



Memorandum

To: Dane County Personnel and Finance Committee
CC: Ronda Schwetz, Joseph Darcangelo
From: Jess Thompson
Date: January 19, 2023
Re: Travel Exception to Co. Ord. 20.16 request

I, Jess Thompson, Conservation Education Curator at Henry Vilas Zoo, am requesting to travel to the AZA Midyear Meeting and Green Summit from March 24 -31, 2023 in Oklahoma City, OK. Oklahoma is one of the Dane County prohibited travel states by ordinance 20.16. I am on the AZA Green Scientific Advisory Group which is the sustainability committee for AZA, and am helping to plan the Green Summit for this conference. The Summit brings together a variety of zoo and aquarium professionals to share ways we can integrate sustainability into and across our unique organizations. Our vision is sustainability embedded in the culture and implemented through the strategic plan and daily operations of every AZA institution.

The zoo is supporting the cost of this conference for an estimated cost of \$2050. We respectfully request for the Personnel and Finance Committee to approve this exception.

Sincerely,
Jess Thompson

Jess Thompson
Conservation Education Curator
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