LEGISLATIVE AND FEDERAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
Chair: Sara Parker Pauley (MO)
Vice-Chair: David Whitehurst (VA)

Monday, September 11, 2017
8:00 – 10:00 AM

107th AFWA Annual Meeting
Superior B/ Snowbird Resort
Sandy, UT

Agenda

8:00 am Call to Order/Review Agenda – Sara Pauley

8:05  Introductions and moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11/2001 – All

8:10 Committee housekeeping– Sara Pauley
   • Review of committee charge and 2017-2018 committee draft work plan
   • Reminder of regularly scheduled committee calls (see back of agenda)

8:15 Endangered Species Act
   • Update on legislation and related events; administrative improvements
   • WGA’s ESA processes and recommendations – David Willms, invited
   • AFWA’s ESA Technical Guidance – Jen Mock Schaeffer & Gary Taylor
   • House Interior Subcommittee appropriations report language

8.50 Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act of 2017 (H.R.2591/S.1613) – Gary Taylor

8.55 HELP for Wildlife Act and member action request – Jen Mock Schaeffer

9:00 Recovering America’s Wildlife Act – Jen Mock Schaeffer & Sean Saville
   • Update on legislation
   • What is the Alliance for America’s Fish and Wildlife?
   • Review and discussion of talking points for various audiences; are we hitting all the right points?
   • Discussion of grasstops, grassroots and Hill strategies

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9:40 Other issues in brief:
- Status and timing of Farm Bill reauthorization
- Emerging funding crisis: Chronic Wasting Disease
- Infrastructure Package
- Energy bill and sportsmen’s legislation
- Appropriations expectations for FY18 and FY19

9.50 Committee work ahead
- Discussion: How can this committee, our meetings, calls and formats better meet the needs of AFWA members’?
- Past adoption of white paper establishing committee working groups
  - Identify volunteers for working groups
- Modify the 2017-2018 work plan, as needed
  Possible action: adopt the 2017-2018 committee work plan
- Identify follow-up issues, leads and next steps

10:00 Adjourn

Committee Charge

- Identify and evaluate bills and policy issues coming before the U.S. Congress having the potential for affecting the needs, interests, role and authority of the Association members.
- Develop and recommend positions on such measures.
- Develop recommendations on the budgets of the federal resource agencies.
- Explore ways of working with Canada and Mexico on significant legislation.

REMINDER: This committee has a standing conference call to discuss relevant and timely issues pertinent to the committee’s charge. The standing committee call is for the first Thursday of every month at 1.30pm ET.