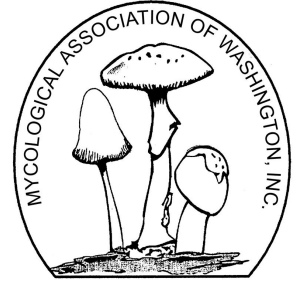


# MAWDC Board Meeting

June 14, 2022, 6:30 PM

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## A. Approval of Minutes

- i. It was agreed to accept the video as minutes. At least a list of action items needs to be generated after a meeting. Action steps from April meeting were:
  - Folklife Festival: John, Bruce, Matt, Elizabeth, April, Natalie, and Annie W have all volunteered to be there. Elizabeth is coordinating schedule.
  - July 4 picnic at Greenbelt: April is heading this up. She will need volunteers for a foray, cooks, grillers, etc
  - Review of park regulations and targeting a park/system to lobby: Tom & John will investigate further
  - Facebook group: Tom to set up
  - Minutes: Marisol
  - Volunteer request to membership: Elizabeth will send a draft to board, then send to membership
  - icebreakers/poll on Zoom: April
  - Newcomer welcome email/ adjusting "entitled" language on website: Tom

## B. Treasurer's Report

1. Nothing new to report
2. To have access to the financial information you need to be the treasurer.

## C. Accomplishments since last meeting

1. 5 forays (mostly City Nature Challenge)
2. Call for volunteers got 23 replies, most names I did not recognize. Emailed results to relevant people.
3. Facebook Group just started

## D. Other business

1. Upcoming Events

- a. Folklife Festival (Elizabeth, Matt, Jared, others to be there - Mushrooms only the first week)
- b. July 4
  - i. Side Discussion: The challenge of doing forays in certain parks that forbid it. John Harper to take the lead to try and get permission to do it.
- c. Sequanota
  - Link sent to Board members to beta test registration.
  - No one-day-only option this year, yet. Opening up the option to stay in cabin. If attendance is over 50 we will switch to the larger dining hall .
- d. Mushroom Fair 10/16
- e. Request for Norwood Park foray on 10/30

## 2. Board Duties

- a. **Secretary:** Missing minutes from last two meetings (New plan to report at least action items)
- b. **Newsletter:** Annie emailed in January and thought she'd keep going on newsletter, but hasn't been in communication since  
Annie is training a someone to help her with Fungi in the news.  
Maybe scale down in length but still quarterly.  
Looking for alternatives to lighten the load, new formats or channels.
- c. **Nomination committee** planning  
No action at the moment  
We need more volunteers

## 3. Identifiers

- a. NAMA wants identifiers to register with them to expand their pool (mainly to deal with poisonings)
- b. April - would like follow up on her proposal on identifier status for completing a certification course before July 4th event. Mitch has been busy

## 4. Protecting ourselves and our members

- a. **Liability (D&O) Insurance** (Tom Moore 2/19/22)

MAW is not accountable but it would be nice to have. It was suggested to ask other clubs (e.g. Boston). It's tricky because "mushroom" and "poisoning". Connie recommends to check our individual homeowner policies to see if we are covered on a volunteer position.

- b. **Code of conduct.** The bylaws currently only allow member removal by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote at a member meeting. A more effective approach might be a code of conduct that allows the Board to address serious issues without taking them to the membership if we ever have a real problem (not aware of anything right now). [Here is a possible draft.](#)  
The board agrees to it but it's recommended to have a lawyer check it out before implementation. Elizabeth will do this.
- c. **Legal name.** We could officially change our legal name from "Mycological Association of Washington, Inc." to "Mycological Association of Washington DC" (or file it as an additional/alternate name) for \$80. (John email 12/17/21)  
It was approved to get the DC name as an alternate name. John will do this.

## 5. Unresolved By-Laws Issues

- a. Changes related to electronic voting (John email 8/9/21)
  - i. The issue: We only amended voting for board elections. As written, the by-laws still require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote at a meeting to change the bylaws themselves. Other measures (eg the required approval of the budget and board rules) require a majority vote at a meeting. John has proposed changing the bylaws so that:
  - ii. All votes are electronic.
  - iii. No quorum is required.
  - iv. Things pass (and people are elected) based on whether they get a majority of the votes that were cast.
- b. Treasurer reports - In a prior amendment, we added the requirement that the Treasurer report at the first meeting of the year, but we never removed the requirement that the Treasurer report at the December meeting. (Need to strike paragraph XI.5)
- c. Paying presenters - Are we required (or just permitted) to pay members that present at meetings? (John 3/11/22)

- i. We will proceed with a proposal to the membership allowing the Board to make changes to the bylaws as needed, with provisions for member input. Elizabeth will draft something and share with Board before next meeting.

SECOND SIDE DISCUSSION: Social media platforms. What channel works best for MAWDC?