision:**

*To restore and sustain biodiversity through education and the practice of landscaping with native plants.*