

Wildlife Toxicology Working Group Executive Board Meeting

December 5, 2014 3:00 pm EST

Attendees:

Chair- Brian Hiller
Chair-elect- Louise Venne
Secretary- Carrie Marr
Treasurer & Vice-Chair of Communications- Stephanie Baker
Vice-Chair- Katrina Leigh

Incoming Chair-elect: Kristin Falcone
Incoming Vice Chair: Carrie Marr
Incoming Secretary: Andrea Erichsen

Action Items are below in bold.

Agenda Items

1. **Report on Old Business** (Brian)

TWS Pb Position Statement

Many more comments were received on the Pb Position Statement than were expected. Brian is incorporating all of the suggestions. A final is targeted for January 2015.

+Update to statement – **The draft updates will be sent to Board Members next week for review.**

+Update to State and Province specific regulations

Materials and articles from MN Copper Ammo Demonstration/Workshop

The WTWG received a lot of positive press through the workshops. A media protocol was developed to assist with press inquiries (pics, videos, pamphlets, etc). If we could post the video to our website, it would probably attract a lot of attention.

SETAC Wildlife Toxicology Advisory group/WTWG cooperation next year in Winnipeg

Barnett has contacted Brian several times to strengthen the relationship between TWS and SETAC.

2. **Brief report on happenings at TWS Annual Conference in Pittsburgh** (Katrina)

Katrina attended the TWS meeting in Pittsburgh. There were talks on fracking and climate change. Wildlife toxicology was discussed during the fracking session. A new type of discussion format was introduced at the meeting: rapid fire talks. A speaker would provide a quick

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overview of a topic to generate a forum discussion. There was a lot of interest and participation in this new format.

3. **New Business** (Brian/Louise)

Thank you to departing Board Members

+Past-chair- Jeff Levengood
+Vice-chair- Beth McCallum
+Secretary- Carrie Marr

Welcome to New Board Members

+Chair- Louise Venne
+Chair-elect- Kristin Falcone
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Treasurer Report (Stephanie)

No dues have come in since our last conference call. The current balance is \$2,123. Many members renew their memberships in January, so new the account will grow in 2015.

4. **Article Potential in The Wildlife Professional** (Louise)

It has been awhile since the WTWG proposed an article for The Wildlife Professional. In the past, the WTWG has highlighted working group members, articles on lead shot, etc. We need some wildlife toxicology article ideas and/or suggestions of someone to highlight. For example, the non-lead ammunition workshops in Minnesota would be a good article topic and would help to spread the idea to other states and chapters.

Another article idea is EPA's draft wildlife tissue criterion for selenium. EPA has proposed a revised wildlife tissue criterion, but they did not include avian data in its determination. Joe Skorupa is a WTWG member and an expert on selenium and wildlife. One idea was to highlight Joe and his work as an example of a wildlife toxicology professional.

Keep thinking of ideas for The Wildlife Professional to discuss at our next conference call.

5. **Call for Proposals for TWS Annual Conference** (Louise)

Proposals for symposia, poster sessions, and workshops are due to HQ for the 2015 Conference in February 6, 2015. The Board discussed hosting another workshop. Everything was prepared for a full day workshop in 2013, but it was cancelled at the last minute due to low interest (only two students signed up). Another idea was co-sponsoring a symposium with the new Military Lands Working Group.

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Be prepared to discuss symposia topics during the next conference call.

6. Winter Newsletter (Louise)

The Winter Newsletter will be published in early January. Louise is currently collecting newsletter items.

Vice-chairs need to provide topics in our region to share in the newsletter. For example, share a link or provide a popular discussion item for the southeast.

7. Social Media (All)

Jeff Levengood provided a Facebook suggestion (by email after the call) to limit posts to items related to wildlife toxicology or pollution.

Our Twitter account currently has 4 followers, including Brian, who hosts the account.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2015 at 3 pm EST.