

Zooline

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President’s Message – Sue Sallee

Greetings, Docents!

February is here! When you read this, it will have been determined whether we can look forward to Spring or if a groundhog named Phil Punxsutawney has predicted six more weeks of winter.



Phil isn’t just any groundhog, but a magical one, gifted with meteorological wisdom. How accurate is his method of weather predicting? The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club in Pennsylvania has records from more than 100 years. The club says Phil has provided 99 forecasts of more winter and 15 early springs. According to data from the Stormfax Almanac, Phil’s predictions have been correct only 39 percent of the time. So, what do you think about his ability to predict?

Happy Valentine’s Day! As noted in the animal report, love is in the air. Ring-tailed lemur “Hercules” bred with both “Allagash” and “Rogue” in December...what a romantic! And Amur leopards “Anya” and “Anadyr” spent the night together for the first time...could this be the start of a new romance?

Due to El Paso County moving to Level Red in late November and December, docents and volunteers were not allowed to provide support on Zoo grounds. However, docents could visit as a guest without securing e-tickets and enjoy the Zoo, finding it to be a refreshing experience. In December 2020, 55,366 guests came to CMZ, bringing the year-to-date total to 479,259. This is 176K fewer visitors than last year, primarily due to the Zoo’s closure the first six weeks of the fiscal year. The Zoo continues to manage guest visits under health department guidance.

Thank you to all the docents who returned to Zoo grounds in January, and resumed working BBY, the Loft and carts. We are up and running again. Look for an update on January hours worked in the various areas in next month’s Zooline. Docents who are unable to fulfill their hours this year are encouraged to write a letter that I can present to the Board. I hope that even though you have not been on Zoo grounds, you have kept up your membership, participated in completing CECs, etc., so that once “the coast is clear,” you will be back on board as a docent. We are going to need you more than ever to be part of the Auxiliary.

On January 27, 60 docents were able to hear Bob Chastain’s three-year \$12M Capital Campaign message via Zoom. He shared parts of the campaign to upgrade various areas of the Zoo from creating a main entry refresh and replacing fronts of buildings, to carrying out the “mountain rustic” style, providing world class animal care, and offering the best home possible for our animals from primates to grizzlies, including new ideas for the former Monkey Pavilion area. Dr. Jon was able to update us on vet care during November and December and sharing radiographs to dental procedures being done. It was a great way to help docents stay connected to the Zoo. Bob’s message affirmed how

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DATES TO KNOW

Both at 9:30 a.m.

Feb 3 Board Meeting..... Zoom

Feb 24.... **SAVE THE DATE!**

Information will be shared later in the month with program specifics about a Zoom presentation from CMZ staff.

All will have an opportunity to reserve a virtual spot.

Barbara Kalbli, President-elect

Watch your email for further information about these and other Zoo updates.

Continuing Education Credits

CECs will be virtual or on paper

See the article on page 3 and check your emails and Zooline for more information and updates.

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Bean, grabbing a crate in the Loft

President's Message – *continued*

much the Zoo was missing us. Best of all, docents were able to “see” each other’s “smiling” faces and share greetings! A BIG thank you to Dr. Liza, working with Barbara and me to set up the fantastic program. Be watching for an announcement for the February program and join us!

We were saddened to hear about Salley Goldstein losing her husband of 65 years. Chuck Zietvogel also passed away in January, after 24 years as an active docent. He enjoyed entertaining and educating young people at CMZ.

It’s hard to believe that it is time again to be thinking about holding an election and wondering where the year has gone. Check out the article in this month’s Zooline to refresh your memory on the process to elect the Auxiliary Board and how docents are selected for their respective positions. I want to encourage everyone, even though we have not been able to meet as a group, to complete and submit a ballot. Your voice is important in the election.

As the community recovers and the need for restrictions on gatherings ease, we look forward to getting together again to celebrate the joy of working at our amazing zoo and sharing the message of conservation and protection for our wonderful friends in the animal kingdom. The importance of our work is made evident by the fact reported by National Geographic, that “American zoos are visited each year by more than a hundred million people, a number that exceeds the combined attendance of all big-league baseball, football, and basketball games.”

Take care, be kind to yourself, and be optimistic that brighter days are upon us!

Happy Valentine’s Day to All!

Sue Sallee 😊



Ring-tailed lemur love

CMZ Auxiliary Election 2021-2022



It is that time of year where we start the process to elect the Auxiliary Board. The actual process is not complicated, but how it fits together can be confusing. Let us look at the election process and refresh ourselves on how docents

are selected for their respective positions.

Present and Former CMZA Positions Held by Active Docents

On page 7 of this Zooline is a list of all active docents who have held positions on the CMZA Executive Board, Supplemental Activities Chair, and IE Board. This list will help you understand the responsibilities each docent has assumed. It is not a reflection of involvement, but rather only lists offices held. This list should help you when considering docents for various positions. The list of jobs held by each docent is as accurate as possible. It lists docents by name with the positions and/or activity with which the active docent has been involved.

Straw Ballot

The Straw Ballot lists the positions on the Executive Committee for the next year. In this case, it will be for the year 2021–2022. Docents holding positions of president-elect, 1st VP-elect, and 2nd VP-elect from 2020–2021 have moved up on the ballot and will automatically be the president, 1st VP, and 2nd VP for 2021–2022. The current president automatically moves to past president. Please make suggestions for the “Elect” positions as well as the rest of the Executive Board.

The **Nominating Committee** will review the suggestions and make a choice for only the Executive positions. The Nominating Committee will then meet in March, which is chaired by the current past president. The Nominating Committee’s selection, however, is not final, and anyone can make a nomination from the floor at the May meeting when we vote on the slate of officers.

The Straw Ballot also includes the Supplemental Activities Chairs. This is your opportunity to put in names of docents you think would be good for the various jobs available. It is advisable to talk to anyone you want to nominate to ensure they are interested in a Board position. Nancy will send out a summary of the responsibilities for each position. If you are interested in a position, either on the Executive Board or a Supplemental Activity, I would suggest you talk to the current chair or office holder and discuss what the job entails. You may put your own name on the Straw Ballot — in fact, you are encouraged to do so. The Supplemental Activities Chairs are selected by the outgoing (2020–2021) and incoming (2021–2022)

Executive Boards following the May election. Volunteering (by putting your name down) lets both Executive Boards know you are willing to serve. The new Executive Board and Supplemental Activities Chairs will take office at the June joint meeting.

IE Board

The members of the IE Board also will be chosen following the May election. They are selected by both the recently elected new CMZA president and the new IE Chair.

Election of the Nominating Committee

The final piece is voting for the Nominating Committee for 2021. The current Nominating Committee was selected last year. There are nine separate groups on the ballot. All active docents are included. You are to vote for one docent in each box. Basically, active docents are placed in a box based on length of service and their status as an IE, IE/TE or TE/IE. To have a wide representation, the first two boxes are only for IE docents. All boxes have docents listed by their class training year. Effort is made to have the number of docents evenly distributed among the boxes, but that is not always possible. It is a complicated task to fill the boxes. **Those who will serve on this year's Nominating Committee are ineligible to serve next year. Those individuals who are elected to an "Elect" position are ineligible as they would be helping to choose their own successor.**

The election of the 2021 Nominating Committee also takes place at the May meeting. The new Nominating Committee will be listed in the 2021–2022 Auxiliary Directory.

I want to encourage all active docents to complete and submit a ballot. It's important for us all to be involved in the election process. Remember, your voice is important to make the Auxiliary the best it can be! Together, We Are Better!

Questions? Talk to Sue Sallee or Nancy Hochman with questions about the election process. We want everyone to understand how the CMZA Board is elected.

Sue Sallee



Beaver Ginger outside her enclosure

Treasurer's Report

The Operational Account at the end of December listed payments in November and December for the Grab 'n Go social, biofacts and carts, and office equipment. The December ending balance was \$3,847.87.



The balance in the Restricted Account at the end of December was \$25,039.22. This includes the addition of payments in November and December from the Safeway Community Rewards program.

Don't Forget to Renew Your Zoo Membership

With all the 2020 changes in docent access and difficulties with the U.S. Mail, some docents may not have remembered to renew their Zoo membership. Maintaining your Zoo membership is one of the requirements for active docent status.

If you're not sure when your membership expires, you can check on the Service Hours spreadsheet. It's found to the far right of your name, in column U.

Don't Pay Taxes on Purchases for the Auxiliary

Our Treasurer, Andrew Witherow, would like to remind any docent who is purchasing items for docent use and submitting receipts for reimbursement that any sales tax you pay will **not** be reimbursed. The Auxiliary uses the Zoo's tax-exempt certificate and does not pay sales tax on purchases.

Some major stores have special accounts with the Zoo's tax-exempt status confirmed and on file, and there is also a certificate that can be presented when purchasing at smaller shops. If you need to know the account information or need a copy of the tax-exempt certificate, please contact Andrew BEFORE making the purchase.

CEC Update

We are over halfway through our docent year and there have been two opportunities to complete the yearly requirement of two CECs. A big thank you to everyone who has participated both as a presenter and as a participant.



We had a whopping 79 completions on the handout CEC "Reproduction — Doing It In The Wild." Currently, a new team of volunteers is working on another handout CEC that will come out toward the end of March. Conservation will be the theme and some interesting points will be presented from all different aspects of our world to give you ideas about how to incorporate a conservation message when interacting with guests.

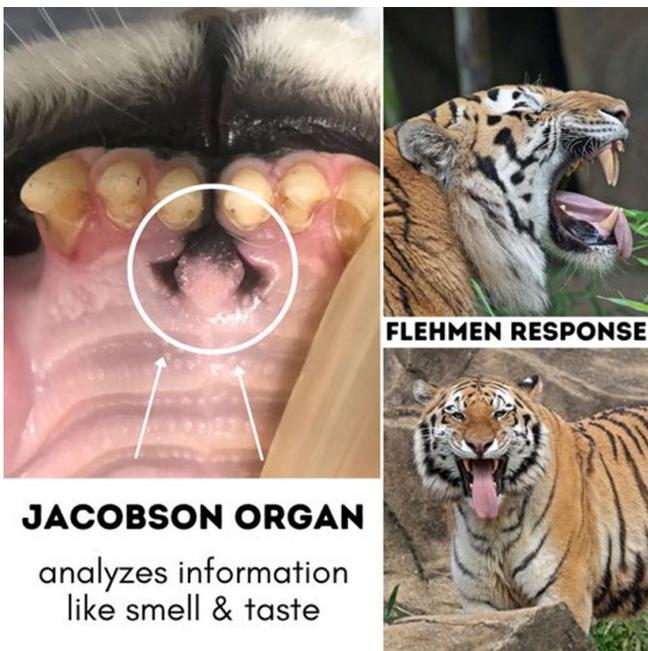
Our Fall Recall has had 68 completions. It is still active and will be available until the end of May. It's a good review of Interpretive Education techniques taken from

the manual. If you haven't completed it, there's still time. The Spring Fling will be out with the March Zooline issue.

One more opportunity to earn a credit is with an independent study and report. If you are interested in doing this, please talk with me and I'll approve it through Art, the Education Chairperson. I think we will be on the other side of this pandemic one day in the not-too-distant future. Let's be ready and up to date so we can continue our roles as CMZA docents, educators, tour guides, safari speakers, interpretive educators, chicken tenders, Zoopeteers, Zoom animal handlers, and whatever else we are called on to do!

Charlotte Greene, CEC Chairperson

The Flehmen Response



Have you ever seen our animals make this funny face? It is called a flehmen response, and many animals, including Amur tigers, use it to communicate on a molecular level. Opening their mouth and lips, animals inhale scents and pheromones in the air — both smelling and tasting the invisible particles using their Jacobson organ, which is at the base of the nasal cavity (pictured here during a recent tiger annual exam).

Just imagine being able to smell your favorite food or even your best friend from miles away! The Jacobson organ helps tigers amplify their sense of smell almost as if they are "tasting the air"!

Submitted by Lovice Riffe — from a Facebook post by the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, South Carolina

Animal Update (November 2020)

- Siamang “Rahsia” (pictured here) is starting to spend more time away from Eve, her mom, when they are sitting on their platforms. Rahsia is experiencing and trying out some solid foods. There have been occasions when she will grab onto Wayan (Dad) and Eve (Mom), who is still super-protective, is quick to pull her back onto her.
- Ring-tailed lemur “Hercules” bred with both “Allagash” and “Rogue” in early December.
- Amur Leopards “Anya” and “Anadyr” spent the night together for the first time to promote breeding. They did well, but no breeding was observed.
- Black-footed ferret “Yippee” moved into the Loft.
- Lar gibbon “Tembeling,” Wolf’s guenon “Goud,” and black mangabey “Tana” all were transferred to other facilities. They were the last primates in the monkey pavilion and the building is now officially closed.
- The hippos have been given giant enrichment items, which were donated. They are loving the new items!
- Wallaby Gidgee is trying to keep an eye on Clifford, her joey (pictured right). He has been racing around the yard and exploring at a fast pace! Oh, the joys of being a mom for the first time with an active one!
- Jeremy is finishing up a fencing project in the Water’s Edge main yard, which will give a better opportunity to put Warthogs in the hippo yard. It will be a huge step toward having a mixed species exhibit in Water’s Edge.
- The animals continue to get the best comprehensive health care by Zoo staff, who have been highly successful in getting “pictures” of many of the animals. Radiographs have been taken of hippo Kasai’s teeth and giraffe Laikipia’s head, as well as full body radiographs of Bosco and Chalupa.
- Heidi is training orangutan Sumagu to do voluntary blood pressure readings. It is important to get these regular blood pressure readings to provide the best healthcare routine for the great apes. Sumagu even has put her own spin on it by using her toes instead of fingers like the boys do. Too cute!



*Sue Sallee from Jan. 12, CMZ Mission & Programs Report
Pictures courtesy of Sue Sallee*

Send in your Volunteer Hours!

Please make sure to send your **volunteer hours** to Service Registrar Anne Wardrop each month. Volunteer hours help support the continuation of the docent program, help the Zoo obtain grants and funding, and are shared with the Zoo's Executive Board and membership committee.



Articles and Information of Interest

- ‘Mr. Mom’: Male Orangutan Steps Up to Care For 2-Year-Old Daughter After Death of Matriarch at Denver Zoo: <https://cbsloc.al/3t96gIx>
- From Premie to Heartthrob — 4 Minutes of Baby Hippo Fiona footage: <https://bit.ly/2L1QxK2>

Send Us Your Favorite Websites and More!

As CMZ docents, we all enjoy finding out about different animals and ideas for helping our Zoo guests fall in love with our animals and the Zoo's mission.

CMZ Animal Pictures —

“Love is in the Air” and Other Fun Shots



Gorgeous Savelli being a cat, rubbing her head against the sun-warmed wall

So, don't be shy — share your favorite resources with all the docents by sending links to wonderful websites or videos, plus basic information about articles and books you've run across that have enticed and educated you.

We'll share these in the “Articles and Information of Interest” section in the Zooline each month. Be sure to send directly to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com. Thanks for your help with expanding everyone's horizons.

March Zooline Deadline



The deadline for the **March issue is Sunday, February 21**. Please send all submissions — information, articles, pictures. etc. — to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com Thank you!

Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors



Pallas's cats Bo (on top) and Nancy (inside the box)



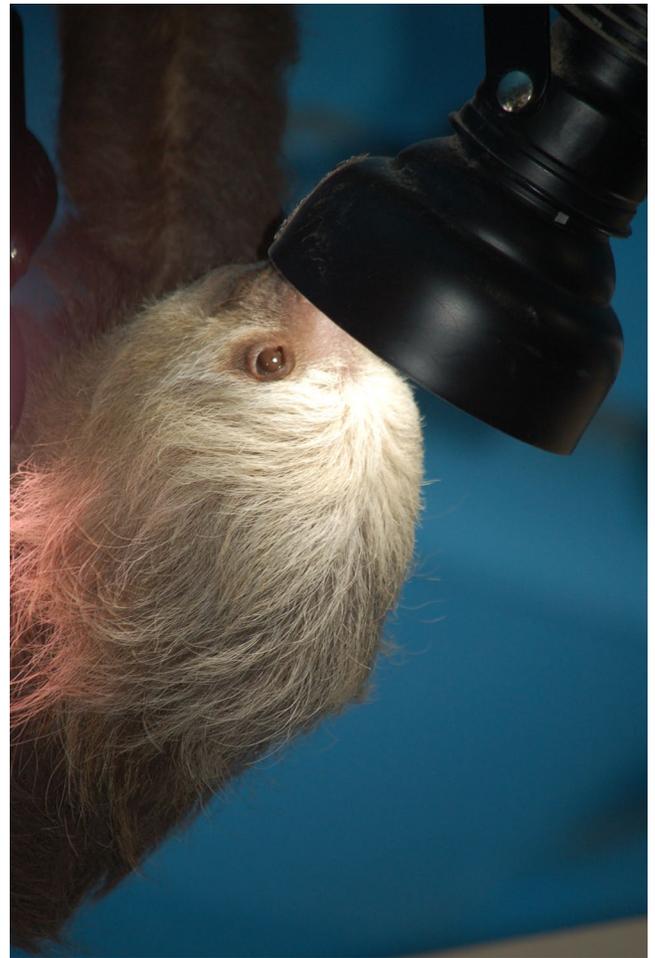
North American porcupines Quilliam (left) and Kale



Red River hogs Zena (back) and Hubert aka Huey (front)



One of our lynxes who managed to climb up the enclosure but can't figure out how to get back down



Bean, photos above, to the left, and below, staring into a ceiling light, choosing an ornament before the tree was taken down, and inspecting a plant



Photo credits

- Wallaby and Lemur love on page 1, and Rahsia and Clifford on page 4 from Sue Sallee
- Bean w/ornament this page from Jeanie Baratono
- Bean with crate (page 1), Savelli, Bo, Nancy, Quilliam, Kale, Zena, Huey, lynx, and Bean with light and plant (pages 5 and 6) from Susan Hoxie

Considerations for CMZA Officers and Chairs

The following is a list to assist you in completing the **Straw Ballot** that will be available mid-February 2021 via email. All active docents are eligible for office and are listed below. A docent should not hold the same office for more than two years in a row unless no one else is available for that job.

- A list of offices can be found on page 2 of your Directory.
- Consider volunteering for a job or nominating someone (who you have talked to) by placing a name on the **Straw Ballot**.
- Please let me know if you find errors about your positions. I will make the necessary corrections.
Nancy, nancycmza@icloud.com

Board/Supplemental Activity Chair positions that docents have held are as follows:

Joan Adkins	DRC/Library (2x), field trips, IE Ed Rep
Doris Banks	
Jeanie Baratono	Social, 2 nd VP (2x), 1 st VP-Elect, 1 st VP, ZOOM (4x), Tour Coordinator, President-elect, President, Past President, Nominating Chr.
Jean Bennett	
Merril Boruchin-Spielman	Social
Leslie Boyce	
Diane Brewer	
Matt Brickell	
Dawn Brizendine	
Marianne Brooks	Carts (2x)
Gina Bryant	Social, Tours, Zoopeteers (2x)
Kim Bunch-DeCou	Social
Ron Capen	CEC (2x), Field Trips, By-Laws
Janet Carlisle	IE Ed Rep
Cindi Carroll	Social, Corres. Sec. (2x), Zoopeteers, Service Registrar
Marion Cerruzzi	Awaiting certification
Paula Charles	Safaris, Recording Secretary
Patricia Coleman	
Deborah Compton	Service Registrar (3x)
Susan Corcoran	
Sherry Cripps	
Judy DeGroot	Recording Secretary (2x)
Eileen Derry	Enrichment, Tours, Membership (2x), Social (4x)
Tami Dickens	IE Secretary
RaNae Duran	IE Programs
Pat Dwyer	
Jane Emerson-Brown	IE Program Chair
Jennifer Farnsworth	Membership/PR (2x)
Gayle Flora	Social
Marsha Fogarty	Service Registrar (2x), Rec. Sec. (2x), Bylaws (2x), Safari Coordinator (2x), Field Trips
Meg Fossinger	
Gary Fry	
Louise Garrison	Special Events, Field Trips, Carts, Safaris
Sally Goldstein	Field Trips (2x), 1st VP (2x), Pres.-Elect, President, Past Pres., Nominating Chr., Library (3x), Zoopeteers, Bylaws, ZOOM, CEC, DRC (2x)

Linda Gray	
Charlotte Green	CEC (3x)
Sandy Greenspoon	
Susan Gross	1 st VP-Elect (2x), 1 st Vice President
Julie Hall	Field Trips
Don Haller	Newsletter (2x), Treas. (2x), Membership/PR (2x)
Nona Hentschel	Social (2x), Enrichment (2x), Membership/PR, Field Trips, 2 nd VP, Pres-Elect, President, Past Pres., Nominating Chr.
Rose Hernandez	
Nancy Hochman	Rec. Sec., Corres. Sec. (2x), 2 nd VP, 1 st VP-Elect, 1 st VP (3x), Tours, Pres.-Elect (3x), Pres. (3x), Past Pres. (3x), Nominating Chr. (3x), Treas. (5x), CEC (2x), ZOOM, Bylaws, Service Registrar, Carts (2x)
Susan Hoxie	
James Hunter	Safaris, ZOOM, Library, Bylaws, Pres.-Elect, President, Past Pres., Nominating Chr.
Gayle Irani	Safaris (2x)
Ann Marie Jackson	IE Chair (3x), Special Events
Sharon Jamison	
Rick Jenkins	
Greta Johnson	Newsletter (3x), Library/DRC (2x), Tours, Service Registrar (2x), Safaris, 1 st VP-Elect, 1 st VP, Field Trips, PR, ZOOM, Social
Barbara Kalbli	Social, 2nd VP-Elect, 2 nd VP, Pres-elect
Kim Katalin	
Cate Kelly	1st VP-Elect, 1 st VP
Kathy Kidd	Corres. Secretary (3x), Safaris, DRC/Library (2x)
John Kleiner	
Sharon Ledlow	IE Hospitality
Janie Levis	
Laurie Lindsley	
Michel Lira	Newsletter (2x)
Sheree Lira	Safaris (3x), Recording Secretary, Tours (2x), Zoopeteers (4x), Pres.-Elect, President, Past Pres., Nominating Chr.
Cyndi MacDonald	
Mindy Mahler	Tour Coordinator (2x), Recording Secretary (2x)
Deana Martin-Muth	Social (2x)
Sue Mayher	IE Social, IE Chair Elect (2x), IE Chair (2x), Special Events
Carol Maynard	
Patsy McAteer	Library, 1 st VP-Elect, 1 st VP, CEC (3x), ZOOM (2x), Field Trips, Membership (2x), Zoopeteers
Dona McBride	PR, Corres. Sec. (2x), Zoopeteers (2x), 2 nd VP, 1 st VP-Elect, 1 st VP, Membership (2x), Social (2x), Field Trips
Mary McCann	IE Social (2x), IE Chair-Elect (2x), IE Chair (2x), IE Secretary (2x)
Susan McCreedy	
Linnea McDonald	Zooline (2x)
Jean McKanna	1 st VP-Elect (2x), 1 st VP (2x), CEC (3x), 2 nd VP, Special Events, Zooline (2x), Animal Enrichment, Tour Chair (2x)
Mac McPherson	
Gisele Miyamoto	
Marcia Morris	IE Hospitality, Enrichment, Membership (3x)

Connie Munson	Awaiting certification
John Nickle	
Sharon Nickle	
Kathy O'Donnell	Animal Enrichment (2x)
Caz Oswald	IE Program Chair, IE Chair
Kaiti Poehlmann	Zooline (3x), Field Trips, ZOOM, 1 st VP-Elect, 1 st VP, CEC, 2 nd VP
Vickie Pokaluk	Awaiting certification
Lovena Porter	IE Chair, Treasurer (2x), Service Registrar (3x), Field Trips (2x), IE Chair, IE Rep Education, PR, Pres.-Elect, President, Past Pres., Nominating Chr., Bylaws, Enrichment
Susie Potterat	Social (2x), Enrichment (2x), Membership/PR, CEC (2x), Field Trips, Service Registrar
Marie Poyzer	Tours (2x), 2 nd VP (3x), 2 nd VP-Elect (2x), Social (2x), Service Registrar, PR, Corres. Secretary (3x), CEC, Pres.-Elect, Pres., Past Pres., Nominating Chr, 1 st VP-Elect, 1 st VP, Spec. Events, Zoopeteers
Judy Rhoads	PR, Membership, Rec. Secretary, Enrichment (2x), ZOOM (2x)
Micha Rhude	
Lovice Riffe	Rec. Secretary (3x), Social, ZOOM (2x), Bylaws (2x), Zooline (4x)
Nancy Rodgers	IE Field Trips
Carol Royse	Social (2x), Corresponding Sec., Safaris, Membership/PR (2x)
Sue Sallee	Tour Coordinator (2x), 2 nd VP (3x), Zoopeteers (2x), President-Elect., President
Judy Schlei	Membership/PR (3x)
Jody Schmitz	Social, Membership (3x), Carts, Corres. Secretary (2x), Membership/PR
Art Schwall	1 st VP Elect (2x), 1 st VP (2x), Pres.-Elect, President, Past President, Nominating Chr.
Wendy Seglem	Rec. Secretary, Social
Vicki Sherer	Awaiting certification
Joelle Shreves	
Mack Silvertooth	Membership/PR (2x)
Torrie Smith	
Ellie Solomon	Membership (2x), Zooline, Corres. Secretary, IE Chair, Pres.-Elect, President, Past Pres., Nominating
Judy Sonderman	2 nd VP-Elect, 2 nd VP
Lynne Stefonik	CEC (2x), Social, 1 st VP-Elect, 1 st VP, ZOOM, Pres.-Elect, President, Past. Pres., Nominating Chr.
Michael Stein	
Cris Stoddard	IE Chair, IE Sec., BBY
Patricia Tolleson	
Paul Tolleson	Corres. Secretary
Suzanne Twohig	Social, Enrichment, 2 nd VP-elect, 2 VP, Special Events
Vicki Unger	
Pat Urban	
Anne Wardrop	Social, Service Registrar
JoAnne Warren	
Yvonne Weeres	
Gloria Wiersema	
Andrew Witherow	Enrichment, Treasurer (2x)