

**Minutes:** Alces Editorial Meeting, May 13, 2021, Virtual

Chair: Art Rodgers

Participants:

Ed Addison  
Eric Bergman  
Michelle Carstensen  
Nick DeCesare  
Murray Lankester  
Brian McLaren  
Pete Pekins  
Roy Rea  
Steve Windels  
Ron Moen (unavailable)

**Note:** a detailed and informative agenda produced by Art is attached here. Only decisions/actions on numbered items are included in these minutes.

- 1.** Winner of the 2021 A.W. Franzmann and Distinguished Colleagues Award is Carl-Evan Jefferies, MSc candidate, University of Northern British Columbia.

Roy Rea agrees to join the selection committee for next year.

**2.,3.,4.** - Alces Vol. 56 (2020) completed and a limited number of complimentary copies mailed; Alces Vol. 57 (5 papers in editing, 5 in review); Operating fund \$76K.

**5.** Our website and all journal functions are handled by PKP Publishing Services based at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC. They will be switching us to a new software version before June 2021. Art has

forwarded correspondence from PKPPS and links to teaching resources (also described in agenda). They are hosting an introductory webinar June 8, 8:30 AM, Vancouver (PDST). Art will forward info to all.

#### 6. Alces Back Issues:

Currently, no content of Alces journals prior to 2008 (vol. 44) is available online! That is a huge legacy of research that cannot easily be found by new workers.

Some of the earlier vols. already exist in digital format and many of the earliest vols. have been scanned. But none of them is searchable as are Vol 44 and forward. It was agreed that a way must be found to get this done and eventually have them on the new OJS-3 Alces website.

**Action:** Roy Rea has offered to look into finding a skilled student to scope and carry out the work. Roy will also investigate any possible problems associated with remuneration. **Roy is to get back to Art with a written account of his efforts by June 8.**

#### 7. Future Conference Locations (offers made at Maine meeting and more recent):

2022 Finland – still planning on Aug.2022 – Roy Rea, N.Amer. contact.

2023 Minnesota – Seth Moore and Steve Windels contacts.

2022 or 2023 – Utah possible – Kent Hersey ([kenthersey@utah.gov](mailto:kenthersey@utah.gov)).

2022 or 2023 – Labrador possible – Meredith Purcell ([meredith.purcell@torngatsecretariat.ca](mailto:meredith.purcell@torngatsecretariat.ca)).

**Action:** Steve Windels (with help of Michelle, MN and Jason, ND) to look into possibility of putting on a short virtual Alces conf. in October or November with mini papers and possibly guest speakers to provide

conference continuity for 2021 (If a virtual meeting takes place this autumn, MN stills wants to host the 2023 meeting). Steve to report on progress for next meeting (mid-June).

**8. Chief Editor:** After repeating that he intends to retire after completion of Vol. 57, Pete Pekins was thanked heartily for his time and efforts and many improvement made to the journal during his 14-yr tenure as Chief Editor The Editorial Group must continue efforts to find a worthy replacement.

**9. Next Editor's Meeting:** June, week of the 21st. Art to Doodle and find and announce a meeting time and date.

Minutes by M. Lankester  
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## Alces Editors Meeting (Virtual)

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### Agenda

1. A. W. Franzmann and Distinguished Colleagues Award 2021 Recipient
  - Awarded to Carl-Evan Jefferies, MSc Candidate, University of Northern British Columbia, “Towards a better understanding of moose declines in BC: Effects of climate and anthropogenic landscape change on moose body condition and physiology”. Supervisor: Heather Bryan.
  - Need an additional committee member
2. Alces Vol 56 (2020)
  - Completed and posted March 30, complimentary copies mailed April 23
  - Only 1 request for hard copy through LU Bookstore
3. Status of Alces Vol 57
  - 5 in Editing, 5 in Review
4. Alces financial position
  - \$75,904.17 on May 12, 2021
5. Website upgrade
  - Support for OJS 2.x will be discontinued this year and need to upgrade to OJS 3 by June 2021.
  - All journal articles, issues, users, and editorial history and most settings will be preserved during the upgrade.
  - PKP hosting a free 1-hour OJS 2 > 3 Webinar on June 8th at 8:30 AM PST. 6-7 attendees
  - Resources to learn more about OJS 3 (will forward emails);
    - i. A short video about the differences between OJS 2 and 3
    - ii. Learning OJS 3 user guide

iii. “Setting up a journal” and “Editorial Workflow” training modules in PKP School video tutorials

iv. OJS 3 live demo

#### 6. Scanning Alces back issues with OCR

- CSP is currently not able to provide this service
- CSP recommends Professional Book Scanning Service
  - \$0.12 cents per page (per side) to scan and convert to PDF with OCR for Volumes 8 to 23.
    - $\sim 5,800 \times 0.12 = \$696.00$
  - OCR only would be \$0.035 cents per page for Volume 24 to 48
    - $\sim 5,700 \times 0.035 = \$199.50$
  - BUT exact OCR line by line service is \$30 per hour
- UNBC Research Assistant – invoice or honorarium

#### 7. Conference locations/timetable from 2019 Business Meeting in Maine

- 9th International Moose Symposium hosted in Joensuu, Finland, August 22- 26, 2022
- 2023 – Minnesota - Steve Windels and Seth Moore are the points of contact.
- Contact the following about future meetings;
  - i. Kent Hersey (kenthersey@utah.gov) said that Utah is interested in hosting in either 2022 or 2023
  - ii. Meredith Purcell (meredith.purcell@torngatsecretariat.ca) offered to look into having the meeting in Labrador for 2022 or 2023
  - iii. Jason Smith (jrsmith@nd.gov), was looking into the possibility of North Dakota hosting in 2023

#### 8. Chief Editor

#### 9. Other?