

**Washington Conservation Guild
Annual Membership Meeting**

May 5, 2016

WCG President Jane Klinger called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the membership business meeting and raffle.

Jane provided a brief summary of the many activities and events of the past year and thanked the board for giving us a wonderful season of meetings and events. She congratulated the pre-program interns who will be attending conservation graduate school in the fall: Kaitlyn Wright (Buffalo State), LaStarsha McGarity (Buffalo State), Nick Kaplan (WUDPAC) and Caitlin Richeson (WUDPAC). She announced that WCG will join the organizing committee for an Alliance for Response Initiative that FAIC is in the process of starting in the D.C. area.

Copies of the membership business meeting May 2014 and 2015 minutes were distributed. Jane asked if there were any questions. Sarah Stauderman made a motion to pass the 2014 minutes if these corrections were added. The motion was seconded and the minutes approved. Sarah Stauderman asked that the names of the people on the Nominating committee be included in the 2015 minutes. Sarah Stauderman made a motion to pass the 2015 minutes if these corrections were added. The motion was seconded and the minutes approved.

The proposed budget for the upcoming year July 2015 to July 2016 was distributed. The year end summary was also distributed so everyone can see how the two documents are related. Lauren Iwanow presented the budget. The WCG stayed well within budget regarding our expenses this year. The logistics team stayed under budget and helped to compensate for an unexpected \$1800 charge related to the 3-Ring Circus. Membership fees will increase in July. Next year is our 50th anniversary and we have budgeted extra money for special events. The board is looking into developing incentives for donations to offset expenses related to the 50th anniversary. Lauren Iwanow and Jane Klinger asked if there were any questions or comments from the membership. A question was raised about other WCG assets and whether a possible goal for the 50th anniversary year would be to establish an endowment. Previous WCG experience with endowed funds located in separate accounts was that it made accounting very difficult. Sarah Stauderman made a motion to approve the budget and Steven Pickman seconded. Membership approved the budget unanimously. The budget has passed.

Nominating Committee members (2015-2016): Lisa Young (chair), Steven Pickman, Amber Kerr

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Results of the election

Diana Galante - Vice President

Christina Finlayson - Membership Secretary

Dawn Wallace - director

Carlos Moya - director

Jahanvi Desai - director

Ed McManus - director

Lindy Gulik - director

Anne Marigza - director

Steven O'Banion - director

Cathy Zaret - director

Steven Pickman made a motion to close the meeting. Im Chan seconded. The business meeting closed at 6:45 pm.