



ADVANCING CONSERVATION THROUGH  
**EMPATHY FOR WILDLIFE**

# *June Committee Updates*

## **Communications Committee**

**Chair:** Natalie Stier (Utah's Hogle Zoo)

**Representatives:** Meagan Ashton (Seattle Aquarium), Delanie Jellison (Santa Barbara Zoo)

We began coding social media posts from across our Network for a future toolkit we are creating on the incorporation of empathy practices in social media posts. We also started a conversation about our learnings from a recent professional development class we took together. [View our agenda here.](#)

## **Steering Committee**

**Chair:** Shana Kent (Alaska SeaLife Center)

**Representatives:** Aszya Summers (Lincoln Park Zoo), Hannah Tilden (Woodland Park Zoo), Liz Gilles (Minnesota Zoo), Liz Hines (Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium)

To reflect the growth we as a Network have done in the past 5 years, we developed new Network mission, vision, and value statements. Before solidifying, we welcome any constructive input from fellow Members and Affiliates [through this link here](#). Please provide any input on these statements by July 10th. [View our agenda here.](#)

## **Strategic Learning Committee**

**Chair:** Melia Paguirigan (Woodland Park Zoo)

**Representatives:** Cam Whitley (Western Washington University), Isabelle Bieser (Zoological Society of Milwaukee), Jessica Schellhorn (Blank Park Zoo), Ryann Stacy (Racine Zoo)

We discussed involvement and input for a forthcoming ACE for Wildlife Network learning agenda and began clarifying the coding system we are using for Network organizational missions to answer one of our strategic learning questions. More on the learning agenda will be coming in the Network's October meeting. [View our agenda here.](#)

*The Conservation Action, DEAI, and Membership committees did not meet this month because of the busy summer season.*