

Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists

2022 Annual General Meeting May 19, 2021, 8:15 p.m.

To speak at the AGM a member must raise their virtual hand to be recognized. Please practice how to raise and lower your hand on ZOOM, as well as refresh your memory on how to mute and unmute your computer microphone.

We will also have a number motions introducing a change to our fiscal year, changes to the constitution, and a new board of directors. Because of these changes, the votes on this motions will be recorded. The motion will appear on screen and members will have a minute to record their vote.

Call to order

Proposed Agenda

1. Approve agenda
2. Approve minutes from last Annual General Meeting (2021)
3. Approve committee reports in the 2021/2022 Annual Report
4. Approve change to fiscal year from April-May to January-December.

WHEREAS, it will simplify the accounting practices and financial reports;

BE IT RESOLVED that the MVFN fiscal year be changed from April 1 – March 31 to January 1 – December 31.

5. Approved changes to Constitution and Bylaws for terminology related to audit and auditor.

WHEREAS, the term Audit and Auditor are specific terms used by Accountants to define specified procedures and qualifications, and further these procedures are very costly and not appropriate for an organization such as MVFN;

BE IT RESOLVED, that item 33 in the constitution and bylaws be changed to read as follows:

FINANCIAL REVIEW OR AUDIT

Appointment

At its Annual General Meeting, the MVFN shall appoint an accountant to conduct an audit of the MVFN accounts , or shall appoint any other person, to conduct a financial review of such accounts, as members may direct at that meeting. The auditor or reviewer shall not be a member of the Board or an Officer or employee of the MVFN or a partner or employee of such persons.

6. Approve auditor or financial reviewer for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.
7. Election of the 2022-2023 board of directors. The Succession and Nomination Committee recommends the following nominees for positions on the MVFN board of directors for 2022-2023 and identifies vacant positions. Any of the suggested nominees may be replaced by nominations from the floor

- President: Val Wilkinson (served as 1st vice-president in 2021-2022)
- Second Vice-President: George Yaremchuk (re-election)
- Chair of Environmental Education: Bob Smith (re-election)
- Chair of Conservation and Habitat: Paul Frigon (re-election)
- Chair of Membership: Sylvia Miller (re-election)
- Chair of Nature Protection: Tineke Kuiper (re-election)
- Director-at-Large: Cliff Bennett (re-election)

- First Vice-President: Vacant
- Treasurer: Vacant
- Chair of Finance: vacant
- Chair of Programs: vacant
- Chair of Publicity and Public Relations: vacant

Call for nominations from the floor.

8. Should no nomination from the floor be received for Treasurer. John Blais is willing to serve again. The board of directors is willing to grant a one year extension to his term if approved by the membership.
9. Introduction of 2022/23 Board members
10. Other Business
11. President's Remarks
12. Adjournment