

2014 TWS International Wildlife Management Working Group Annual Meeting
David L. Laurence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 28, 2014

Attendance: 29 individuals (List of participants available from Officers)

MEETING ACTION ITEMS

1. Send minutes to all members via email
2. Remind members of upcoming election for open position as Secretary/Treasurer for the working group; ballot also will include opportunity to vote on whether dues should be raised from 5\$ to \$10 (to fund more travel grants)
3. Plan for shared symposium on renewable energy development and wildlife at 2016 TWS meeting in Winnipeg.
4. Send contributions for next newsletter to Claire Crow or any of the IWMWG officers.
5. Announce travel grants for Winnipeg meeting

Working group chair Robin White called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from 2013 meeting in Milwaukee, WI.
No changes or revisions were suggested and the minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - Working group account contains \$6,638.12, and a separate travel fund account contains a few hundred dollars (unspecified amount). These accounts are expected to be combined soon.
 - We hope to offer one or more travel awards to upcoming meetings in Winnipeg, Canada and/or Sapporo, Japan.
 - It was agreed that providing travel grants for upcoming meetings in the international forum is within the working group's aim.
 - Current membership dues are \$5, an increase is being considered of an additional \$5-\$10. The issue will be included as an item on the ballot for election of new officers so that it can be voted on by the entire membership.
4. Congress for Wildlife and Livelihoods on Private and Communal Lands: Livestock, Tourism and Spirit
 - Jon Haufler provided a report on the Congress held in Estes Park from September 4-7, 2014. The meeting had 100-150 attendees, with 50-60 international individuals. During this meeting, an advisory board was established with a "base" in South Africa. The 2016 meeting will be held in South Africa. Current plans are to meet in conjunction with the 2018 TWS International Wildlife Management Congress (location TBD). The TWS

Council has currently decided to wait on determining the location and partnerships for this meeting.

5. International Wildlife Management Symposium in China

- We received a report from Jon Haufler on this symposium held in conjunction with international deer biologists. Approximately 300 people were in attendance, 50-60 of which were international. The managing group for this symposium showed great interest in developing future collaborations with The Wildlife Society. Both Beijing University and Northeast Forestry University in China are interested in exchanging faculty and/or students with American universities. Jon met with the China Wildlife Conservation Association, which actively manages 8,000-10,000 members. They are interested in potentially forming a TWS chapter in China. This is an avenue which many members at the working group meeting expressed interest in involving our working group.

6. 5th International Wildlife Management Congress in Sapporo, Japan

- Rick Baydack, TWS president, reported on current status of planning for the 5th International Wildlife Management Congress in Sapporo, Japan to held in July 2015. The planning committee is looking for assistance in building the program for the Congress. Approximately 1000 participants are expected to attend from 50 countries. Rick introduced Tsuyoshi Yoshida, who expressed great enthusiasm for the upcoming Congress. He discussed the costs of attendance and travel and emphasized that once participants have reached Sapporo, the costs of traveling within and around the immediate area are very manageable and in many ways cheaper than for other meetings.
- The planning committee is looking for suggestions and ideas on symposia for the Congress. Japanese planners are expected to have upwards of 50 symposia. Submissions for papers and posters open November 3, 2014.
- There will be special publications produced specifically for this Congress.

7. 2015 Annual Meeting of The Wildlife Society in Winnipeg, Manitoba

- It was discussed that the working group should help plan and host a symposium at the 2015 TWS meeting.
- Suggested idea: looking at energy development across the globe; effects of energy development proposed, seen, or projected. The Renewable Energy Working Group is interested in co-hosting a symposium. Possibly involve the Climate Change Working Group.
- Brian Boroski suggested having industry involvement. He has contacts in France, Chile, etc.
- Han Li suggested sharing a symposium between the Urban Wildlife Working Group and the International Wildlife Management Working Group. The International Urban Wildlife Conference is being held in Chicago May 17-20, 2015.

8. Social media for the working group

- We are looking for new and exciting things to post on the IWMWG Facebook page. At this meeting, we added two new administrators to the Facebook page: Rachel Brubaker and Adrian Roadman to help introduce more traffic and interaction with the Facebook page.
- Twitter was suggested as an avenue for the working group to get more traffic.
- Suggestions made to post more information on the working group website about how students can find opportunities internationally.

9. Other business

- The next newsletter (The Passport) will be coming out in April. As always, Claire Crow has been doing a fantastic job with the newsletter. She is looking for new content for the upcoming edition. Email her with ideas!
- A ballot will be sent out in the spring some time to members to vote on new working group business, more details to follow.