The Wildlife Society – Western Section Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Conference Call July 24, 2014

In Attendance: Natasha Dvorak, President; Don Yasuda, President-elect, Membership Committee Chair; Doug Bell, Past President; Cynthia Perrine, Program Director, Western Section Representative; John McNerney, Treasurer; Janae Scruggs, Secretary; Rhys Evans, Professional Development Chair; Erin Aquino-Carhart, Conservation Affairs Chair; Mandi McElroy, Student Affairs Committee Co-Chair; Sandra Hunt-von Arb, California North Coast Chapter Rep (joined at 2015); Mackenzie Jeffress, Nevada Chapter Rep; Hal Holland, Sacramento-Shasta Chapter Rep; Matthew Bettelheim, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Rep; Candace Renger, Conference Planner

Called to Order: 1935

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
Approve Agenda		Motion – Addition of Interm Actions and Approve Agenda 1 st – Bell 2 nd – Aquino-Carhart Motion Passed	
Previous Meeting's Minutes	Attendance and Interm Actions	Motion – Approve with the solution of two Secretary comments 1st – Evans 2nd – Bell Motion Passed	
Interm Action	Update: The research has been cancelled so we will not be able to award the grant.	Research Grant for Justin White (UNR) Student Motion – Approve grant proposal 1st – Davis 2nd – Bell Motion Passed President and Treasurer approved quarterly invoices for staff personnel.	Awards and Grants – Please award grant.
Strategic Planning and Operations Plan	Perrine and Aquino-Carhart are working on the plans. Perrine expects a digital draft ready for review in August. A few paper copies will be distributed to the membership upon request (many have already requested).		Perrine/Aquino-Carhart (and subcommittees) – Complete the draft for review by membership. Dvorak – Agenda item for next Board Meeting to discuss if we are asking the right questions.

		All – Come up with questions for the membership (due September 1 to Perrine)
Western Wildlife	Bryan Cypher provided an update to Dvorak. She relayed: - Western Wildlife is up and running with a website. - Received manuscripts have been processed, and waiting for more submissions before publishing - Requested outreach to membership via announcements or blurbs in WS and Chapter newsletters, meetings, events, etc. Renger related some confusion related to Transactions and Western Wildlife.	Souza – Create a sentence/paragraph related to the transition between Transactions and Western Wildlife for the website. Souza – Create a PDF announcement calling for papers and advertizing Western Wildlife to be distributed. Aquino-Carhart – Please post Western Wildlife link to our Facebook page.
Wildlife Confessional Anthology	Bettelheim is working with TWS National on details and hopes to update us soon. Some obstacles: - Ensuring the collection of stories (1) do not harm wildlife and (2) remain professional error while still having fun. - Would like more information before associating with their brand and logo. Perrine suggested if WS starts the collection and provides it to Nationals when it is together as a proposal, they would be interested.	Bettelheim – Start working on a process to receive submissions for the collection.
Draft Call for Papers, October 20, 2014	Yasuda reviewed the announcement with input by committee chairs as needed. Working on a Wildlife Apps Workshop	
Change to 2015 Annual Meeting Schedule	Yasuda mentioned a concern related to the banquet being moved up a night and the possible impact to the raffle. Related concerns of not having all items that early in the week, loss of revenue, and	Yasuda/Renger – Coordinate the next conference committee meeting to continue discussion regarding the schedule change.

Many ideas were provided: - Seperating out the raffle over the week - Live auction - Partial raffle during banquet, and rest during Business Meeting - Need bigger items
Award and Grant Committee Needs Natasha provided the below update on Burg's behalf: 1. Travel support for Bryan Cypher's TWS Fellow Award at TWS National Conference. 2. Suggestion for nomination of Brad Valentine for TWS Distinguished Service Award Burg also requested assistance with tracking down a CV and stories about Brad Valentine. Perrine said she was working on this today with him and felt it was handled. Natasha provided the below update on Burg's behalf: Motion – Nominate Brad Valentine for Nationals TWS Distinguished Service Award Motion – Nominate Brad Valentine for Nationals TWS Distinguished Service Award Motion – Nominate Brad Valentine for Nationals TWS Distinguished Service Award Burg – Provide a proposal related to Cypher's travel Dvorak – Contact TWS Nationals regarding our nomination Burg/Dvorak – Notify Brad Valentine for All – Nominations for awards at our 2015 Conference Renger – Add a request for nominations in the Summer Newsletter. E. Renger – Add a section on the webpage regarding award process and due date.
TWS Per Diem TABLED! McNerney – Will send out update of policy with revisions for review.

Adjorned: 2105 1st – Perrine 2nd – Yasuda Motion Passed