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**WALCE Board Agenda  
10:00 am March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**Ramada Inn  
Stevens Point, WI**

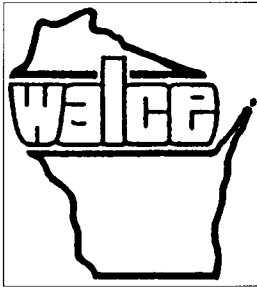
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1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of Minutes from February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board Meeting.
3. President's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Approval of expense vouchers.
6. Administrative Committee Report
7. Professional Improvement Committee Report
8. Technical Committee Report
9. Agency and Association Reports will be presented at the CC Meeting
10. WLWCA/WALCE Merger Exploration Discussion
11. State Budget Update
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Set next meeting time/location.
15. Adjourn.

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**WALCE Board DRAFT Minutes  
10:00 am March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

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**In attendance:**

**Keith Marquardt (Winnebago), Richard Castelnuovo (DATCP), Chuck Wagner (WLWCA), Ed Hernandez (Waushara), Rod Webb (Pierce), Chase Cummings (Pepin), Julie Lindstrom (Buffalo), Bill Schuster (Door), Steve Oberle (Taylor), Paul Daigle (Marathon), Paul Backhaus (Washington), Ben Wojahn (Vernon), Chris Arnold (Columbia), Mary Jo Gingras (Iron), Greg Baneck (Outagamie), Kurt Calkins (Columbia), Carla Masten (Outagamie), Perry Lindquist (Waukesha), Scott Frank (Shawano), Derek Kavanaugh (Green Lake), Patty Benedict (Portage)**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Calkins**
- 2. Motion to approve the minutes of February by Baneck/Masten. Motion Carried.**
- 3. President's Report (Calkins) - No Report.**
- 4. Treasurer's Report (Masten) – Carla distributed written budget update for 2010-2011. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Gingras/Kavanaugh. Discussion: Backhaus brought up CD vs. Bond discussion. Backhaus and Masten will look into options; Conference attendance was down this year. (Paid Registrations: Wednesday 129, Thursday 143, Friday 134); Motion Carried.**
- 5. No Vouchers were presented.**
- 6. Admin Committee Report (Baneck) - Committee has not met recently.**
- 7. PIC Report - (Bendict) – 47 evaluations were received from the conference. Thank you letters will go out to speakers in the next couple of weeks. PIC will be electing Vice-Chair. PIC is refining scholarship guidelines. Seeking new PIC members. Comments: Richard Castelnuovo – if you want other agency involvement in the future, send a message to DATCP and DNR requesting their attendance so agency policy will allow it. PIC will review the option of not charging guest agencies for conference. Wojahn inquired about potential volume discount for annual conference.**

8. **Technical Committee (Kavanaugh) - The TC is recommending Endangered Resources issues currently be handled at a local level in cooperation with NRCS to define site identification procedures, and BMPs to avoid and reduce impacts on ER. Method can then be expanded to other areas of the state if necessary. SOC Coordinator update - WLWCA existing staff is currently filling in, waiting for state budget. May fill later this summer (per Lindquist).**
9. **DATCP (Castelnuovo) – Richard distributed a DATCP written report. Compliance obligations will increase for LCDs if enrollment in WLI increases. Richard gave an update to the PACE and WLI programs. DATCP is officially siding with Gov. Walker on the PACE issue. DATCP could see several retirement/transfers in July due to the release of the salary compensation numbers. Wojahn commented that he supports conversion fee for conservation compliance; but indifferent on PACE. Board referred the issue to the ADM committee for review and comment.; Other Agency Reports will be presented. At the CC meeting.**
10. **WLWCA / WALCE merger committee. - Perry reviewed the current status of the ad hoc committee. Perry distributed documents outlining the purpose of the ad hoc committee, proposed structure, and a SWOT analysis. Discussion was held regarding several issues, including possible membership levels, voting rights, board structure, due structure, etc. Several of these issues are details that have not yet been addressed in the adhoc committee. Motion for the ad hoc committee to continue with the approved process, and to continue beyond step 3 of the approved process by Gingras/Arnold. Motion passed. Masten absent.**
11. **Budget Update - No Update**
12. **No Old Business**
13. **No New Business**
14. **Next Meeting is set for Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, Stevens Point**
15. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:55am.**