



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.*
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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.