



# Public Meeting Minutes - MASNA

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Location: Uber Conference  
Date: 05/12/2021  
Time: 9:04 PM EST

Minutes prepared by Bryce Risley

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## Attendance

### Board of Directors Present:

Kevin Erickson: President  
Tom Lisciandra: Vice President  
Christine Rowe: Treasurer  
Tim Lyons: Director of Conservation  
Ed Wiser: Director at Large  
Larry Blighton: Director at Large

### Board of Directors Absent:

Bryce Risley: Secretary General  
Joanne Vega: Public Relations  
Marie Agravante: Director at Large  
Les Wilson: Director at Large  
Dennis Diaz: Director at Large

### MASNA Employees and Contractors:

### MEMBERSHIP:

Craig Bingman  
Donald Atkinson  
Paul Anderson  
Tim Law  
Lou Caprioglio

### Meeting Call to Order

9:04 Kevin Erickson moves to open the May 12th, 2021, Public Board Meeting; Tim Lyons seconds

### Meeting Minutes:

#### Kevin Erickson:

9:04 Kevin Erickson welcomes the BOD and membership to the meeting.

9:05 MACNA 2022 has launched and will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The MACNA website has been updated to reflect current news for this event (<https://macna.org/macna2022/>). The theme for MACNA 2022 is "Gathering and Growing."

9:07 All of the MACNA 2020 and 2021 tickets that were purchased are eligible to be moved to the in-person event in Wisconsin. There may be a difference in ticket price transfers due to changes in meal prices for the banquet event. A number of regional stores and companies located in the Midwest as well as several from Canada are interested in attending the Milwaukee event. MACNA 2022 LFS tickets will be offered in the coming months.

9:10 MACNA 2021 will be online. Atlanta's MACNA event will remain in-person for a later year. The announcement for MACNA 2021 Online will be announced in the coming weeks. This will be a three-day remote event including five speakers, two panel sessions, and two or three workshops depending upon the availability of interested groups.

9:13 Christine Rowe joins the meeting.

Christine Rowe:

9:14 Treasurer's Report

## MASNA Treasurer's Report

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### CASH

Bank of America	\$184,784.10
Paypal	6,912.17

### TOTAL

\$191,696.27

### PAYABLES

Checks/Payments Issued	\$2,011.33
Checks/Payments estimated	\$5,500.00

### SUB TOTAL

\$7,511.33

### RECEIVABLES

Estimated MACNA/MASNA deposits	\$201,656.16
Current deposits	0.00

### TOTAL

\$201,656.16

### ENDING CASH BALANCE

\$385,841.10

9:15 MASNA's 990 Annual Federal Income Tax return is due Monday. The filing is on extension, allowing the organization to file by November, however the intention is to file by June. Christine Rowe notifies the BOD that she will be on vacation May 18-28<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Erickson:

9:20 Kevin Erickson comments on the launch and promotion of [www.aquariumthreads.com](http://www.aquariumthreads.com)

Tim Lyons:

9:24 The MASNA Scholarship selection committee has been formed. MASNA is still searching for additional sponsors for this year's scholarship with the intention of increasing the scholarship award amount. The application cycle will conclude in mid-June. MASNA welcomes applicants to submit a poster for the MASNA 2021 Online virtual poster session.

9:27 Tim Lyons requests that board members review the author's guidelines draft which will be given to future writers for MASNA educational articles.

Sam May, undergraduate scholarship recipient in 2014 has just finished his PhD and is now doing a postdoc in Alaska working with food-fish.

9:33 MASNA is looking for long-term sponsors for the Junda Lin Memorial Fund to support offsets for research publishing costs (<https://masna.org/masna-programs/memorial-publishing-fund/>)

Membership Questions:

9:35 Kevin Erickson solicits final contributions to from meeting attendees for the public meeting.

Kevin Erickson reads the MASNA membership report provided by Marie Agravante.

The present membership count is 218, that's 40 more individual members in the past month. The current corporate membership is at 10.

Webmaster updates: MASNA forum software has been updated to version 5.

Paul Anderson:

9:37 The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Larval Fish Conference will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

(<https://lfc44.marinesciences.uconn.edu/>)

Paul Anderson comments on an initiative to generate an industry survey to assess industry values and considerations.

No further comments from the BOD or membership.

Next public meeting: 06/9/2021 at 9 PM, EST

9:50 Kevin Erickson moves to close this May 12th, 2021, Public Meeting; Tom Lisciandra seconds

**Meeting Time: 46 minutes**