TMN Presidents’ and Advisors’ Meeting

15 Nov 2021, 1:00 CST

virtual (the Zoom gods were angry today)

**2021 Annual Meeting**

* by the numbers
  + 691 registrants (475 virtual, 216 in person); 106 speakers, 128 sessions (15 field), 44 of 48 chapters represented
* session recordings
  + recordings available 90 days after the meeting, website both in-person & virtual, only on Attendee Hub website (not app)
  + some known issues, particularly with audio on first meetings, meeting with vendor
  + available to registrants only
* logging hours:
  + email of instructions sent to registrants, based on Camino Real(?) directions
  + VMS admins can email Mary Pearl Meuth for list of sessions by registrant
  + available for virtual attendees; in-person attendees must have logged in on app [oops!]
* financials
  + gross $121,537 + ($7,665 online + $9400 mailed) sponsorships
  + final bill from hotel received 15 Nov, still being reviewed
  + net to be reported in Dec, any profits will be rolled into 2022 Meeting
  + Virtual Nature Venture: 130 registrants $2500 to TMN Program
  + $200 from donated chili pequin plants
* session questions
  + Which topics were most memorable?
  + Which should become TMN Tuesdays in 2022?
  + Advisor Awards
  + Individual: Matthew March, Piney Wood Lakes
  + Team: Johanna Arendt and Tanya Homayoun, Balcones Canyonlands

**2022 Annual Meeting**

* Thurs 20-Sun 22 Oct 2022
  + Avoid training classes on these dates, so trainees can attend, please
* Omni Houston Hotel
* Considerations:
  + Start meeting with a Thursday meal?
  + Keep Chapter Leadership meeting on Thursday or as Sunday breakfast?
  + Consider an endowment fundraiser?
    - traditional funding for meetings: registration, silent auction (lately the Virtual Nature Venture) funds scholarships etc., endowment fundraiser (gala, sunset cruise, none in 2020 or 2021)
  + Will it be a hybrid? Hope to keep some events virtual/hybrid, will depend on technology, pandemic, economics

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**Remaining 2021 Items**

* Upcoming Calendar dates
  + 13 Dec, Presidents’ and Advisors’ meeting: for both outgoing and incoming P’s & A’s
  + 14 Dec, 12:00 TMN Tues, Steve Hall, The Future of Conservation-- Will It Look the Same? (R3: Recruit, Retain, Reactivate)
* Elections:
  + Enter new leadership in VMS as soon as applicable
  + This is where State Office gets list for emails
  + There is an area for chapter history at bottom
* Temp training policy. No changes anticipated for 2022.
  + https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/
* Grit and Distance pins available again for 2021
  + Must log 8 hours AT and 1 hour volunteer service
  + Will be mailed to chapters in Feb or March (Michelle Haggerty will send list of eligible members)
  + VMS reports will be pulled after Feb 15, 2022

**2022 planning**

* Covid policy: expected to stay the same, policy on the TMN page
* 2021 Annual Meeting sessions can be watched through April 2022 for credit (if you attended)
  + Will disappear from CVENT platform after 90 days, but will move somewhere else till April
* Spring training press release request to come out this week
* Calendar dates
* Presidents’ and Advisors’ Meeting dates
  + Moving from Mondays to Tuesdays, 1:00 or noon?
  + Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24, (no Jun), Jul 12 (summer mtg), Aug 30, Sep 27, Oct 20 (annual mtg), Nov 29, Dec 13
  + Will keep the zoom format and send links before meetings
* TMN Tuesdays
  + Jan 11 (State of the Program), Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12 (Training Class best practices), Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13 (case studies on Board retreats)
* Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives (workshop planning)
* Be the Change Workshop, spring 2022, hoping for first week of April
  + Confirming with presenters
  + putting together survey for topics, resource needs, timing
  + will be virtual for sake of travel and cost
* Virtual Volunteer Fair 2022
  + Last week of April or first week of May (also weekend of City Nature Challenge)
  + Final dates announced by mid-December
  + Need to offer more opportunities available to all chapters
  + Will be showcase for projects, but need project sponsors to use Fair to publicize

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**Other resources**

* Regional WebEx accounts will be maintained through 2022
  + Please download your meeting, then DELETE to preserve storage space (or it will be deleted for you)
  + Please do not change name or avatar
  + Please check the calendar before scheduling new meetings
* Website
  + AgriLife is hiring a Website Support Specialist for TMN and TMG!
  + Focused on supporting TMN chapter websites
  + Will be hosting monthly trainings again
* Meeting OWLs (audiovisual equipment)
  + 10 available to lend out on 6-month cycle (should capture training class)
  + Mary Pearl will handle distribution; still working on procedure
* TMN Merchandise
  + planning to restock clothing soon
  + pop-up store was covid work-around
  + Would like to have another pop-up; want to put most pop-up-ular items in regular store or re-popped
  + Can we get more Junior MN pins? Not with any current funding. Can we all chip in? Concerns about brand creep and upper-level approval

**CMOP Update**

* ran out of time for discussion
* structure and updates in email

Respectfully submitted,

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