

## **Student Development Working Group Agenda**

3 July 2019

8 PM Eastern

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### **1. Call to order**

8:00 pm eastern

### **2. Roll call**

a. Colleen, John, Kristin, Laken

### **3. May meeting minutes were accepted**

### **4. Treasurer's report**

- a. Closed out our fiscal year: yearly "profit" \$128.17
- b. Received annual \$1500 stipend from council
- c. Checking: \$2650.27
- d. Savings: \$425.40

### **5. Old Business**

#### a. Elections - timeline and nominations

- i. *2 candidates for secretary, 1 for treasurer, none for chair-elect*
- ii. *John will send call for nominations directly to student chapter advisers who were nominated for student chapter of the year award*

#### b. Conference activities

- i. *Working group table*
  - 1. *our business cards will be at the table*
- ii. *Working group meeting scheduled*
  - 1. *wed noon timeslot, after student leaders lunch on tues, so we can advertise during the lunch*

#### c. Travel grants

- i. *Update on paying directly*
  - 1. *we can pay for registration of travel grant recipients directly, then get reimbursed, starting next year*

#### ii. *Review process (Laken)*

- 1. *19 applicants so far*

#### d. Section rep document (Laken)

- i. *will be distributed to section reps*
- ii. *present members agree on wording and structure of current draft, suggested a few edits*
- iii. *call for further edits, then final check due next week*

#### e. Bylaws

- i. *Colleen has implemented suggested edits and has created a near final draft of the updated bylaws, request final edits by 12 july 2019*
- ii. *major update: process for removing board members*

- iii. major update, removed language referencing ad hoc committees and retained only core committees; future temporary committees can still be created as needed*

## **6. New Business**

- a. Conference activities
  - i. Working group meeting
  - ii. Student leader's lunch
    - 1. Colleen reported that the Boone and Crockett Club would like more "airtime" during the conference
    - 2. Flip charts as an activity?
    - 3. brainstorm ideas for improvement
  - iii. Networking event
    - 1. Laken has taken lead
  - iv. Kristin suggested possibility of colored stickers on nametags to indicate people who are willing to help students navigate/ answers questions about conference. If not this conference, next year.
- b. Roster use
  - i. officers have access to roster
  - ii. still unclear how many grads vs undergrads
  - iii. potential to add this as a question when renewing/registering
- c. Journal of Wildlife Management and Wildlife Professional
  - i. John noted that JWM is very expensive (average \$1670) relative to similar journals (e.g. Wildlife Biology; \$870), despite a lower impact factor (2.1 vs 1.8) and lower ranked ISI rating (31 vs 37). In addition, Wildlife Biology is open-access by default, while open access for JWM costs \$3000. Wildlife Biology also offers a waiver for student first-authors at universities without open-access funds, but JWM does not. Perhaps JWM could follow suit with a similar waiver program or do something else to encourage student authors.
  - ii. John also noted the Wildlife Professional is hard to find on the website (no links in article promoting new issue), hard to navigate to, and there is no sample issue available. These should all be improved.
  - iii. John also suggested that the SDWG recommend a regular "student leadership letter" to follow the president's regular "Leadership letter." This would be a way to give students more voice on a regular basis and create a culture of student involvement.

## **7. Meeting Adjourn**

- a. 9:22 PM Eastern