

**Agenda for INWMWG meeting at the 20th Annual Conference Wednesday October 9th
12:15-2:15 in the Hyatt Gilpatrick Room of the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, WI**

1. Welcome and introductions
 - a. 21 people in attendance: Nicolas Dovertzidis, Han Li, Adrian Roadman, Agnes Pelletier, Matt Gould, Sandra Elvin, Lily Harrison, Christine Chung, John Koprowski, Kerry Nicholson, Ryo Sakurai, Tsuyoshi T. Yoshida, Aletris Neils, Hal Balcach, Rick Baydack, Chester Martin, Harriet Allen, Susan Bernatas, Del Benson, Merlin Shoesmith, and Martha Desmond
2. Review/approval of minutes from annual meeting in Portland, OR October 2012
 - a. Minutes approved
 - b. Reviewed action items from 2012
3. Recent elections – effective October 10, 2013
 - a. Chair – Robin White
 - b. Chair Elect – Theresa Fiorino
 - c. Treasurer/Secretary Aletris Neils
 - d. Past Chair – Martha Desmond
4. Treasurers Report – Approximately \$6,000
5. Report from representatives:
 - a. International Union of Game Biologists (IUGB) – Kerry Nicholson
 - i. Meeting was in August in Brussels Belgium. Next meeting is in Puebla Mexico
 - ii. IUGB interested in affiliating with TWS, potentially through a section.
 - iii. IUGB will possibly approach to be a European chapter of TWS. This was brought up at council. They would be open to support and receive partnership with other groups. Agnes mentioned they were also open to SCB.
 - b. Australasian Wildlife Management Society (AWMS) – meeting to be held in New Zealand in November
6. Update – subgroup – role of public/private Lands Partnership Conference – Del Benson
Del spoke at length about the upcoming Public/Private Lands Partnership Conference to be held in Estes Park, CO in September 2014. He is very interested in the IWMWG taking an active role in this conference. This is the first time this conference has been in the US since 1988 when it was at New Mexico State University. The conference focuses on how to apply wildlife/conservation issues on public and private lands for the people. This conference will focus on land management in the western US but also globally. We discussed different ways that the IWMWG could be involved.
 - a. A symposia such as renewable and non-renewable energy development, forest management, etc. One possibility would be to initiate symposia at the Public/Private Lands Conference and continue it in Pittsburg at the TWS annual meeting.

- b. A group from IWMWG could volunteer to review abstracts or assist with other logistical aspects of the conference.
 - c. Help find corporate sponsors to sponsor individuals from developing countries.
 - d. Del will send the brochure electronically to Martha and she will make sure it gets distributed to working group members.
 - e. Martha will email all on the subcommittee for this conference to encourage folks to make a decision on the working groups role in this conference. This subcommittee identified at the 2012 meeting consists of Del Benson, Tree Fiorino, Claire Crowe, Geoffrey Walsh, James Biggs, and Francisca Astorga
 - f. Del encouraged anyone else interested to please talk with him after the meeting. He is open to any and all suggestions.
7. Update – subgroup – IWMWG Vision Statement and Legacy – Merlin Shoemith
Merlin handed out a copy of our current vision/mission statement for comment (attached). He encouraged everyone to review it and send any comments directly to him or Robin White. Some members of the working group have already sent him comments. He cautioned that it should be short, but needs to capture who we are and how we will accomplish our vision. Working group members of this subcommittee consist of Merlin Shoemith, Claire Crowe, Robin White, Tyler McFadden
 - a. Agnes commented related to mission #4 – that we needed to provide incentives for the international community to want to join TWS. Often countries outside of North America feel left out. For example, JWM mainly focuses on research in North America and does not have a true international appeal. Rick Baydack commented that the Australasian group has the same feeling and we need to explore what would encourage individuals from other countries to join. Martha added that the wording right now is probably okay, since it says “encourage” to join but we really need to think of ways to reach out, possibly through symposia where we invite individuals from other countries to join.
8. Student Development Working Group - Matt Gould
Matt Gould discussed the Student Development Working Group, a new subunit that has recently been formed. They are interested in reaching out and working with the various working groups. Matt will be the liaison for the International Wildlife Management Working Group. Matt discussed ways for us to interact with the student development working group, including:
 - a. Working with student chapters internationally. There is a strong interest in developing sister chapters in Mexico to help students from Mexico become more involved in TWS.
 - b. We formed a new student subgroup for the International Wildlife Management Working Group. Matt agreed to head this subgroup. Members include: Matt Gould, Adrian Roadman, Lily Harrison and Nick Doubentizdo
9. Additional Business

- a. Newsletter – Everyone agreed that Claire Crow has done a fantastic job on our newsletter – The Passport. Thank you Claire!!
Concern was expressed that not all working group members are receiving our communications and there have been some issues with Working Group membership lists not be complete. Martha asked anyone who was a member before July 1 and had not received the latest edition of the Passport to please let her know. Martha will double check with Katie Edwards on any possible glitches that may exist in the system.
- b. We discussed the need for a logo for our working group to use on any communications, including The Passport, letterhead, etc. Several individuals in the audience expressed an interest in this. The deadline for submissions is November 15th. A reminder will go out to the working group related to this.
- c. Website/facebook – Han Li has completed a facebook page for the working group and is eager to publish it and have folks start to interact. Adrian Roadman agreed to assist Han with keeping the Facebook page up to date. There was a lot of discussion related to communication that could occur on the facebook page and the IBA (International Bear Association) was repeatedly referenced as an excellent example of how to do this well. Adrian Roadman agreed to be our liason to the TWS webmaster, helping us get our website up to date. Martha will talk with Katie Edwards related to how to proceed and get back in touch with Adrian on this.

10. Update – International Wildlife Management Congress Sapporo, Japan_2015 – Rick Baydack

Rick introduced Tsuyoshi Yoshida, one of the hosts from Japan who was present at the conference. Tsuyoshi handed out a flyer from the conference and discussed the initial planning stage.

- a. TWS and the Mammalian Society of Japan will be co-hosting this event.
- b. Tsuyoshi commented that TWS is small in Japan and they would be inviting other taxonomic groups to be involved (most scientific societies in Japan revolve around taxonomic affiliations).
- c. They are working on securing sponsors to reduce costs related to the conference.
- d. Daryl Walters and Rick Baydack will be visiting Japan in November to discuss the conference venue in greater detail and they will report back to IWMWG after that meeting.
- e. Jimmy Cain, will run the scientific session for this conference. He will likely be asking individuals from the IWMWG to volunteer to review abstracts, similar to the South Africa conference.

11. New business

- a. Future symposia – we discussed a number of potential topics for future symposia.

- i. Sandra Elvin suggested working collaboratively with the Climate Change Working Group. They will be having a conference call on this subject next month and she will suggest this.
 - ii. Renewable and non-renewable energy development across the globe partnering with the renewable energy working group.
 - iii. Native/indigenous people and wildlife management issues – possibly subsistence hunting, partnering with the native peoples working group.
- b. Database. Martha discussed the need to develop a database of working group members and will initiate putting this together. We agreed to start by sending out an email request to members to be included in this database. Information we would include would be name, contact info, affiliation, and areas of expertise. This database will not be made public but can be used when we received requests for expertise in certain areas, and may be helpful for the policy advisor. Sandra Elvin agreed to help Martha with this database.
- c. Aletris represented the IWMWG at the Working Group breakfast Sunday morning. The meeting lasted four hours and was very productive. Fourteen of 28 working groups were represented. TWS is encouraging working groups to increase collaborations. It was brought up at this meeting that the US is no longer a signatory on CITIES and the IWMWG should consider voicing an opinion on this. At the Working Group breakfast it was also suggested that each working group have a designated person as a policy advisor. Sandra Alvin agreed to serve as the policy advisor for the IWMWG.