

# Agenda

## WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Sunday, 16 April 2023

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89308028204?pwd=VmwyMzVTMVR6WGJxbUFUSIFXWFRWQT09>

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Participation, pandemic, paddle races, outings, cleanups, water quality testing, opposition to trash, mines, water withdrawals, coal ash, and pellet plants, promotion of solar power, and of course finances: the WWALS board will be discussing all those in its Quarterly Board meeting. The public is invited. We will be meeting online by zoom, so you don't even have to go anywhere.

**Invited to attend:** WWALS members, especially committee members, and the general public.

All WWALS Board Members are expected to attend.

The more done on the board list, the less time we have to spend in this meeting.

**Board Members:** for bios, terms, etc. see <http://wwals.net/about/board/>

- Sara Jones (*President\** and Chair of Nominating Committee)
- Bret Wagenhorst (*Secretary\**)
- Elizabeth Brunner (*Treasurer\**)
- Dennis Price
- Jesse Cole
- Trudy Cole

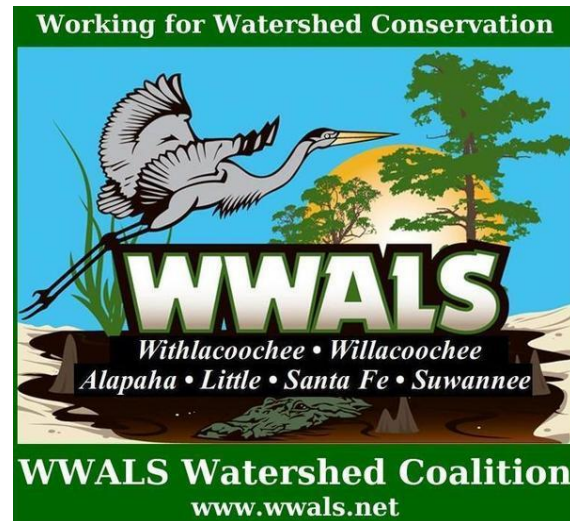
\* Executive Committee.

**Staff:** see also <http://wwals.net/about/board/#staff>

- Gretchen Quarterman, Executive Director (Chair of Membership, Finance, and Grant-Writing Committees)
- John S. Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeeper® (Chair of PR and Watershed Issues Committees)
- Veronica Oakler, Development Director (Chair of Gala committee)

**Committees:** see also [wwals.net/about/committees/](http://wwals.net/about/committees/) and [Committee items](#) below.

- Eileen Box (Chair of Events Committee)
- Suzanne Hall (Chair of Testing Committee)
- Tom Potter (Chair of Science Committee)
- Amy Meyers (Chair of Outings Committee)
- Vacant (Chair of Water Trails Committee)



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1. Call to Order including welcoming guests and explaining how this meeting is conducted (anyone can speak; only board members vote; try to stick to the topic at hand).
2. Secretary
  - a. Agenda Review: Additions and Changes
  - b. Approve Minutes
    - i. Vote: Accept Minutes of January 8, 2023, WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting
    - ii. Vote: Record in minutes of this WWALS board meeting the Email votes by WWALS Board or Executive Committee since last WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting (see [Secretary Report](#)).
  - c. Next Meetings:
    1. Two meetings in July:
      - a. Sunday, July 9, 2023, 6:00 PM, Annual Member Meeting
      - b. Sunday, July 9, 2023, 6:30 PM, Board Meeting
    2. Sunday, October 8, 2023, 6 PM, Board Meeting
3. Treasurer/ Finance Committee: See [Treasurer Report](#).
  - a. Financial Report: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1rGQbuA6oog34g-nsLrU-SWfmd0yNy7J>
  - b. Elizabeth and Veronica now have access to QuickBooks. It turns out that our account was only partially functioning because TechSoup had not correctly billed us for quite some time. We are all caught up with that.
  - c. Vote: Should we sign up for payments by direct deposit from Quick books? It costs \$7.50 per month for first three months and then \$15 per month after that (checks are free but aren't always delivered the next day)
  - d. Vote: I would like to pay the Riverkeeper monthly instead of quarterly.
  - e. Discuss Staff Salaries
    - i. At the January meeting, it was voted that the Riverkeeper's salary would be raised starting in the second quarter. Is everyone still OK with that?
4. President: See [Report](#).
  - a. Vote: I would like to have Veronica added to the wwals-board e-mail list so that she can ask the board for input and see their views on various issues. Other staff members (Riverkeeper and E.D. are on the list)
5. Executive Director (business): See [Report](#).
  - a. Development Director is busily working and has received first paycheck (she is paid monthly)
  - b. We have been invited to "partner" with Wild Adventures. WWALS "volunteers" direct parking traffic on concert nights and WWALS receives \$10 per hour of volunteer time. Do we want to do this? Do we think we can get volunteers? Who will coordinate?
  - c. Chamber memberships - I have not yet paid them but do mean to do it soon. There is no rush.
  - d. Should we have another board member training, retraining session? Please suggest a good time.
  - e. Web hosting has been updated. I am still working out some mail interface issues.



6. Suwannee Riverkeeper (advocacy); see [Report](#).

a. **Vote: update WWALS Goals**; see draft:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VCT79IPmMT1bl9paNyKT6T7LZLrII87V8133gkOnClS/edit>

b. How you can help with advocacy.

**7. Committee items for discussion or vote are in agenda; see also appended reports.**

8. Advisory Committee: Chair Vacant: Board Delegate Vacant. See [Report](#).

a. Needs a chair

b. Needs to meet.

9. Events Committee: Chair Eileen Box; see [Report](#)

10. Executive Committee: see [Report](#).

11. Gala Committee: Chair Veronica Oakler; see [Report](#).

a. Need sponsors

12. Grant-writing Committee: Chair Gretchen Quarterman; see [Report](#)

a. **We need to apply for grants to get money.**

b. **Vote: Make the Development Director the chair of the Grants committee.**

c. DEI discussion

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B3K-6nHSH0Oc-CLReiNjSotqiSQpIMSchUBEIEmMbs/edit>

13. Membership Committee: Chair Gretchen Quarterman; see [Report](#)

a. Discuss: please invite people to give monthly.

b. Thank you to membership committee members for helping with letter writing.

c. Vote: nothing

14. Nominating Committee: Chair Sara Jones; see [Report](#)

a. Discuss: Set a schedule for meetings one month before regularly scheduled board meetings to discuss vacancies and volunteers.

b. Members are: Sara, Bret, Trudy, Elizabeth, JSQ, Laura D.

c. We need to identify potential board members from our various committee volunteers soon.

15. Outings Committee: Chair Amy Meyers; see [Report](#).

a. Chairman and Mayor's Paddle - it didn't lose money this year. People are willing to pay

b. BIG Little River Paddle Event - two people have registered so far through eventbrite

c. Clean-Ups and outings are well attended

d. Vote: Nothing

16. Personnel Committee: Chair Sara Jones; see [Personnel Committee Report](#)

a. We need committee members from the board.

b. Staff positions remain unchanged and we need more volunteers

c. Riverkeeper salary and pay frequency

17. Public Relations Committee: Chair John S. Quarterman; see [Report](#).

a. Please: articles to *Tannin Times* Newsletter before month end.



18. Science Committee: Chair Tom Potter; See [Science Committee Report](#).
19. Testing Committee: Chair Suzy Hall; See [Testing Committee Report](#).
  - a. **Vote: Add Heather Brasell and Phoenix Best to the testing committee**
20. Trails Committee: Chair Vacant; see [Trails Committee Report](#)
  - a. **TODO: Board agreed at 2021-10 meeting that WWALS should trademark WWALS and water trail names.**
21. Watershed Issues Committee: Chair John S. Quarterman. See [Issues Report](#).
22. How busy everybody is and how many technical difficulties.
23. Executive Session (if necessary)
24. Reconvene from Executive Session and vote on any resulting items.
25. Adjourn