ICEC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

8 January 2025
4:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Attending:			
Louis Beck, Chair	X	*Ex Officio:*	
Kyla Burns		Gus Elliott	x
Dave Conrads	X	Chris Like	
Heather Gamm, Treasurer	X	Jerry Neppel	X
Jared McGovern	X	Carlee Sabus	X
Tiffany Morgan, Vice/Sec'y	X		
Ted Neal	X		
Jim Pifer	X	*Contractor:* Linette Bernard	x
Kean Roberts			
Peg Steffen		*Guests:*	
Samuel Taylor	X	Ellen Carman	X
Tony Vorwald	x	Melissa Haugo	x
		Laura Downey	X

Quorum was confirmed, then Louis Beck called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Tony Vorwald made the motion to approve the agenda. Second by Ted Neal. Motion passed.

Sam Taylor made the motion to approve the 11 December 2024 meeting minutes as written. Second by Ted Neal. Motion passed.

David Conrads joined the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Tiffany Morgan asked if there was any objection to having Laura Downey present before the reports. Hearing no objections, the reports followed Downey's presentation.

Laura Downy, Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education, gave an update about the PEEPs activities of 2024 and the eeLandscape Analysis. Downey gave a summary of the PEEPs organization, history, and activities. She then presented the survey process, methodology, and results of the 6-state survey of both programs and K-12 teachers and administrators. Questions can be directed to Downey. Downey left the meeting at the conclusion of her presentation.

Jared McGovern left the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Reports

1. Review Treasurer's Report – Heather Gamm provided the calendar year-end 2024 and starting 2025 budget status. Gamm noted that both the Holthues Trust and the Envirothon grant were spent down. Clarification was given by Gus Elliott on the WILD Resources funds noting that while DNR Trust Fund dollars purchase WILD book inventory, the money received for WILD books purchased after training, come to this ICEC dedicated silo. Either Elliott or Megan Wisecup must approve expenditures from this fund.

Action Items

1. Approve 2025 Budget – A draft of the 2025 budget was presented. After discussion, it was agreed that an Ad Hoc committee will meet to made recommendations for the 2025 budget. A final draft will be presented to ExCom at the 7 February 2025 meeting for approval. Jim Pifer, Tiffany Morgan, Heather Gamm, and Linette Bernard agreed to schedule a meeting with any other ExCom welcome to join.

Discussion Items

1. Louis Beck welcomed newly elected ExCom members Melissa Haugo and Ellen Carman. Their terms start at the conclusion of the 2025 Annual Meeting. Kyla Burns, Kean Roberts, and Peg Steffen were elected to their second term. David Conrads and Tony Vorwald will roll off ExCom at the Annual Meeting.

2. Determine 2025 ExCom officers – Beck led the discussion about the slate of 2025 officers. While Tiffany Morgan was suggested as Chair and Ellen Carman agreed to fill the secretary position. Heather Gamm indicated she is not able to continue as treasurer. The Ad Hoc committee looking at the budget will also work to fill out the slate of nominees to present at the 7 February 2025 meeting for vote.

Ellen Carman left the meeting at 5:56 p.m. Ted Neal left the meeting at 5:59 p.m. Carlee Sabus and David Conrads left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

3. Set 2025 ExCom meeting dates – Discussion revealed that not all will be able to attend Wednesday meetings. Bernard will send out a poll to all members. The results will be used at the 7 February 2025 meeting to set meeting dates.
4. Winter Workshop 2025 update – Bernard noted that only 14 had registered for the workshop. A call will be made on go or no-go by 22 January 2025 when food numbers are due.
5. 2026 Winter Workshop date and location – Beck said that he would like to announce at the Annual Meeting the date and, if possible, the location of Winter Workshop 2026. Possible dates include 7 February and 21 February 2026. In the interest of time, the Ad Hoc committee will add this to their discussion.

Updates – In the interest of time both below updates will be tabled.

1. Game Jam – Peg Steffen
2. IPBS Blitz update – Tiffany Morgan
3. Website updates

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with apologies for the lateness at 6:26 p.m.