

Minutes of a Special Zoom Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences

July 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Kissick at 6:02 PM (MDT)

Board Members Present included:

1. Craig Kissick – President
2. Sandy Ludlum – Secretary
3. George Winters – Administrative Director
4. Tom Caggiano – Board Member
5. George Ast – Board Member
6. Neal Larson – Board Member
7. Tony Lindgren – Board Member
8. Rick Hebden – Board Member
9. John Issa – Past President

This was a Special Meeting called to determine whether to subscribe to e-ballot and to move voting from in-person balloting to electronic online balloting.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the May 5, 2021, Board Meeting were presented in written form. Neal Larson moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by John Issa and the motion was passed by acclamation.

Because of the special nature of this meeting no treasurers report nor committee reports were presented.

Administrative Director's Report

George Winters presented the costs and benefits of going to electronic balloting.

The cost of the e-ballot program is based on membership. Using our current voting membership figures we will have an annual cost of \$209.28. For that we can have:

- Unlimited ballots
- Secure Platform
- Closed Voting Platform
- Mobile Device Friendly Platform
- We Control Who Can Vote (name and email), can vote only once per ballot

Advantages to eliminating in-person balloting are:

We currently have 209 voting members. We only receive 60-70 ballots at our annual meeting. By going electronic (e-mail) all voting members will have an opportunity to vote even if they are not in

attendance at the annual meeting. This is an added benefit to our membership, leads to greater membership input and greater transparency.

We spend about \$70 per year printing ballots so that will be a cost savings. There will also be a cost savings in that George will not have to prepare, count, and tally ballots. Also, we will receive instantaneous results.

Following a discussion of these costs and benefits and how we may implement voting Tom Gaggiano moved that we accept George's recommendations and subscribe to e-ballot in order to move our voting from in-person to electronic. The motion was seconded by John Issa. The motion was carried by acclamation.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of discussions among the members present on a variety of issues concerning AAPS and its membership although no action was taken.

In a discussion concerning the relocation of displaced dealers in Tucson for 2022 George reiterated that he would continue to post listings in our Newsletter and on our Facebook page of venues with openings and will assist members in contacting the various promoters involved.

Tom Caggiano moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Tony Lindgren. The motion was carried by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned by President Craig Kissick at 6:45 PM MDT.

Respectfully submitted by Nathaniel 'Sandy' Ludlum, Secretary.