

# **Student Development Working Group Executive Board Meeting: Minutes**

## **24 April 2019, 6:00 PM CT**

### **Opening**

- Colleen called the SDWG meeting to order at 6:15 PM Central Time.
- Agenda for this this meeting, and minutes for last month's meeting were accepted by the SDWG executive board members.

### **Present**

- Chair-Elect – Laken Ganoe
- Chair – Colleen Hartel
- Past-Chair – Phillip Stephenson
- Secretary – John Vanek

### **Treasurer Report**

- Kristin could not make the meeting due to field work. Philip reported the account amounts.
- \$425.37 - savings account budget
- \$1,120.27 - checking account balance

### **Old Business**

#### **Proposed Changes to Bylaws**

- Tabled until next meeting. Goal is to finalize by June 2019.

#### **Past Council Meeting**

- If we want to request funds from council, we should do so in the recommendations section in our report.
- Council was hesitant to consider accepting unofficial transcripts in lieu of official transcripts for AWB certification.

#### **Quarterly Update**

- A quarterly update was completed and sent out to the membership view Facebook and the eWildlifer.

## **New Business**

### **Conference finances data collection**

- TWS student attendees stay at conferences shorter than other professional organizations. Could be due to room sharing (several students in a single room).
- Possibility of short informal survey to better understand real costs and support for students.

### **Abstract Review**

- We are currently reviewing abstracts for the student research in progress poster session. Most abstracts are being accepted, but the few that are being rejected is for research that appears complete and not in progress.
- It appears that we have received more abstracts than in the past. We will look into the past numbers.
- Preliminary and hypothetical discussion for changes to submission process for 2020 conference.

### **Conference Planning**

- Laken will reach out to Lara Pacifica, regarding student networking event
- Discussion as to when to advertise elections and student travel grants.
- Philip will sketch out a rough timeline for elections and student travel

### **Miscellaneous**

- John suggested the reaching out to less specialized schools that nonetheless have students interested in wildlife and conservation
- John suggested the idea of an “unaffiliated student chapter” for students at schools without student chapters, while acknowledging this would be a tremendous amount of work
- No student section reps joined the conference call, talk of reaching out to them to discuss benefits.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm CT