

WVMNSAC
March 12, 2025
University of Charleston School of Pharmacy
10:00 AM

Present on Site: Rebecca Linger, Jessica Chambers, Kay Hart, Kieren O'Malley, Scott Warner, Steve Swank, Emily Grafton

Present on Zoom: Emily McCabe, Sam Muncy, Rich Brager, Michelle Fonda, Mike Vernon, Carol Nix, Kevin Johnson, Andy Dalton, Tommy Zietz, Nicole Svajlenka

1. Welcome: Rebecca Linger
 - Requests nominees for President and Vice President
 - Requests merchandise sale ideas
2. Minutes from Nov 20,2024
Approved
3. Treasurers Report: Carol Nix
Balance \$9,243.98
Paid: State business licensure \$150 (2years)
Zoom meetings fees \$16.95mo.
ANROSP dues \$150 annually
Blackwater Falls deposit \$500
Blackwater Falls pavilion rental \$218
Dreamhost (website) \$132.20
We also had deposits of \$145 from PVMN for manuals and etc.
Also a deposit from Kay Hart \$160 for manuals
4. Continuous Quality Improvement Committee: Mike Vernon & Rich Brager
Explored:
 - a. How to better assist chapters
 - b. How to attract new members
 - c. How can the DNR help

Scott Warner needs responses to the survey questions that were sent to the chapter presidents
5. Annual Conference Updates: Kay Hart
 - Location - Blackwater Falls
 - Dates - Friday, June 27-29, 2025
 - Theme – Conservation Begins With Education
 - Registration begins April 1st
 - There will be a silent auction
 - Request 1 item from each chapter with a photo, description, price, and chapter label
 - Door prizes will be given Friday and Saturday evening
 - There will be 19 daytime classes, 2 evening classes, a music jam on Friday evening, barbecue on Friday night, & Saturday night banquet
 - Keynote Speaker is Rosalie Hayslett
 - Chapter Coordinators meeting before the banquet
 - 25 volunteers so far
 - First Aid backpack kit for all groups going outside
 - Requesting an exhibit display from each chapter
6. Nominations for Officers: Mike Vernon
We have new bylaws for the nomination process. Five positions are open.

Secretary Nominee - Rebecca Linger
Treasurer Nominee – Carol Nix & Jamie Chambers
Member at Large Nominee – Laurie Moye
President & Vice President – open

Presidential duties include setting up two meetings with agendas and the annual conference

Nicole Svajlenka is now the New River Gorge Chapter President

7. State Outreach and Education Coordinator: Scott Warner

This is a new position based in South Charleston and will be overseen by Emily McCabe

Emily also oversees the Claudia Workman Center

Emily will oversee the Outdoor Woman's Program – this is a 3 day event with all day classes that will include lectures on fishing, fly tying, mussels, gun cleaning etc. These events will be held spring and fall. They are geared toward women

but anyone over 18 can attend. The first will be held April 4-6, 2025.

Andy Dalton requested contact information.

8. Upcoming Stakeholders Meeting: DNR SWAP: Kieran O'Malley

State wildlife action plan is being revised. Considerations for game and nongame species, habitats, stakeholder involvement and public involvement will be reviewed. Public open houses will be held in July in Morgantown and Charleston.

Master Naturalists are considered a conservation organization and are invited.

Flyers will be mailed to Master Naturalists and Wildlife Yard members

Christa Noe is now the DNR Ecologist

9. New Business: Rebecca Linger

Ideas for merchandise for sale: long and short sleeve t-shirts, toboggans, and vests

Jessica Chambers, our web manager, will post chapter schedules, special events, and help with marketing and graphic design

10. Motion to adjourn: Rebecca Linger

Motion is Kay Hart

Seconded by Jessica Chambers

Motion passed