

2020 ICTWS Business Meeting
March 11, 2020

The Annual Business Meeting for the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society was held March 11, 2020, in Moscow, Idaho.

Andrew Mackey, President; Duston Cureton, President-Elect; Bryan Stevens, Vice-President; Anna Owsiak, Past-President; Kara Campbell, Treasurer; and Tara Ball, Secretary, were present for the meeting.

Scholarship Awards – Andrew Mackey

Undergraduate - Chloe Beall - \$1,500
Masters student - Sara McIntyre - \$2,000
PhD – Rachel Stein - \$2,000

Management, Conservation, & Education Grant 2020 Awards – Laura Wolf

A total of \$2,000 was awarded to 2 recipients this year, there were 3 applications.

1. Ben Wishnek - \$767 - wetland restoration and impacts on water birds
2. Andrea Kristof - \$1,233 - trumpeter swan project

Secretary’s Report of 2019 Business Meeting minutes – Tara Ball

The Secretary’s Report of the 2019 Business Meeting minutes were provided on each table in the room and highlights were read.

Subsidized student registration has been received well and will be utilized for future meetings.

An update was provided from the NW Sectional Chapter and National Council from Kristina Boyd and Harriet Allen.

Our change from a local website host to the national TWS host saved the chapter \$1,500 annually.

The membership voted to add \$2,000 to scholarship funding, making \$5,500 available for 3 scholarship categories: undergraduate, masters, and PhD.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Secretary’s Report of the 2019 Business Meeting minutes. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED AND THE REPORT WAS APPROVED.**

Treasurer’s Report – Kara Campbell

A 2019 financial summary was provided on each table in the room.

2019 Detailed Income		
2019 Annual Meeting Registration	\$48,381	77%
2019 Annual Meeting Sponsorship	\$7,900	13%

Auction Proceeds	\$3,549	6%
Membership Dues	\$2,855	4%
Basic Business Checking Interest	\$2	
Total Income	\$62,687	100%

2019 Detailed Expenses		
Annual Meeting Expenses 2019	\$42,186	81%
Annual Meeting Prizes, Awards, and Gifts	\$3,108	6%
Student Scholarships	\$3,000	6%
Miscellaneous – PayPal fees	\$1,385	3%
Grants	\$2,000	4%
ICTWS Registration Website	\$117	
National and Northwest Section Dues	\$130	
Total Expenses	\$51,926	100%

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED AND THE REPORT WAS APPROVED.**

President’s Report – Andrew Mackey

- Vice president Bryan Stevens made it to national TWS meeting this past year in Reno, Nevada. He found value in the opportunity representing the chapter and meeting with other chapters, and maintains it worthwhile to continue engaging our chapter in that capacity at the national level.
- Late registration is a continuing issue. This has caused a major strain on conference planning, attendance, and budgeting. Andrew asked the membership for suggestions for a potential solution. Members at the business lunch provided the following suggestions:
 - Increase fees for late registration—consideration of \$100 late fee similar to AFS
 - RSVP suggestion potentially by creating an Event on the ICTWS Facebook page
 - Gift incentive—For example the anniversary fleece was a major incentive for people to register that year because if they didn’t register early enough, they didn’t receive the fleece.
 - Early bird incentive—special drawing
 - Send list of people who plan to attend ahead of time but need to get reimbursed

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the President’s Old Business Report. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED AND THE REPORT WAS APPROVED.**

Committee Reports

Conservation Affairs Committee (Robert Magill absent, Andrew Mackey on behalf)

Things the committee has been working on:

- Land transfer position statement to the NW Section
- Mountain Home air force letter to expand sonic boom tests and related impacts
- Communication plan currently in draft to better communicate with state sections and national levels

Fundraising Committee (Jason Beck)

- Excited to take everyone's money at this year's banquet
- Quite a few one of a kind items produced from membership (artwork, and membership talents highlighted)
- First year of gear swap, started late, they would like to get a better head start next year to vamp that up. All proceeds from the gear swap go back to chapter.

Education Committee (Maria Pacioretty)

- May start Instagram page and start featuring what our society is doing in Idaho, will be in contact with other student chapters around the state.
- Education committee is still in development.

Scholarship Committee (Sylvia Copeland, not present, Ben Wishnek on behalf)

- Offered third award this year (split masters and PhD into two separate categories)
- Revisited ranking criteria for applications

Grant Review Committee (Laura Wolf)

- Nothing to share.

Student Affairs Committee (Janet Rachlow)

- Has two \$100 awards for students that will be named at banquet
- Have a lot of great activities this year for students to be more involved with the annual meeting
- Breakfast with a biologist participation was more organized and increased from the previous year

Membership Committee

- No attendees, nothing to share.

Election and Nominations Committee (Curtis Hendricks)

- It has been very challenging to receive nominations for new executive board positions.
- It appears to be a timing issue relative to work load.
- We have definitely not been receiving enough volume of nominations to have multiple candidates for vacant positions.
- It seems that several people have been seriously interested in participating or playing a more active role, however, the timing hasn't been right for them.

- Curtis asks membership to make it a point to look around and make more, serious, strong recommendations for nominations in the future.

Paper/Poster Judging Committee (Kevin Warner)

- It was really difficult to get membership to participate in judging this year.
- Only 4 people volunteered up until a week before judging.
- The last guilt-ridden email from the executive board caused more people to sign up as judges, making it possibly the most we've had.
- The incentive is the more judges we have, the less work load they have to participate per judge.
- There is a major frustration with putting all of these materials for judging and scheduling together, if no one is going to help. Students hard work would also not be appropriately recognized. Professionals need to step it up with conference participation on all fronts.

Sponsorship Committee (Andrew Mackey)

- \$7,800 was made this year on sponsorships.
- Andrew would like to increase participation on the committee by increasing the number of committee members geographically (statewide), to raise more money.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2021 meeting will be February 22nd–25th at Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho.
- There has been a lack of participation from membership for nominations and filling vacancies on the executive board and committees. Andrew asked membership if they have any suggestions. The following suggestions were provided:
 - Members should not receive drink tickets if they don't provide a nomination.
 - Making modifications to bylaws. Current bylaws state we need to have minimum 2 members running for each elected position, this year we barely attained 2 nominations. Maybe we need to amend these bylaws. It was brought to attention that national TWS would have to accept any proposed modifications to the bylaws.
 - Start soliciting for nominations earlier in the year.
- Student volunteering—we had too many volunteers last year which almost overspent the budget, so the executive board capped this year's participation of student volunteers to 20, however, we did not have as many volunteers this year. Andrew asked professors to reach out to students to make sure they are aware of these opportunities.
- The ICTWS has received 2 funding requests totaling \$13,000
 1. McClure center is requesting \$10,000 commitment for the climate assessment

Questions from Membership:

 - Will we receive any GIS relevant information available for planning?
 - Andrew mentioned we can make that request.
 - Who else has funded this assessment?
 - AFS \$10,000, Land Trust, approximately \$90,000 funded so far—list of funding contributors and product objectives on website.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the funding of \$10,000 towards the climate assessment. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED AND THE FUNDING WAS APPROVED.**

2. This coming December marks the 20th anniversary of the Michael Gratson helicopter crash. The executive board would like to propose to fund an additional \$3,000 to the Michael Gratson University of Idaho Scholarship in memory.

Questions from Membership:

- Do we have outstanding scholarships that still need funding?
 - Anna Owsiak confirmed no.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the funding of \$3,000 towards the University of Idaho Michael Gratson scholarship. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED AND THE FUNDING WAS APPROVED.**

- Lowering the price of retiree registration. The executive board proposes to lower the price of retiree registration by 50% on an annual basis. For example, current registration is \$150 thus the registration cost would be dropped to \$75. That may vary with joint conferences.

MOTION: A motion was made to lower retiree registration by 50%, annually. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED AND THE NEW RETIREE REGISTRATION COST WAS APPROVED.**

- The executive board election results and filling of committee vacancies has been moved from the business lunch to the banquet to try and receive more participation.
- Andrew asked if there is any interest in the revival of ICTWS newsletter?
 - No interest from the membership.
- The executive board has decided to not buffer business lunch attendance numbers in future planning efforts because of the unused extra meals and loss of money that result each year.

Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.**

/S/ TARA M. BALL

Secretary

Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society

Summary of Motions Passed at the March 11, 2020 ICTWS Business Meeting

1. A motion was made to approve the Secretary's Report of the 2019 Business Meeting minutes. It was seconded. The motion passed and the report was approved.
2. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded. The motion passed and the report was approved.
3. A motion was made to approve the President's Old Business Report. It was seconded. The motion passed and the report was approved.
4. A motion was made to approve the funding of \$10,000 towards the McClure climate assessment. It was seconded. The motion passed and the funding was approved.
5. A motion was made to approve the funding of \$3,000 towards the University of Idaho Michael Gratson scholarship. It was seconded. The motion passed and the funding was approved.
6. A motion was made to lower ICTWS conference retiree registration by 50%, annually. It was seconded. The motion passed and the new retiree registration cost was approved.
7. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. It was seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

2020 ICTWS Banquet

March 12, 2020

The Annual Banquet for the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society was held March 12, 2020, in Moscow, Idaho.

Andrew Mackey, President; Duston Cureton, President-Elect; Bryan Stevens, Vice-President; Anna Owsiak, Past-President; Kara Campbell, Treasurer; and Tara Ball, Secretary, were present for the banquet.

- Anna Owsiak was awarded a gift for her extended service as past president this year in absence of Ross Winton
- Photo Contest Winners (Anna Owsiak)
 - People in the outdoors – “Meadow Creek” by Lindsay Rush
 - Creative expression – “A new perspective” by Rachel Stein
 - Plants – Untitled by Dusty Perkins
 - Landscape – “Milky Way” by David Dressel
 - Wildlife – “Mountain Lion” by David Dressel
 - People’s Choice – “Sugar Loaf #3” by Dusty Perkins
- Andrew announced the chapter awarded funding of \$10,000 to the McClure center climate assessment and \$3,000 to the University of Idaho Michael Gratson fellowship.
- Gratson memorial fellowship (Lisette Waits)
 - This scholarship was set up by Michael Gratson’s family and friends
 - Supports undergraduate students to get field experiences
 - \$8,500 was generated to support students for the summer of 2020
 - Example experiences: internship with USFWS Mexican gray wolf program, tracking Idaho gray wolves, internship with Alaska Department of Fish and Game working with pikas, USFWS Kodiak brown bear projects, working on the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit, and research experience monitoring Idaho big horn sheep.
- Poster and Presentation Award Winners (Andrew on behalf of Kevin Warner)
 - Student Presentation – “Distribution and habitat use of the St. Anthony Dunes Tiger Beetle.” Noelle Zenger.
 - Professional Presentation – “After the Soda Fire: What Have We Learned and How Can We Apply It in the Future.” Jason Pyron.
 - Student Poster – “Digital Imaging of Amphibian and Reptile Specimens at the Idaho Museum of Natural History.” Austin Young.
 - Professional Poster – “Optimization of Nuclear DNA Microsatellite Loci for Individual Identification of Bison from Grand Canyon National Park.” Dorah Mtui.
- Awards
 - Special Recognition – Deniz Aygen
 - Randall B. Smith Emerging Leader – Maria Pacioretty
 - Charles E. Harris Professional Wildlifer – Lisette Waits
- Scholarships
 - Undergraduate - Chloe Beall - \$1,500
 - Masters student - Sara McIntyre - \$2,000
 - PhD – Rachel Stein - \$2,000

- Elections (Curtis Hendricks)
 - 2020 elected Vice President – Seth Harju
 - 2020 elected Treasurer – Ryan Walker
- Conservation affairs committee new members:
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- Morgan Pfander agreed to run for Vice President next year
- Sponsorship committee new members:
 - Logan Peterson?
 - Jessica Patterson

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