THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

Monthly Officer Meeting

January 15, 2015

Call to Order

Present: Matt Gould, Krysten Zummo, Andy Little, Amanda Veals, Auriel Fournier & Erin Saunders

Absent: none

Old Items

Newsletter:

- **Positive feedback**
  - Hats off to everyone for getting this together!
  - Matt posted it to Facebook and Twitter – had more people add WG since posting newsletter

- **Articles for next issue**
  - Next newsletter – first week of May – before students leave
  - Include conference deadlines, scholarship & travel deadlines
  - Find student members to write articles
    - Information from conclaves (Auriel – SE conclave)

Student Chapter / SDWG Communication:

- **Contacting section members**
  - Recommended to work through Mariah Simmons; she can get us chapter advisors contacts. Once we see how up to date they are we can find other contacts within the departments. (Erin – email Mariah for this list)
    - Andy – Southeast
    - Matt – Central Mountain Plains, Northwest, Canadian
    - Erin – Southwest (Jimmy Cane)
    - Auriel – North Central
    - Krysten – West, Northeast

- **Facebook**
  - Andy – add Amanda as administrator on account

National Conference:

- **Proposals**
  - Student Chapter Symposium
    - Krysten - Can send draft out by Monday for us to review
  - Manuscript Review Workshop
    - Matt – Making edits and working on pamphlet to hand out
  - Undergrad Discussion Panel – Erin
    - Carol Chambers recommended that we spice it for national conference
    - Erin – Will work with Carol and look at different teaching tools to see if we can make this more engaging.

- **Introduction to R workshop**
  - Contacted Biometrics WG – they are going to submit abstract for this
  - Have approved sponsorship for the workshop and special rate offer for students
  - How can we help this workshop
    - Matt – send email to Biometrics WG to let them know we are interested
    - Andy - willing to coordinate to bring in students perspective and ensure effective workshop

- **Schedule Issues**
  - Auriel contacted headquarters and they say no problem to ensure SDWG and Student Chapter Symposium not overlapping
  - Recommended not having SDWG and Student Chapter Symposium on Sunday since many people arriving that day
  - We would still like to keep early in the week
    - Maybe later on Sunday or both on Monday
    - Auriel –continue working on this

- **National Program Advertisement**
  - Erin – contact Tricia Frye regarding advertisement in TWS program or app

National Website:

- **Facebook links, newsletter, and biographies**
  - Andy - working on these updates

- **Meeting minutes**
  - Andy has been updating these as we go

Wildlife Professional:

- **Mentor/Mentee Articles:**
  - Work with Allison and Anna to promote this program
    - Andy – working on this

- **E-Newsletters**
    - Matt contacted Nancy Sasavage - only using email blasts now
    - Matt - contact Mariah Simmons to advertise winners of the posters/presentations

Collaboration Meeting:

- Matt emailed Mariah on what specifically they are looking for; mainly interested in workshop information.
    - Types that have been held, were they successful, any profit, number attended, etc.
    - Erin – will look into this information and send what we have to Mariah

New Items

Treasurer:

- Auriel – have you gotten any checks from nationals for SDWG dues? If not, contact nationals to see which have already been sent (and maybe we need to get resent) and change address.

Report to Council:

- Have to submit twice a year. In the past, we have used previous versions and updated.
- Matt – will start on this and format, then send out to officers for additions.

International Outreach:

- Japan – Amanda and Matt (Johnathan)
    - Start with Japanese students since we have conference
    - Had a Japanese student at U of A. Plan to use this contact to help them develop student chapter.
    - At conference - advertise student involvement (information, brochure, business cards, etc.)

- Matt – will get in contact with Canadian section rep to start contacting students.

Adjourn Meeting

- Next meeting – week of February 16th
- Matt – send out Doodle

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