

**Student Development Working Group  
Executive Board Meeting: Meeting Minutes  
25 February 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 February Executive Board meeting of the Student Development Working Group to order at 11:02 a.m. EST

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Zummo reported the working group currently has \$781.42.

**Unfinished Business**

**Annual conference Update:**

**JUDGING:** Little has contacted Kris Boyd to enlist the help of other working groups to serve as judges for the TWS Annual Conference in Pittsburg, PA. Little is drafting an expectations sheet and will submit it to the rest of the executive board by March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Submitted proposals:** The Executive Board will learn the status of the submitted proposals by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

- **Behind the scenes of scientific publication and review 3.0-** This year's workshop will be a half-day event. The target audience will be Master's students currently preparing a manuscript. The focus of the workshop shifted away from reviewing and editing scientific literature to avoid overlapping with the Student Reviewer Workshop. Fricke suggested another possibility might be sponsoring writing and review workshops at some of the TWS Section or State meetings.

**Newsletter:** Zummo will draft an email calling for articles. After review by the executive board, the call for articles will be sent to membership on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Working Group Liaisons:** Little is working with Boyd on getting other working groups involved with Judging.

**Council Update:** Little will be unable to attend the Council meeting in Denver, CO on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> due to a class; therefore, Fricke will be attending the Council meeting. The executive board discussed bringing up the trial membership idea to the Council. The trial membership would provide a preview of TWS membership at a reduced cost.

- Little will be participating in a conference call later today with the TWS Diversity Committee. Little will provide a report from the meeting and how the SDWG can be involved.

**Increase SDWG fees—\$5 to \$7:** Little will draft an email to be sent out to the SDWG members by March 5<sup>th</sup> proposing an increase in fees from \$5.00 to \$7.00.

**SDWG Marketing:** The executive board discussed increasing member involvement within the working group and throughout TWS. The executive board discussed approaching other TWS subunits about having students serve on executive boards. Fricke suggested the SDWG look at organizing student events at the TWS section and State meetings. The executive board will enquire as to how other subunits promote student involvement..

- The executive board discussed sending monthly emails to the members of the SDWG. The email would include executive board meeting minutes and upcoming events of the SDWG.
- Gould will contact the SDWG members who signed up for committees at the 2013 TWS Annual Conference in Milwaukee, WI. Fricke suggested that a student could take on the responsibility of posting on OSCN and the SDWG Facebook page.
- **OSCN:** Little is waiting on Merkle's response to the intended goals and objectives of OSCN when it was established.

#### **Committees and committee chair assignments (plans for the future)**

- **Awards:** No updates from this committee this month.
- **International:** Gould was contacted by the International Wildlife Management Working Group to conduct an interview for their newsletter. Questions focused on the goals of the SDWG's international Committee, how students view international wildlife management, and how can the IWMWG and the SDWG collaborate in the future. The newsletter will be published at the end of spring. Gould is the student liaison between the two working groups.

#### **New Business**

**Interim report/action items for TWS Council:** Fricke will be attending the TWS Council meeting in Denver, CO on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. He will report to the Council on the workshops and symposiums the SDWG has submitted as part of our efforts to expand student involvement in TWS.

**Spring Newsletter Article Ideas:** The call for newsletter will be sent out on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for newsletter articles will be May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Article shortfall for Wildlife Professional:** The SDWG wants to prepare a couple articles for *The Wildlife Professional*. Ashley Gramza, Rob Wingard, and Matt Gould have all agreed to submit the articles they wrote for the SDWG fall newsletter. Gramza wrote the article "Tips and Tricks: How to Write Successful Grants", and Rob Wingard and Matt Gould wrote "It IS Who You Know!". Little, Kris Boyd, and Dr. Heath Hag are preparing an article on the Working Group meeting held last fall at the 2013 TWS Annual Conference in Milwaukee, WI.

**Elections:** Little told the executive board to begin thinking about people who may be good candidates for the executive board next year.

**Article for the Wildlifer:** The executive board wants to start preparing an article for the wildlifer that would provide upcoming events and information about the SDWG.

*Adjournment (12:24p.m. EST)*