

A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Message

Trisha Crowe, Project Manager, Houston Zoo



Happy summer, friends and colleagues!

I must say, I am missing our monthly sessions from last year. They were one of the few bright spots that resulted from Covid-19. I feel like we were all differently connected by more frequent interaction, and we have now been

swallowed back up by our busy schedules.

Here at the Houston Zoo, guest numbers are as high as ever, despite just experiencing the second hottest May in Houston history! Our events have picked up significantly as well, and the needs of our stakeholders around the Zoo have only increased as we bounce back from a strange two years.

How are you all doing? We hope that you will come to the conference to reconnect in person and let us know. Our interactive keynote session, "You Made It! Lessons from Covid-19 Reactions and Recovery" will highlight the stories of four of our colleagues. We encourage you to come and share your thoughts. How did you navigate the pandemic, what lessons did you learn,

and how can we come back stronger? If you have any stories, questions or talking points that you would like to share in advance for the session please email me, tcrowe@houstonzoo.org

A few other thoughts...

- We need you! AZFA has relied heavily on a small handful of people for a long time. We are always looking for new ideas and participation from our members.
- Can you contribute 2-3 hours per month to be on a committee and/or help with the conference? It is a great way to meet colleagues and learn more about the world of zoos and aquariums. For more information on how to get involved please contact Sam Peterson, sam.peterson@sazoo.org.
- Do you have a new facility or exhibit project you would like to show off at the conference? Let us know! It helps us all to hear about each other's projects and the corresponding lessons learned.
- The European Association of Zoos and Aquariums (EAZA) has established a war relief fund to aid Ukrainian zoos. If your institution can contribute any amount, please consider doing so. I cannot imagine what they have gone through. The link can be found on AZFA's

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website or directly at EAZA's website, www.eaza.net/emergency-appeal-for-ukrainian-zoos

- What types of sustainability projects are your organizations working on? Can you write a short article about it for our next newsletter?

- Do you know? Job openings can be posted on the AZFA website, www.azfa.org/resources/jobs

AZFA could not exist without you. Thank you for all you do!

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AZFA 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AZFA 2022 Annual Conference

Call for Presentations

The AZFA Program & Education Committee is seeking presenters for this year's conference. If you would like to be one of our session speakers, please submit the Presenter Bio & Abstract Form below. Conference tracks could include sustainability, professional development, safety and emergency response, housekeeping, exhibit design and project management, accreditation, life support systems, DEAI, and more. Suggestions are always welcome!

Presenter Bio & Abstract: Denver 2022 Conference

In order for the Committee to evaluate each proposed session, we would like some details. Please send the following information to Sam Peterson, sam.peterson@sazoo.org by Friday, August 12, 2022:

Presenter Name, Title, and Affiliation (Company/Organization Name)

A Brief Bio (Preferably under 200 words)

Ex: Sam began her zoo career during high school, working summer jobs as a camp counselor and zoo-keeper. During university she worked in the Education and Membership departments before accepting

a full-time position as Sustainability Coordinator and assistant to the COO and the Vice President of Animal Care.

Title of Presentation/Workshop/Roundtable

Ex: Roundtable – Emergency Preparedness

Brief Summary: Ex: Discussion will focus on contingency plans for natural disasters, human intervention emergencies, and animal emergencies. Topics will include training, concealed carry issues, involvement of other agencies, accreditation standards, and the USDA rule for contingency plans.

You are welcome to include a sample video or presentation slides as well. Session timeslots are generally 1 hour each, comprising 45 minutes of presentation followed by approximately 15 minutes of Q&A. However, longer sessions may be arranged if warranted. If you have any questions, please contact Sam at 210-247-9224.

Thank you for volunteering to contribute to this year's conference program!

CALLING ALL LEADERS!

Are you interested in becoming more involved in our organization? Officer elections will be held at the Denver conference and now is the time to add your voice and help shape the future of the AZFA. Available positions will include President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer-Elect. Please contact Past-President John Kanzia, john.kanzia@czs.org to

nominate yourself or someone you know to run for office.

Not quite ready for the Board? Get your feet wet by joining a committee instead. Contact the AZFA Administrator Sam Peterson, sam.peterson@sazoo.org for more information.

Clark Waldram Conservation Fund Update

Temporal housing for Punta San Juan Program



PUNTA SAN JUAN PROGRAM

The Punta San Juan Program has been conducting research on seabirds and marine mammals for more than 30 years in Punta San Juan, Perú. Unfortunately, due to security concerns, our staff can no longer use the government facilities within the reserve. In order to continue with our work, we developed a multi-strategy campaign that included applying for grants and, with help of Penguins International, launching a crowdfunding campaign on GoFundMe.

We are pleased to present the successful results of the 2021 #PSJBASECAMP fundraising campaign to build a new field station in Punta San Juan. Thanks to the fundraising and grants obtained we will soon install a new operations center (small, low impact) inside the reserve. This was possible because of the kind help from our friend institutions and donations!

 **Field Station & Base Camp**

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Punta San Juan Field Station & Base Camp

Grants awarded

Aquarium and Zoo Facilities Association Conservation Grant \$ 8,500 USD

Field Conservation Grant - Wild Care Institute, Saint Louis Zoo \$ 9,997.00 USD

Kansas City Zoo Conservation Grant \$10,000.00 USD

Penguins International Donation \$ 4,300 USD

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Infrastructure

In the past months our Program has been in active coordination with management of protected area for the installation of our new Base Camp. The materials, design of the infrastructure, and work methodologies are designed to be friendly to the environment and reduce any kind of possible interference with the natural surroundings, as suggested in our meetings with the Servicio Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (SERNANP). SERNANP requested that to match other existing infrastructure, we make the housing from wood and wood-derived materials. They also requested we adjust the location to reduce the extent of the human foot print inside the reserve. This meant a change in location so there was more fieldwork to do to adjust to their requirement.



Our staff and the constructor evaluating the infrastructure location.

On October 22, 2021 Punta San Juan Program staff met via Zoom, with SERNANP personnel, to establish the final materials and location for this new infrastructure. In the first week of November 2021, our staff met with the constructor in charge of this construction in the reserve. During the visit they evaluated the area where the Punta San Juan Program Scientific Station will be installed, considering the level of terrain and the development of an installation plan. The future connections for water and sewage were also discussed. GPS coordinates were recorded to georeference the new area proposed by SERNANP and update the technical dossier for the government.



Area of the future infrastructure in RNSIIPG-Punta San Juan (black rectangle indicates the perimeter).



3D image of the exterior of the Research Station.



Infrastructure walls ready to be assembled.



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Current Situation

Currently, the infrastructure shell is ready in the contractor's workshop and we are still waiting for the approval of permits for installation of modular housing inside the Punta San Juan Reserve.

During the first week of January we were instructed to request for authorization to conduct research in Áreas Naturales Protegidas up to a period of two years, requesting the installment of a temporary installation of infrastructure. This request was registered on February 1st. Internal revisions by different

government offices within protected areas have requested complementary information with the technical documentation for the modular housing based on materials, location, installation, and management was presented to SERNANP on March 9th. We are waiting for the response of this document to start the construction of our temporal housing. We expect to have permits in April /May and installation (programmed for 17-25 days) in May /June.

Thank you for your support and patience. We will keep you updated!



Reference map with the 3D model of the Research Station designed by the construction service provider.

New Members

Professional

Adrian Cavazos, Houston Zoo

Colley Hodges, Houston Zoo

Allen LaPointe, Vice President of Environmental Quality, John G. Shedd Aquarium

Nathan Quiring, Manager, Maintenance Planning, The Calgary Zoo

Peter Davia, Building and Grounds Supervisor, Cosley Zoo

Margarito Gonzalez, Operations Manager, Texas State Aquarium

Juan Sabalones, Operations Manager, Alaska SeaLife Center

Travis Snyder, Senior LSS Technician, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

Michael Radcliffe, Facilities Management, Saint Louis Zoo

Tom Thompson, Retired, Director of Safety & Security, Mystic Aquarium

Daniel Castillo, Security Manager, WCS- Prospect Park Zoo

Leslie Garner, Director of Architecture & Construction, Saint Louis Zoo

Tony Torsell, Senior Director of Campus Management, Denver Zoological Foundation

Michael Feldner, Life Support Supervisor, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

Lincoln Rupp, Director of Facilities and Campus Projects, Great Plains Zoo and Delbridge Museum of Natural History

Organization

Alyssa Topinka, Architect, Senior Associate, di Domenico and Partners

Josh Nickelson, Gardener Foreman II, Henson Robinson Zoo

Justin Loyd, Project Manager, Colorado Hardscapes

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Mark Sauro, Regional Territory Manager, Lo-Chlor

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David Layden, Engineering Technologist - Facilities Department, City of Moncton

CALENDAR

Deadline for articles for the next newsletter: October 21st

2022 Annual Conference: Denver Zoo, October 9th – 13th in Denver, Colorado

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