



**San Francisco Zoological Society
("SFZS")
Annual Meeting of Members and Election of Board of Directors**

September 17, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Osher Great Hall, Lurie Education Center
San Francisco Zoo & Gardens

Officers: Chair Ed Poole, Esq.; Secretary Bill Hudson, Esq.; and CFO Vince Grubbs.

Invitees: SFZS Members in good standing, including Board of Directors and SFZS Docents.

Election of New SFZS Directors:

SFZS Board Secretary Bill Hudson presented the following slate of nominees for the Board of Directors:

For a three-year term ending September 2022: Alex Beckman, Melinda Eisenhut-Dunn, Antoinette Freitas-Krajcar, Julia Heidmann, Margaret Hauben, Jim Ludwig, Melissa Ma, Doug Magowan, Kelly McCarthy, Joan Murphy, Mark Roberts and Dave Thomason.

In addition, Hudson thanked the following, non-renewing member for their service: Alan Zimmerman.

Hudson also announced that the following members have been elected to Emeritus status: Richard F. Lawson, Jr. and Scott Setrakian.

Secretary Hudson then stated that, as the Society has 23,000 members of record and the number of persons nominated to serve as directors is not more than the number of directors to be elected, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Society's Bylaws, the nominated directors have been elected.

Nomination of Officers

Secretary Hudson presented the nomination of SFZS officers. The nominees are: Ed Poole for Chair of the Board of Directors; Jim Ludwig for Vice Chair; Ed Oates for Vice Chair; CEO and Executive Director Tanya Peterson; Chief Financial Officer Vince Grubbs and Secretary Bill Hudson. **MSA**

Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Joe Fitting gave a presentation on the "State of the Zoo," which highlighted the past fiscal year's animal acquisitions, exhibit renovations, temporary installations and new exhibits. He also noted that since it was SF Zoo's 90th year, much of the marketing and programming efforts focused on the year-long celebration of SF Zoo's 90th anniversary as well as other notable anniversaries, such as the SF

Zoo's Docents' 50th anniversary and the Insect Zoo's 40th anniversary. Fitting then discussed the ways in which SFZS supports its local community, noting that free admission is provided to SFUSD schools and to wildfire evacuees in addition to SF Residents on "Free Days", and he noted that other non-profit groups such as the Disabled Veterans' Group, the St. Jude's Cancer Walk, the Congenital Heart Foundation and Support for Families with Disabilities held events at SF Zoo throughout the year to support their missions. Lastly, he discussed the opening of the "Jim Ludwig Great Ape Passage" with its adjoining "Marcus Family Dayroom," which now houses seven chimpanzees and two orangutans. (PPT)

Conservation Report

Director of Conservation Jessie Bushell provided an update on SFZS' efforts to save local endangered species, some of which can be seen at the Zoo's new exhibit, "California Conservation Corridor." Behind the scenes, SFZS has maintained various partnerships to save species in other areas of the state. These include a California red-legged frog project in Yosemite National Park, western pond turtles projects in Yosemite and the Marin Headlands, mountain yellow-legged frog projects in Sequoia Kings Canyon and Lake Tahoe, and a San Francisco forktail damselfly project in the Presidio, which is SF Zoo's first invertebrate conservation project. Bushell showed a video from NBC national news that chronicled the release of SF Zoo-raised California red-legged frogs in Yosemite, including the project's 1000th frog. Bushell also highlighted international conservation projects with which SFZS is working, including the Madagascar Fauna Group, Snow Leopard Conservancy and Wild Welfare. Lastly, Deputy Director Joe Fitting and SFZS Board Chair Ed Poole presented Bushell with a certificate of appreciation for her 24 years at SF Zoo. (PPT & Video)

SFZS Member Comments

Chair Poole invited SFZS members to share their thoughts and comments. Member Richard Rothman discussed the building known as the "Fleishhacker Mother's Building" and the historic murals therein. He would like the Mother's Building and the murals restored, and the building to be open to the public. Discussion followed.

There were no other member comments. With that, Chair Poole adjourned the Member Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AT 2:40 p.m.