

Critical Skills for the Early Career Professional TWS 2015 Annual Conference Workshop

Sponsored by Early Career Professional, Student Development, and University and College Education Working Groups

9:30 am: Introduction to workshop (Maggi Sliwinski), 5 minutes. Thanks for coming, this workshop is hopefully the first step to creating better professional development opportunities through TWS for all those aspects of the field that are not directly related to wildlife. It's a pretty packed day and we did not schedule breaks except for lunch, so if you need to use the washroom or stand up to stretch your legs please feel free.

9:35 am: Session 1: Meeting facilitation/consensus building

Dr. John Sinclair, Professor at Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba. Following his long-standing involvement in non-government initiatives, particularly related to sustainability issues, the theme of civic engagement in resource and environmental decision-making is well reflected in both his research and teaching. John currently teaches courses in environmental assessment, environmental governance, and individual and social learning in resource and environmental management.

Sheldon McLeod, Adjunct Professor at the University of Manitoba. He has had 22 years of experience in governmental and quasi-governmental organizations in New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Sheldon has operated his own consulting business and offers services in facilitation of group decision-making, mediation and consensus-building.

11:35 am: Session 2: Relationship building/networking

Leslie Goodman, cooperative education coordinator at the University of Manitoba

Bill Vodehnal, Biologist with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Certified Wildlife Biologist, and has served in a professional capacity for The Wildlife Society for many years.

Both of these individuals were recommended by the current President of TWS to lead this session.

12:35pm-1:30 pm: BREAK for lunch

1:30 pm: Session 3: Finding and securing funding for projects

Janet Hamel, fund development specialist with extensive experience in fundraising and grant writing.

Cary Hamel, works for Nature Conservancy Canada as the conservation science manager for the Manitoba Region

2:30 pm: Session 4: Project and risk management

Dr. Claire Curry, Post-doctoral researcher, University of Manitoba. She has managed many research projects in both the US and Canada.

3:30 pm: Session 5: Application packets, interviewing, and hiring

Dr. Nicola Koper, Professor, Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba. Nicky studies grassland birds and has extensive experience in applications and hiring.

4:30 pm: Fill out survey.