

## Meeting 17 Minutes

**Date of meeting:** April 24th, 2023 3:30pm EST

**Recorded by:** Ginger Elliott

### **Attendance:**

1. Amy Chabot, African Lion Safari
  - a. Janel Kuska
  - b. Ginger Elliott, Canadian Species Initiative
  - c. Shreya Shiv Kumar, Education
2. Jim Facette, CAZA
  - a. Tina Maisonneuve
3. Catherine Shier, Edmonton Valley Zoo
4. Jake Paleczny, Yukon Wildlife Preserve
5. Stephen Peterson, Assiniboine Park & Conservancy
6. Jeff Mitchell, Saskatchewan Forestry Farm Park & Zoo
7. Vicky Carriere, Parc Omega

### **Meeting resources:**

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### **Meeting summary:**

*3:30pm Welcome & Introductions.*

CAC - Canada Animal Conservation Programs

Coordinating conservation at the CAZA level, fulfilling needed ex situ roles.

The GAP is with Canadian species. Global species conservation has not focussed on Canada.

Stand-alone committees for Conservation and Education

We got the OKAY to move ahead with stand-alone committees/programs

This committee will become those two stand alone components

What are next steps for an Education Committee

To the members of the committee: Who is interested in participating in next steps as the board?

*3:50 Accreditation*

Amy has met with CAZA AGM members who work on accreditation commission

We as a group have to draft a letter to the Accreditation Commission

J Facette: Accreditation Commission always looking to improve and clarify itself. Currently asking, does CAZA ask for enough justification for conservation? Are we asking enough?

CAZA uses performance based standards versus measurement based standards.

The Commission would welcome informed dialogue from experts i.e. us.

### *3:55pm Next Steps*

Asking Committee members to volunteer as CAZA Conservation Program board members

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JP - Would be interested in moving forward with the education component of the program. Would allow Yukon to move forward with Education on local species

Targeted Conservation Education - Education that changes the actions of educated to benefit conservation of species. How to convey messages conservationists need taught in a way that the public at large can understand.

CS - Could we get more information on targeted conservation education? What the committee would focus on?

Education committee will also split off in its ability to develop non targeted education programs. Can assist in the development of STEM education for Canadians. Give opportunities to schools in their province to work with zoos and aquariums. Educators are best placed to develop these programs.

An opportunity for educators to connect and share ideas.

All in favor of moving forward with the next steps plan as it's proposed.

Program Champions - bringing in staff ownership and purpose. Giving some of the conservation opportunities to those already working with the animals.

### *4:15pm Next Steps*

Compile a list of species and projects that are on-going in CAZA

Started our committee by sharing stories but have morphed, hopefully can work to coordinate regional conservation plans.

**ADJOURNMENT: 4:30pm**

**Next Meeting Date: Monday May 29th 2023**