July Committee Updates

Conservation Action Committee

Chairs: Erica Carnes (Blank Park Zoo), Kelsey Raffel (Como Park Zoo & Conservatory)
Representatives: Bethanie West (Idaho Falls Zoo), Brooke Tucker (ZooMontana), Ryan Retzke (Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum), Toby Seegert (Zoological Society of Milwaukee)

We reviewed our scope of topics for the upcoming Wildlife Trafficking toolkit and decided to host Network listening sessions in the fall to gather information from people on what sort of content and resources would be useful to them. View our agenda here.

Membership Committee

Chairs: Tierney Ball (Zoo Boise) & Heather Harelson Nutick (CuriOdyssey)
Representatives: Chris Berg (Shedd Aquarium)

We discussed the recent Social Network Analysis and its implications on Network growth. We also worked on upcoming bylaw amendments regarding changes to long-term Network expansion. 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 determined a a new Network mission, vision, and value statements. You can see the new statements on the Network's About Us page. We also began determining goals for the Network's presence at this year's AZA Conference. View our agenda here.

The Communications, DEAI, and Strategic Learning committees did not meet this month because of the busy summer season.

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Interested in joining a committee?

Reach out to us at empathy@zoo.org and let us know which committee you are interested in being a part of. In addition to an hourly meeting once a month, committee representatives can expect to spend 30 minutes-1 hour outside of meetings on committee tasks per month. Terms are 2 years.

We currently have open seats on the Communications, Membership, and Steering committees.