

January 2013
Professional Development Committee Report
Chair: Rhys Evans

Sacramento 2013:

- Endangered Species Act, Section 7
 - USFWS and NMFS primary speakers; BLM, CDFW and consultant guest speakers
 - Monday to Wednesday, January 28-30
 - Registration as of 20 January: 79 (below expectations)
- Western Snowy Plover Symposium and Recovery Team meeting
 - Mark Colwell (HSU) and Jim Watkins (FWS) are co-leads on technical content, Evans is lead on logistics.
 - Monday to Wednesday, January 28-30
 - Registration as of 20 January: 64 (below expectations)
- Scientific and Technical Writing Techniques-*From Field Work to Final Draft*
 - Tuesday and Wednesday, January 29-30
 - Registration as of 20 January: 16 (below expectations)
- Wilderness First Aid
 - Saturday and Sunday, February 2-3
 - Includes optional CPR add-on
 - Registration as of 20 January: 19
- Hunter Education for Conservation Professionals
 - Saturday and Sunday, February 2-3
 - Registration as of 20 January: 9

Events in 2012-2013 since last Exec Board:

- Certification, Santa Rosa (17 participants), San Luis Obispo (13 participants)

Scheduled:

- None

Other Business:

ACTION ITEMS UPDATE:

Evans:

- Determine if the plover workshop at the AC will be open to the public. *done*
- Follow up in the next few weeks on possible ESA biological assessment workshop. *done*
- Revisit chapter MOU model for co-sponsored workshops. *carry (in progress)*
- Consult w/Perrine and send revised MOA with language covering chapters' responsibility in the event of cancellation to Evans. *carry (in progress)*

All:

- Review draft letter distributed by Conservation Affairs at our November EB meeting. If you have feedback, please share it with Gonzales *done*
- Revise "about us" section of the website with updated descriptions of each committee, or please notify McNerney if description already current. *done*
- Review Ops Manual and send feedback to Perrine before 4/15. *carry?*

Student Affairs Committee Report
January 2013
Co-Chair: David Wyatt

- TWS-WS Annual Meeting: Sacramento
 - Welcome Reception – January 30
 - Evening session providing students with an opportunity to meet other conference attendees.
 - Job Seekers Panel Discussion – February 1
 - Invited speakers include representatives of Bureau of Land Management, Peace Corps, Student Conservation Association, and others.
 - Student-Professional Lunch Mixer – February 1
 - Lunch set-up would encourage students to mix with attending professionals. Professionals will be identifiable by specializations.
 - Job Interview Panel Discussion – February 1
 - Panel members include: Linda Angerer (U.S. Forest Service), Kevin Thomas (California Department of Fish and Wildlife), Roger Jones (Sacramento County), Daniel Neal (Cardno Entrix), and David Wyatt (Sacramento City College).

- Action Items
 - Co-chair David Wyatt will be setting up meet-ups with the co-chair and representatives from the student chapters that will be attending the Sacramento 2013 meeting.
 - Co-chair David Wyatt is looking into a mentorship program for students after receiving a request for information about a mentorship program from a wildlife professional.