

Agenda

WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Sunday, January 21, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

We will be reviewing plans for the Mayor and Chairman's Paddle, the Big Little River Paddle Tour, and other outings and events such as the WWALS Webinars, as well as for the next WWALS Gala including the Suwannee Riverkeeper Songwriting Contest. Also participation, cleanups, water quality testing, opposition to trash, mines, water withdrawals, coal ash, and pellet plants, promotion of solar power, and of course finances and fundraising. 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, Personnel and Gala Committees)
- Bret Wagenhorst (*Secretary**)
- Elizabeth Brunner (*Treasurer**)
- Dennis Price
- Kimberly Tanner
- Trudy Cole
- Gee Edwards
- Scotti Jay Jones

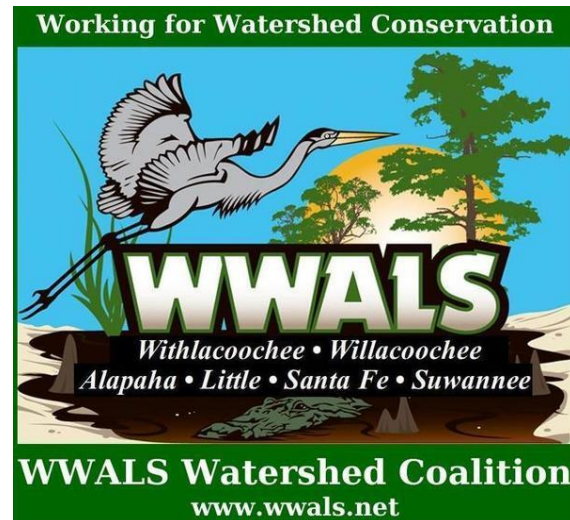
* Executive Committee.

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

- Executive Director
- John S. Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeeper® (Chair of PR and Watershed Issues Committees)

Committees: see also 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)
- Vacant (Chair of Outings Committee)
- Vacant (Chair of Water Trails Committee)
- Vacant (Chair of Grants Committee)
- Vacant (Chair of Membership Committee)
- Vacant (Chair of Finance 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 October 8, 2023, WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting](#)
 - ii. Vote: Accept [Minutes of December 3, 2023, WWALS Board Strategy Meeting](#)
 - iii. No Vote: [Minutes of October 29, 2023, WWALS Board Strategy Meeting](#) were accepted at the other Strategy Meeting on December 3.
 - iv. 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: Discuss.
 - i. Are these dates good for everyone for 2024?
 1. 6-8 PM, Sunday, April 21;
 2. 6-8 PM, Sunday, July 14 (Board and Members meetings);
 3. 6-8 PM, Sunday, October 13
3. Treasurer/ Finance Committee: See [Treasurer Report](#).
 - a. Financial Reports:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1nfYO7rsN1CaWmRWlrygBKLssc6Os6-WK>
4. President: See [Report](#).
5. Executive Director (business): See [Report](#).
 - a. **New executive Director – discuss**
 - b. Please all board members, committee chairs, and staff print, sign and return to Executive Director the relevant [gift](#) / [conflict of interest](#) / [whistleblower](#) documents. Also, please provide copies of driver's license and proof of insurance, per the WWALS [Insurance and Documentation](#) requirement.
6. Suwannee Riverkeeper (advocacy); see [Report](#).
 - a. How you can help with advocacy
 - b. Need chairs for Outings and other committees so Suwannee Riverkeeper can concentrate on 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](#). Needs a chair and meetings.
9. Events Committee: Chair Eileen Box; see [Report](#)
10. Executive Committee: see [Report](#).
11. Gala Committee: Chair Sara Jones; see [Report](#).
 - a. See also Lessons Learned, including **start organizing in October 2023 for September 2024:**
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t6ybrP06Msv-YXRDCAlqw1Jk7qXYZZTxbICnrAmp7KM/edit?usp=sharing>



12. Grant-writing Committee: Chair Vacant; see [Report](#)
 - a. **We need to apply for grants to get money.**
 - b. **Vote: We need a chair to help find grants and move them along**
 - c. GA-EPD Seed Grant application for water quality testing
 - d. GA-EPD RTP Educational grant application for water signs and rack cards.
 - e. Wild Green Future grant for outboard motors and chainsaw

13. Membership Committee: Chair Vacant; see [Report](#)
 - a. Discuss: please invite people to give monthly.
 - b. Thank you to membership committee members for helping with letter writing.
 - c. Vote: elect new chair

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. Position for Development Director is reposted. <https://wwals.net/?p=62527>

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

16. Personnel Committee: Chair Sara Jones; see [Personnel Committee Report](#)
 - a. **Discuss: No applicants for Development Director**
 - b. **What to do about Executive Director position.**

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](#).

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 Committee Report](#).

22. How busy everybody is and how many technical difficulties.
23. Executive Session to discuss personnel issues (if necessary)
24. Reconvene from Executive Session and vote on any resulting items.
25. Adjourn

