

Agenda

WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Sunday, January 11, 2026

Online by zoom:

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

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

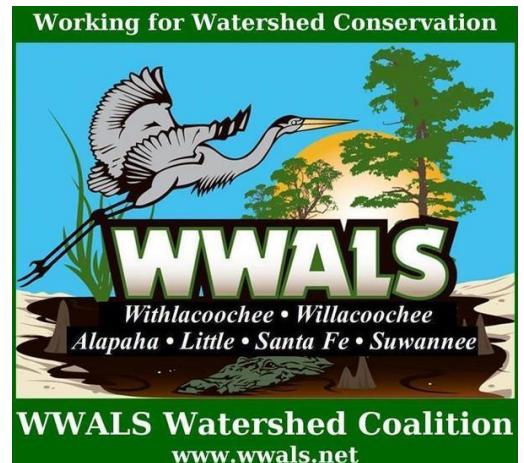
All WWALS Board Members are expected to attend.

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/>

- John Gee Edwards (**post 1**), President*
- Sara Jones. (**post 2**), Treasurer*, Chair Gala, Nominating, Personnel Committees
- Bret Wagenhorst (**post 4**), Secretary*
- Elizabeth Brunner (**post 9**)
- Kimberly Tanner (**post 3**), Co-Chair Outings Committee
- Scotti Jay (**post 10**)
- Vacant (**posts 5, 6, 7 and 8**)

* Executive Committee.



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

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

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

- Eileen Box (Chair of Events Committee)
- Vacant (Chair of Testing Committee)
- Gretchen Quarterman (Chair of Finance Committee)
- Tom Potter (Chair of Science Committee)
- Vacant (Chair of Water Trails Committee)
- Vacant (Chair of Grants Committee)
- Vacant (Chair of Membership Committee)

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1. Call to Order including start zoom video recording, 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 12, 2025, Quarterly Board Meeting](#)
 - ii. **Vote:** Record in minutes of this WWALS board meeting the email votes by WWALS Board or Executive Committee since the last WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting (see [Secretary Report](#)).
 - c. **Vote:** Review Next Meetings: (no need for a vote unless changes are wanted)
 - i. 6-8 PM Sunday, April 12, 2026, WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting
 - ii. 6:00-6:30 PM Sunday, July 12, 2026, WWALS Annual Members Meeting
 - iii. 6:30-8 PM Sunday, July 12, 2026, WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting
 - iv. 6-8 PM Sunday, October 11, 2026, WWALS Quarterly Board Meeting
3. Treasurer/ Finance Committee: See [Treasurer Report](#).
 - a. Financial Reports: we are still spending more than we are taking in.
 - b. **Vote to approve a draft budget.**
 - c. **We need to continue to move away from Paypal. Their fees are high and the integration with QB is now horrible.**
4. President: The Gala Committee is looking for more members. If we can get more monthly donors, it would help financially. We still need a CPA who can help with bookkeeping, etc. We need to find someone who can help with grant writing. We also have a lot of open spots on committees and the board and need to find a way to recruit more engagement on those. Plus one board has reached its term limit. See [President Report](#).
5. Executive Director (business): See [Report](#).
 - a. Let's add people to committees more slowly, to avoid burnout.
 - 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
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](#)
 - a. **Need volunteers for Spring Events: Azalea Festival, Valdosta, GA; Lower Suwannee Art & Nature Festival, Suwannee, FL, both 2026-03-14**



- b. **Do we want to go to the Florida Folk Festival? If so, we need volunteers.** We have applied (albeit late)
 - c. **Webinars are going well. Any more to propose? We need someone to coordinate and introduce the speakers since Janet has stepped down.**
10. Executive Committee: see [Report](#).
11. Gala Committee: Chair Sara Jones; see [Report](#).
- a. Usually meets via zoom. You can join us for the meeting or join the committee.
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**
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. **New Membership payment site: <https://www.gagives.org/donate/WWALS-Membership>**
14. Nominating Committee: Chair Sara Jones; see [Report](#)
- a. Nomcom zoom meeting schedule, Sundays at 6 PM via zoom: The chair will make a new schedule for 2026.
 - b. Members are: Sara, Bret, Elizabeth, JSQ, Laura D. - **Revisit Membership on this committee**
15. Outings Committee: Chair Kim Tanner; see [Report](#).
16. Personnel Committee: Chair Sara Jones; see [Personnel Committee Report](#)
17. Public Relations Committee: Chair John S. Quarterman; see [Report](#).
- a. **WWALS will be the Lowndes Valdosta Business Leading Business on February 23. We need people to come to the ribbon cutting to be held at the Chamber office on North Patterson**
 - b. Please: articles to *Tannin Times* and *Tannin Gazette* newsletters before month end.
18. Science Committee: Chair Tom Potter; See [Science Committee Report](#).
19. Testing Committee: Chair Vacant; See [Testing Committee Report](#).
20. Trails Committee: Chair Vacant; see [Trails Committee Report](#)
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 (if necessary)
24. Reconvene from Executive Session and vote on any resulting items.
25. Adjourn