Student Development Working Group
Executive Board Meeting: Meeting Minutes
29 April 2014

Present

Andy Little, *Chair,* Matt Gould, *Chair-Elect,* Kent Fricke, *Past-Chair,* Krysten Zummo, *Treasurer,* Ben Olsen, *Secretary.*

Call to order

Little called the April Executive Board meeting of the Student Development Working Group to order at 1:04 p.m. EST

Agenda for this month's meeting was accepted by the SDWG Executive Board members.

Treasurer's Report

Zummo reported that the SDWG has a current balance of $849.42.

Unfinished Business

Annual conference Update:

Judging: Little has sent the draft of the call for judges to the executive board for their input. The email will be sent to the other WGs. The call for judges explains our expectations of judges at the 21st Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. In the past people could sign up to be a judge as they registered for the conference. Little will contact Katie Edwards to ensure that the option will be available during registration for the conference this year.

Submitted proposals: Little asked for an update on each of the approved events the SDWG is sponsoring for the 21st Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society.

- **Discussion Panel: "***Uncertainty of an Undergrad: Navigating the maze of employment and career opportunities"* **-** Fricke said that he is compiling a list of people who may be interested in being part of the panel.
- **Symposium**: "*Strategies of Successful Student Chapters: Recruiting, Engaging, Involving, and Promoting"* – Zummo has all of the presenters for the symposia confirmed. Zummo suggested that we send all the presentations from this symposium to the student chapters.
- **Workshop: "***Behind the scenes of scientific publication and review 3.0"***-** Gould is looking for people who can present in this workshop.
- **Workshop:"** Feedback for Student Reviewers of TWS Journals"- no update for this workshop.

Council Update: The Council is currently finalizing the updated strategic action plan. The Council will have a condensed version of the plan to be published in *The Wildlifer* around mid May.

Increase SDWG fees—$5 to $7: Little sent a draft of the proposal to the executive board for edits. The next step in the process of approval is to draft a change in the SDWG Bylaws making

the change in fees. Little will contact Katie Edwards to ensure we adhere to the Bylaws as we move along in the process of changing the Bylaws. After the change in the Bylaws is drafted, we will hold a one month long voting period for the members of the Student Development Working Group.

SDWG Marketing:

- **OSCN:** Little sent an email to Jerod Merkle to see if he know the process of shutting OSCN down. Little is waiting on a response. Zummo will also research who to contact about shutting the website down.

- Gould sent an email to the communication committee members to see if anyone is interested in working a Twitter account for the SDWG. Anni Popp responded that she has an interest in this project.
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- The executive board plans to send an announcement containing SDWG events and dates to *The Wildlifer* in May.

- The executive board has created a folder in our Dropbox account that can be used to place interesting articles. These articles will be featured in a new monthly email the SDWG will be sending to its members. The email will also contain the monthly minutes. The executive board will pool together information by May 9th in order to send the email out the following week.

Committees and committee chair assignments (plans for the future)

Newsletter: Zummo said that everyone needs to start thinking about articles to put in the spring newsletter. The deadline for articles is May 31st.
Awards: No updates from this committee this month. Zummo will start working on this after abstracts are submitted for the Annual Conference.
International: Gould was interviewed by the International Wildlife Management Working Group. The questions of the interview centered on what challenges students face when trying to pursue international jobs and opportunities. The article will be published in the IWMWG newsletter, "*The Passport*."

Twitter Account- communication of events at the Annual Meeting: The executive board discussed the purpose of creating a Twitter account for the WG. The original thoughts were to use the account as a way of communicating events going on at the Annual Conference. Gould suggested that we could also use the account as a means to advertise jobs, WG deadlines, etc. The executive board liked this idea. In order for this to be successful, we need to ensure that we keep up with communication. Little suggested that we find a PR representative that would be responsible for posting on the Facebook and Twitter account every couple of days. Fricke told the other executive board members to send him articles to post on the Facebook account to keep it updated more frequently. Olsen suggested that we could possibly link our Facebook and Twitter accounts to ensure that both are posting the same messages. Gould will look into getting a Twitter account set up. Once the account is set up, Gould will contact Popp and give her expectations the executive board has.

Update of the SDWG Home Page: The executive board is currently looking for updates to the SDWG home page. Some pictures have been added already. Olsen will be getting a bio and a picture submitted to Merkle by May 9th for the update.

New Business

Student Chapter Advisor of the Year- The due date for the award nominations has been moved to May 15th. So far no nominations have been received.

Call for Newsletters: Call for newsletters will be sent out on March 1st. The deadline for articles is March 31st.

Hunting, Trapping, and Conservation WG Correspondence: Little updated the executive board that he has been in contact with Darren Miller. Miller is the chair of the new Hunting, Trapping, and Conservation WG. The purpose of the new WG is to ensure the heritage of hunting and trapping is maintained within TWS. Little and Miller have discussed the possibility of the SDWG working with this new working group on projects in the future.

Reminders:

Elections: The executive board is continuing to look for qualified candidates for officer positions next year. Elections will begin on August 1st. The announcement for the elections will be sent out no later than July 1st.

Article shortfall for Wildlife Professional: Articles are due by June 10th for the Fall publication.

Adjournment (2:02 p.m. EST)