

**Student Development Working Group  
Executive Board Meeting: Meeting Minutes  
1 July 2014**

**Present**

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

**Call to order**

Little called the July Executive Board meeting of the Student Development Working Group to order at 7:06 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 \$945.42.

**Unfinished Business**

**1. Annual conference Update:**

**Submitted proposals:** Little asked for an update on each of the approved proposals the SDWG is sponsoring for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 continuing to compile a list of people who may be interested in being part of the panel. Fricke may need someone to head the discussion panel because he will not be at the conference.
- **Symposium:** "*Strategies of Successful Student Chapters: Recruiting, Engaging, Involving, and Promoting*" – Zummo has all of the presenters for the symposia confirmed and is now making sure they all get abstracts submitted on time.
- **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.

**Poster Judges:** Little emailed Tricia Fry about judge's participation at this year's Student Research-in-Progress poster session. Fry suggested that the SDWG board members determine how many judges are needed for the poster session. If sufficient help isn't found for judging, Little suggested that we could take a top 10 based on submitted abstracts with the top 10 being judged during the poster session. Zummo reminded the executive board that the issue for judging wasn't during the poster session but during the oral presentations. Little suggested that an email could be sent to the other WG's calling for judges during the oral presentations.

**2. TWS Council Update:** Little updated the SDWG executive board that the TWS Council decided to continue to use Wiley for publishing. Little also reported that the executive board members need to keep pushing the importance of TWS to other students.

**3. Increase SDWG fees—\$5 to \$7:** Little will be sending an email to the SDWG membership by tomorrow (7-02-2014).

#### **4. SDWG Marketing:**

**OSCN:** Zummo has not received a response from the company running OSCN to finalize closure of the website. Zummo will continue trying to contact the company.

**The Wildlifer:** New submission deadline for articles to send via The Wildlifer is no later than July 4<sup>th</sup>. This will include officer announcements.

**Twitter Account:** Gould created the SDWG account. The account will be used for posting links to wildlife articles and getting messages about deadlines to the members.

### **New Business**

**1. Student Chapter of the Year-** Little informed the executive board that a total of four Student Chapter of the Year applications were submitted.

**2. Spring newsletter:** The executive board decided to make the newsletter cover the events the SDWG is sponsoring at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. Zummo needs these articles by July 4<sup>th</sup> to get the newsletter out next week.

**3. National Wildlife Federation- EcoLeaders Program:** The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is launching a new program called EcoLeaders, which will be open to all students for conducting campus projects and developing leadership skills. Little will be participating in a conference call with TWS executives in a couple weeks to provide perspectives on how the leaders at the NWF could help market/make their program relative to college students.

**4. Student Research-in-Progress (SRIP) abstract review:** The SDWG executive board members reviewed the submitted abstracts for the SRIP poster session. The abstracts must meet the following criteria to be accepted: abstract no longer than 300 words, 1 submission per primary author, and must be research in progress. Of the 141 abstracts submitted, 14 were rejected due to poor wording. The main cause of rejection was due to the wording of the abstract suggesting the research was not in progress. Zummo offered to handle any appeal cases that might come up. The executive board also approved Tricia Fry's draft of the acceptance letter.

**5. Student Research-in-Progress email issue:** Little received an email from Tricia Fry that contained two cases requesting the deadline for abstract submission be extended for each individual case. Fry had responded stating that abstracts had not been accepted past the due date in the past. The SDWG executive board reviewed both cases and determined that a deadline extension would not be granted for either case. The reasoning for this decision was based on the history of not allowing late submissions and also preventing others from following suit in the future, which could potentially create greater problems down the road.

### **Reminders:**

**1. Elections:** The executive board is continuing to look for qualified candidates for officer positions next year. Elections will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Adjournment (8:20 p.m. EST)***