

## **2022 Alaska Entomological Society Annual Meeting Minutes, 10 February 2022**

### **Annual meeting attendance:**

Robin Andrews  
Taylor Kane  
Susan Wise-Eagle  
Roger Burnside  
Dana Brennan  
Derek Sikes  
Alex Wenninger  
Julie Riley  
Adam Haberski  
Garret Dubois  
Debbie H  
Michael Baldwin  
Jessica Rykken  
Walker Brinkman  
Joey Slowik  
Thalles Pereira  
Steve Swenson  
Bob Armstrong  
Dennis Fielding  
Elizabeth Graham  
Jessie Moan  
Sydney Brannoch  
Janice Chumley  
MK  
Isaac Dell  
Matt Bowser

Meeting Started: 9:03 am

## **2022 AKES Business Meeting:**

Called to order: **1:20 pm**

### **Present:**

Dana Brennan (President)  
Robin Andrews (Vice President)  
Roger Burnside (Treasurer)  
Taylor Kane (Secretary)

### **In attendance:**

Mike Baldwin  
Robin Andrews  
Adam Haberski  
Alex Wenninger  
Thalles P L Pereira  
Derek Sikes  
Jessie Moan  
DJ Fielding  
Steve Swenson  
Debbie Hinchey  
Susan Wise-Eagle  
Garret Dubois  
Julie Riley

**Treasurer report:** (Burnside) Dues tallied: \$745 in income from dues and donation \$130, \$28 lost to paypal fees. Current bank balance: \$342 in checking \$6898 in jump up CD account, \$58 in paypal. Expenses: Award presentations, Science Fair awards, web expenses.

From chat: "Northim Bank ckng \$342 Northrim CD account \$6898 PayPal account \$58 all as of 2.8.22"

**Website: (Bowser)** I cannot attend this afternoon. Updates from me: 1. Not much to report on website. We can post stuff. 2. Everyone is welcome to submit articles to the AKES Newsletter. I may change the format some to be more 508 & WCAG compliant, but I will try to make it as consistent as possible as previous issues. Bye!

**Announcements:** (Brennan) Science fair judging will happen again this year. We need volunteers from Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau to Judge.

- **(Sikes)** Taylor, Derek and Thalles will judge in Fairbanks
- **(Wenninger)** Alex will judge in Anchorage

**(Sikes)** Children's bug camp for 2-7th graders, July 18-22 through UAF Summer Sessions, Adult bug camp will be offered the prior weekend (July 15-17)  
Mel Sikes recommends the Bugs and Plants of Alaska Facebook group.

## **Discussion:**

Meeting time for 2023:

(Burnside) We could have the meeting over several days next year.

(Sikes) We could reinstate the key-note address. It is easier to get an interesting talk over zoom.

(Burnside) Hybrid meeting for next year. Over zoom and face to face.

(Burnside) I propose a two session/two day meeting. With keynote address in first session, other presentations on the second day. The business meeting will fall on the second day.

(Brennan) Seconded

(Sikes) Break up the meeting so it is not a one day event, the details can be figured out later.

(Riley) I'm going to vote no because I'd like to see face to face.

(Brennan) but with a hybrid option if people can only travel out of town for one day they could do virtually the day they cannot

(Kane) Consensus is to poll listserv prior to the meeting to decide what we want to do.

Listserves:

(Sikes) UAF has transferred all email addresses from the old listserv to the new.

(Wenninger) We can use google form to add new members to the google group.

(Sikes) We have to talk with Matt about this. The listserv is currently decoupled from Membership. Sikes and Wenninger will talk with Bowser and figure out the best way to do it.

(Burnside) We could start asking for dues earlier. We should stick to certain dates for when dues are due. Duties and timelines should be on the website, so everyone has access.

(Kane) Can automate to send the reminders via gmail in advance

Getting more members:

(Sikes) Derek is admin for the facebook group. We currently have +1,600 followers

(Wenninger) It would be good to post in the Bugs and Plants of Alaska group too.

(Sikes) It would be good to have a pre-meeting business meeting, so good ideas can be implemented immediately instead of waiting.

(Kane) We could have a social media position, for the facebook account, and add a Twitter account.

(Brennan) It could be a responsibility of an existing officer.

(Thalles) Is it possible to donate to the AKES without be a Member?

(Sikes, Burnside) It would be good to add a donation button to the front page. We can talk to Matt about this.

(Brennan) Dana will help with posting/reposting material to the facebook page.

(Dubois) FHP has good posts that could be shared also.

(Kane) T-shirt design discussion from last year. It would be good to do

People who want to be included in discussion: officers, Renee, [danambrenn@gmail.com](mailto:danambrenn@gmail.com), Susan Wise Eagle.

**Investment discussion:**

(Burnside) Has not filed any IRS returns since 2006. This may make it difficult to move the money around. If we put this into a mutual fund or as a pool into the state society account at Schwab, we would need to talk to the IRS.

UA Foundation fees are near to 1%. Nonprofits can open up mutual funds, which might be a better option. Invest in a diversified group of stocks that pay dividends.

- Check into opening a nonprofit investment account. Dividend Reinvestment Plan X (MP63 fund)
- Roger will be willing to handle this even when he is no longer treasurer. This option could potentially double/triple our current savings.

(Julie Riley) Last I looked University of Alaska Foundation required \$25,000 for an earmarked fund.

(Burnside) Motion that Burnside pursues starting a MP63 account, working with Derek Sikes and Julie Riley.

(Kane) Seconded.

(Burnside) Will contact the IRS and see if there are any issues there.

(Julie Riley) FYI: The Alaska Community Foundation, [www.alaskacf.org](http://www.alaskacf.org), may have some potential, too.

Vote:

Yae:

Derek Sikes  
Dana Brennan  
Robin Andrews  
Taylor Kane  
Alex Wenninger  
Garret Dubois  
Adam Haberski  
Dennis Fielding  
Roger Burnside  
Julie Riley

Nay:

N/A

**The motion passes, 10 to 0. Roger will pursue a mutual fund for the Society.**

**Citizen science program discussion from 2021:**

(Sikes) Thinking of not continuing Mosquito project. It is a lot of work, and not very many people are involved. It may be better to just use NEON data, as they collect mosquitoes.

(Sikes) The automated malaise trap is currently in limbo. It is about 80% completed, but would need more engineering students to complete it.

(Sikes) Will include a little report about the device in the newsletter.

**Science fair awards 2021:**

(Brennan) Dana thinks the student received their award, but is going to check.

**Print from Mike:**

(Sikes) Still in Derek's office. Derek will buy it if it does not sell.

(Wenninger) Could have a donation drive raffle, with a random winner getting the print.

(Burnside) Check with Matt and see what he thinks.

(Sikes) Might be complicated legally. All this hinges on being able to have a donation button on either facebook or the website.

Kane moves to approve last year's minutes, seconded by Roger. Approved by all.

**Student awards:**

(Wenninger) Taylor Kane receives the student award.

**New Officers:**

No changes in the officers

**(Burnside)** Move business meeting to first week in December.

**(Sikes)** We can poll the listserv closer to the date and see when it works for everyone.

**Move to end the meeting: Kane, 3:01, Seconded by Roger Burnside.**