

**College and University Education Working Group Annual Meeting  
1 October 2019  
Reno, NV  
Atlantis Hotel  
Treasures A**

Dean Stauffer, Chair, called to order at 7:00 am.

The Chair and Members recognized and congratulated Working Group members John Loegering, Carroll Bocetti, and Lisa Muller for new TWS Fellow designations and Larkin Powell for the Excellence in Wildlife Education Award in 2019.

**Discussion with Certification Review Board (CRB) about TWS certification guidelines.**

CRB chair Barbara Hill introduced the group. She shared that the group discusses approximately 18-20 applications per month. Approximately 70% of them are Associate level. Perhaps 1-2 per month are denied, although these are typically returned with requests for more information or clarification in hopes that the application can be eventually approved.

--Two CUEWG members suggested the report to Council on numbers approved and top problems in applications be shared with membership to allow faculty to work with applicants in a more proactive way.

--Rique Campa requested a consideration for splitting credits for writing intensive courses to count for communication. Some positive discussion ensued with a comment from the CRB that it would be helpful if the syllabus stated some kind of split in the course credits related to writing (to guide the CRB).

--The CRB noted they are working to assist international applicants that come from various systems.

--Several points made about considerations of competencies for students versus course requirements. Comments from a variety of perspectives.

**Old business**

Treasurer's Report: John Loegering distributed the report.

Wildlife Education Award nomination wording: Dean Stauffer reported that the wording changes for 'sustained contributions' has been submitted November 2018, and Council will be taking action in the coming weeks

Dues changes: now in effect. \$10 instead of \$5

Report on Symposium during previous day: Dean reported a successful day with good speakers. Attendance was 25-30 people during the day, and there was a considerable amount of competition among the membership for other symposia, etc.

**New Business**

Nominations committee needed. Dean asked members to volunteer to help get nominees for elections to be held in summer 2020 for installation at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Symposium for 2020 Annual Meeting. Dean asked members what they would like to offer at the next meeting. Brent Bibles suggested a workshop on best practices. Several members concurred with suggestions to include instructional design and how to incorporate writing, and generational differences and how pedagogy can address the audience we have. Considerable support was expressed on this topic. Another topic suggested was to incorporate discussions with employers about curriculum issues.

Certification ad hoc committee. Dean got several volunteers to put together some thoughts to provide to CRB and Council regarding the certification committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.

*Submitted to the membership  
Larkin Powell  
Secretary*