**Native Peoples Wildlife Management Working Group meeting minutes**

Wed Oct 29th, 2014

10:30 AM start time

Michel Kohl introduced and opened meeting

1. Attendees/Introductions:
* Heather Stricker – Chair Elect been involved in working group for 8 yrs. Board member, communications coordinator, made it clear that anyone with an interest in wildlife on tribal lands throughout US/Canada can join.
* Serra Hoagland – Sec/Tres of WG, past PD recipient, been involved for 4 yrs
* Brandi Saidy – Social media specialist, developed our logo,
* Dan Gossett – USDA APHIS, been involved with WG for several years
* Heather Shaw - grad student at central university
* Freya Hately – sophomore in Marine Bio, NSPD grant recipient 2014
* Monica Tomosy – USFS R&D, heard about program through Katie Edwards
* Brandon Frederick – graduate student, 2014 NSPD
* Jacob Naranjo – 2014 NSPD, New Mexico State
* Kate Galbreath – PhD student Utah State, NSPD 2014
* Rick Wadleigh – founders of group, helped create bylaws, original grant funding, involved for 8 yrs
* Misty Sumners – Chair of Ethnic and Gender WG, recent collaborations with our WG,
* Edwin Merryl – Prof at University of Alberta, barry , Editor and Chief of JWM
* Harriet Allen – NW section rep to council, expressed their support
* Colin Netzley – wildlife at Purdue, first TWS
* Sarah Meronk– wildlife at Purdue,
* Natalie Euler– junior at Purdue, first tWS conference
* Hannah Smith – senior in Purdue, GLIFIC
* Ivy Widick – GLIFWC, Purdue
* Hannah Hayes – Purdue
* Cami Griffith – past NSPD program, ornate box turtles
* Mary Krieger– senior at MIch State, possibly working at Ogala Lakota College
* Pat Zollner – faculty at Purdue, GLIFWC, Sloan at Purdue
* Mari Aviles – Purdue student senior
* Rene Wickliffee – Purdue Junior
* Molly OGrady – University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Native youth interests Stockbridge community, TEK and wildlife management
* Dan Gossett – USDA APHIS, grant funding for PD students, Fort Collins, Colorado
* Tim Nuttle – Cherokee in Alabama, work for Civil and Env consultants
* Mariah Simmons – coordinator for subunits for TWS
* Raymond Gutierrez – grad student at SUNY, 2014 NSPD
* Serini Ki’ili – 2014 NSPD, University of Hawaii at Hilo, BS in Marine Science
* Riley Smith – 2014 NSPD, NAU
* Sara Hale – Purdue, senior in wildlife biology
* Madeline Freiburger– Purdue, senior in wildlice
* Mathew Voorkees– Purdue
* Cindy West – USFS R&D, partnership with TWS, Tribal Engagement Roadmap
* Carol Chambers – SW section rep to council, LI ideas
* Peter Icono – SUNY ESF program, Interned with Raymond
1. USFS R&D partnership project:

Monica Tomsoy – National Program Lead for R&D for wildlife, funding for scholarships, research assistantship program to meet mutual objectives, USFS is committed to relationship with tribes, interested in diversity hiring for the agency, program that introduces Native wildlife biologists into the USFS Research projects, need help on research projects, good opportunity for students to gain experience, request for proposals from USFS scientists, 4 projects were accepted, review team includes members of NPWMWG and USFS. Projects: fisher habitat use in CA, bats and habitat preferences in Wisconsin, Riparian stream habitat for AZ biodiversity, black oak forest restoration in CA. First year of the program, plan to do it again in 2015.

1. 2013 WG meeting minutes

Serra briefly covered the main discussion topics during the 2013 WG meeting

Meeting minutes were approved by Pat

1. Professional Development Program

First started in 2006. Skipped in 2 years over that time period.

 Rolled over APHIS funds from 2013

 $12k total covered 7 students

Carol – Leadership Institute related idea using video for program and working group to help gain funds for PD program. She’s also interested in improving the certification program to make it more relevant for non-traditional students.

Rabies program as a possible funding source for PD program

Cami gave her testimony about the PD program and the benefits of the program. It was the first time someone has traveled from her region to this conference

Carol -- See if sections will sponsor a person. ASK SECTION REPS and maybe even state chapters to donate a small stipend to support a student from their region. Our WG needs to raise $20k per year to make the program relevant

Rick – depends on location of the meeting. Winnipeg may be more expensive for students to travel to

Raymond – travel arrangements has been smooth, helped other undergrads attend, wildlife specific less relevant to his work, workshop on human diversity was a big part of his experience

Serina – furthest travel, travel arrangements was difficult, suggestions – Kamehmeh schools, office of Hawaiian affairs for funding, professional contacts and networking was great, non-traditional student, now considering graduate school

Riley – work with fish and amphibians, project that is linked to working with tribes or on tribal lands, TEK talk would’ve been nice to hear, good turn out at the human diversity talks, interested in inclusivity, send out a list of folks who are maybe interested in sharing a room.

Freya – Wouldn’t have been able to come to TWS without the grant, advice – guidance for travel if it’s the first time for students traveling, panel discussion on undergrads was very informative,

Brandon – Did undergrad in biology and environmental science, master’s in entomology, invert symposium needs to happen again, learned about new opportunities, diversity symposium was an important part, improvement: make it easier for students to find out about the program. Better communication.

Jacob – interests are well aligned with the talks/symposiums at the meeting, people he’s met, he wouldn’t be here without the program, lots of networking with grad students, gov employees, improvement: better outreach!!!

Kate – learned about different methods and techniques that are useful for her research, great networking opportunity, improvement: better outreach.

Serina and Raymond interested in helping volunteer for better outreach.

COO – The new person in Darryl’s position – into the marketing for TWS and with Brandi. We need to reach a larger audience.

We never know our funding situation until very late.

USFS (Cindi West) OTR Forest Service can help publish the announcement.

AISES and SACNAS, AIGC, etc. can help publicize the information.

Serina – application process earlier so they can submit their papers and posters. Can we establish a loop hole or something so students can still submit their research?

Need to know budget by Jan because of the passport issue. That way students can be notified. Maybe do something like “you’re in the top 15” and then you’ll have people ready to go. Cost of passports for students. For 2015 really need to re-think deadlines. Option is to do our own symposium and have accepted students give a talk.

Maybe reserve poster slots through TWS? Student Research in progress deadline.

APHIS is going to contribute funds for 2015 from NWRC funds.

Difficult financial situation of the program. New Executive Director is very interested in this program and committed to this program. Michel submitted a letter to Council. 72 students funded in 8 years. Represent over 20 different providences.

Rick – look at specific fundraising in tribally based items. Auction through TWS. WG put items on the webpage (Rick is willing to donate items). Michel will talk to Ed about this idea.

Long-term idea is finding an endowment and use the interest from every year to fund students.

1. WG Financials

Current balance is $1828.16

 Michel explained the WG membership fees (students are FREE!!)

 In order to be a member of the WG you have to be a member of TWS

1. Communications:

Facebook page – Check it out!! Webpage includes scholarship information and deadlines, any programs or opportunities, NAFWS meetings, any sort of announcements are welcomed. TWS switched platforms. Old webpage is possibly still out there.

Heather – newsletters. Communications coordinator for WG. She was doing 2 newsletter a year. PD students will have to submit something. One word to describe their experience. Short bio and information on them. Always looking for submissions. Send in your ideas and comments. Submit an article.

Molly O’Grady: Volunteered to be a communications coordinator.

1. New Techniques Manual

Incorporating a chapter focused on Tribal Land Management – agreed to work on the chapter as a board.

1. Reaching out to our membership (idea from Heather)

Original WG goals included reaching out to people on the ground doing wildlife management, lost this connection. Re-connect to base membership who typically don’t make it to these conferences. Connect needs of tribal wildlife managers. Lacking in knowing what they need. Put together a contact list of all tribal wildlife managers about the obstacles they are facing, what has been successful, how can we connect you to more resources and what can we do as a working group.

Brandi has a small list (including Hawaii) of tribal wildlife managers

Rick cooperative mode with the NAFWS organization. Get Ex Board members to attend NAFWS meetings. NAFWS has this list!

1. 2015 Symposium Announcement

Misty – send her ideas about symposium topics. Think about what hooked people?

Do 2 symposiums?? One for NP and one for EGD group. “Transboundary” issues tied to CITES and the problems tribes are having. Transporting medicine and regalia across borders, pipeline, tarsands issues. Transboundary coordinator in Canada that Rick knows. Toipc for Ethnic and Gender Diversity: empowering the unempowered. Non-federally recognized groups. Rick offered to volunteer. Dan’s idea – US/Mexico boundaries, wildlife being restricted from migrating.

Action based science. Leveraging research for social and environmental equity. Plenty of great science but WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? How does that translate? Synergy between SEK and TEK?

Climate Change – White birch is likely to disappear, marten, sage grouse habitat, etc. Ecosystem boarder issue. In 2008 we had a symposium on tribal management in a changing world. Could expand on this symposium.

Tarsands projects and impacts on tribal lands.

Volunteers: Serina, Raymond, Rick, Riley, Brandon. Raymonds tech, Heather Shaw

1. OTHER

Employment opportunity from the USFS

Conservation Science Court: RFP supported by the USFS, managed by national fish & Wildlife Foundation. Working for the USFS.

Fact Sheet on CC work with tribes. Contact with USFS scientists.

Tim Nuttle (tnuttle@cecinc.com) Hiring for research assistantships. Birds and insects and streams and fish. Wanting to recruit Native students.