

KAWO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM on Zoom

Present:

Jessie Davis, Pres.
Jason Ballew, VP
Margo Rebar, Treas.
Gail Simmons (subbing for Quyen Edwards as secretary)
Ann Fraser
Mel Luna
Kathy McGoff
Kim Patrie
Ilse Gebhard
Noel Ocen
Paul Olexia

Absent:

Ruth Caputo
Quyen Edwards, Sec.
Mike Klug

Guests (new At Large members as of 1/1/23):

Jessica Hagen
Beth Bradburn

1. Call to order; Changes to the agenda – amended to show that Mel Luna is our third Member At Large for 2023.
2. Approval of minutes of November 9, 2022 – No questions; minor changes. Motion to approve minutes as amended; by Kathy, second Margo. Motion passed.
3. Treasurers Report & Approval – December Report. Margo presented attachments showing the final budget for 2022 – a report for all 12 months of 2022 will be forwarded to National. The attached 2023 budget is the final version; EC members can discard previous drafts. Motion to approve December Treasurers report as presented by Kathy, seconded by Noel. Motion passed.
4. Old Business
 - a. Follow-up regarding Elections -
Kathy reported that everyone who stood for election was elected unanimously. We welcomed Beth Bradburn and Jessica Hagen, visiting this meeting, who will become Members At Large on January 1, 2023.

- b. Two new Committee Chairs were approved: Mel Luna will become Publications Chair, replacing Kim Patrie who is stepping down. The motion to approve Mel's appointment was made by Kathy and seconded by Ilse. The motion passed. Ann Fraser will become Program Committee Chair, replacing Ruth Caputo. The motion to approve Ann's appointment was made by Gail and seconded by Jason. The motion passed. Program committee for next year: Ann Fraser (chair), Quyen Edwards, Mel Luna, Tom Small, and Mike Weis. Ruth Caputo will continue to handle publicity logistics and facilities coordination for the 2023 year.
- c. Advertising KAWO (Gail) – Gail is following up with online advertising in NowKalamazoo; Mel is going to work with WMUK.
- d. Noel addressed the EC, and particularly new EC members, to ask for volunteers to join her on the Outreach and Education Committee, which is currently a one-person operation. We need help with tabling and with the new Homegrown National Park initiative.
- e. Follow-up regarding Zine –Kim presented quotes from two vendors for various quantities and styles of printing. There was general consensus that, if the project goes forward, Printmill is a superior vendor both for price and breadth of offerings. There was discussion about a final format of color cover but black and white interior to allow children to color the zines themselves; these could be handouts at the Plant Exchange 30th anniversary, or at other events. After considerable discussion about the licensing process, the EC asked Mel Luna, the creator, to provide a proposal for licensing her artwork for the project.
Motion to table the decision pending Mel's proposal was made by Jason, seconded by Kathy. Motion to table passed.
- f. The committee to plan the 30th anniversary celebration of the Plant Exchange includes the following members: Kim Patrie, Jason Ballew, Paul Olexia, Tom and Ruth Small. The committee will meet in January.

5. New Business

- a. Helping Fish & Wildlife Get Property Owner Buy-In for Native Plants (Gail) – Kim suggested directing them to a project at Calvin College by Dave Warner; Margo suggested that SWMLC might have resources. Others suggested Mike Klug as a resource. Gail will respond to them with this information.
- b. Kalamazoo Poetry Festival – Noel will respond to them; EC members are generally in favor of participation.
- c. Recommendations from Program Committee to change venue for in-person programs. Ann reported on the advantages of the Portage District Library, particularly to meet the

need to record and/or livestream events. The Committee will visit the PDL soon and report back at the next EC meeting in January for final decision. [Follow-up in emails]

6. Committee Reports / Ad Hoc

Membership (Jason) – Jason will send additional info in an email; he mentioned that National is providing a QR code for our local chapter that can be used in printed material, as well as printed Native Garden plans and Climate Guides.

Plant Sale – The Committee is moving forward with final selections of plants for this year's sale.

The EC welcomed new members Jessica Hagen and Beth Bradbury, who will become official EC Members At Large on January 1, 2023

7. Adjournments –

>>> The next meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – 7PM – Zoom

Motion to adjourn by Kathy, Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by Gail Simmons, KAWO Secretary