

**NDSWRA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**  
**Via Zoom**



Called to order at 10:31 a.m. CST by President, Paula Gores.

Roll Call

Secretary

|   | <b>Board Members</b>                                  |   | <b>Others Attending</b>             |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| X | Paula Gores, President                                | X | Linda Fisher, Dwyer Hanson Group    |
| X | Rachel Shumaker, Vice President                       |   | Julie Ellingson, Dwyer Hanson Group |
| X | Dalten Kuhn, Secretary (joined during Other Business) |   |                                     |
|   | Rick Schreiber, Treasurer                             | X | Chuck Hyatt, NDDEQ                  |
| X | Gretchen Anderson                                     | X | Hunter McKelvey, NDDEQ              |
|   | Alesha Dockter  |   |                                     |
| X | Andrew Feia   |   |                                     |
|   | Sharon Lipsh  |   |                                     |
| X | Bryan Weldon  |   | <b>*Action Required</b>             |

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

- Jan. 15, 2025 Meeting Agenda
- Nov. 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes (No Dec. Meeting)

**A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Andrew Feia and seconded by Rachel Shumaker.** Motion carried.

**Guest Presentation:** Hunter McKelvey and Chuck Hyatt, NDDEQ, were at the meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan that NDDEQ is putting together for North Dakota as part of a planning grant from EPA’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. More information regarding the CPRG program can be found at <https://deq.nd.gov/sustainability/>

**Treasurer’s Report (as of 12-31-24)**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Checking:           | \$49,741.07         |
| Savings:            | 14,697.07           |
| CD #1               | 9,263.96            |
| CD #2               | 31,505.34           |
| Scholarship:        | 1,624.00            |
| Other Assets        | <u>-1,958.69</u>    |
| <b>Total Funds:</b> | <b>\$104,831.44</b> |

A motion to choose the best rate available, regardless of term, for an upcoming CD renewal (...4188) was made by Shumaker and seconded by Bryan Weldon. Motion carried.

**Executive Director’s Updates**

- **Membership Report:** The list of outstanding membership renewals was shared with Board with an encouragement that members with contacts reach out with a personal invitation to renew.

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- **Fall Conference Financial Update:** Treasurer Schreiber offered to follow up on the one remaining outstanding sponsorship from the Fargo event.

**Committee Reports**

- **Policy/Resolution** – There was no activity to report, but a suggestion to craft a policy relating to “student” membership benefits was discussed. **Lipsh**
- **Program/Education** – The planning committee for the joint NDSWRA/SWANA workshop to be held in April met on January 6. A progress report was shared with the Board. **Shumaker**
- **Finance** – No Report **Schreiber**
- **Membership** – No Report **Shumaker**  
A meeting will be scheduled for Finance and Membership committees to look at possible membership dues increases.
- **Nominating** – No Report **Gores**
- **Awards/Scholarships** – No Report **Gores**  
It was noted that the current scholarship fund balance for 2025 will not be sufficient to award two scholarships without additional funds being raised or supplementing the fund from the operating budget. Further consideration of options was deferred to another time.
- **Marketing/Website** – No Report **Kuhn**

**2025 Association Budget:** A motion to approve the budget brought forward by the Finance Committee was made by Rachel Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Feia. Motion carried.

**City of Dickinson/ NDSWRA Grant Update** – Rachel Shumaker reported that the grant application was still in review status.

**ADJOURN**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Schreiber and seconded by Andrew Feia.** Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m. CST by President Gores.

**The next meeting of the Board will be February 26, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., CST via Zoom.**