

**General Meeting of BWG  
September 29, 2001  
Reno, NV**

1. Old business

- None

2. New business

- Alan Franklin announced election results.
- Bill Kendall reported that the ARM workshop was successful, with approximately 100 attendees. No evaluation was done at the conference, but Bill will try to contact some attendees for feedback.
- Treasurer's report: Audit was OK. Balance at the beginning of the year was \$2100, and is now \$6412. We earned \$3756 from the 2000 Anderson-Burnham workshop (thanks David and Ken!). We will invest \$5,000 in the Vanguard Money Market Fund.
- Bill Gould made a motion to support 2 students' registration fee for the Bismarck meeting. Nominations would be sent to Gould, who would develop a protocol for this year. A more formal procedure would be developed for next year. Scott Winterstein seconded the motion. Doug Johnson offered an amendment to make it a \$250.00 travel grant as opposed to registration. Lyman McDonald seconded. The motion passed. The motion will include a statement that the Chair of BWG will appoint a committee to do oversee the process.
- Lyman McDonald made a motion that the organizers of symposia/workshops be authorized to submit a budget of up to \$1000 to the Chairman of the TWS meeting Technical Sessions, the BWG committee chair, the TWS Executive Board, and to the BWG membership. Funds would be restricted to support of travel and registration for non-TWS members. Steve Sheriff seconded. Doug Johnson offered an amendment to strike non-TWS. McDonald accepted it as friendly amendment. Sheriff seconded the amendment. Motion passed.
- Julie Yee led the discussion of symposia/workshops for 2002. Bill Thompson presented his proposal for a Sampling Rare Populations symposium. Doug Johnson offered some ideas regarding a possible symposium on regression analysis. Grey Pendleton, Glen Sargeant, and Trent McDonald might be interested in fleshing out such a symposium. Steve Sheriff made a motion to submit both proposals to TWS. Scott Winterstein seconded, and the motion passed. Lyman McDonald discussed potential workshop topics of resource selection design and analysis, wildlife study design, and environmental sampling. There was also some discussion regarding a repeat of the

Anderson-Burnham information theoretic workshop. Bill Gould offered a motion to propose 2 workshops: one targeted to wildlife biologists and one to biometricians. Glen Sargeant seconded, and the motion was defeated. Bill Clark made a motion to offer a full day workshop on resource selection, to be organized by Lyman McDonald. Glen Sargeant seconded and the motion passed. Duane Diefenbach made a motion to offer a workshop based on Morrison et al. book on wildlife study design. Bill Gould seconded and the motion passed. Lyman McDonald will work with Dale Strickland and Mike Morrison to develop a proposal.

- Duane Diefenbach discussed the 2 options for software for voting on the Internet. He will forward a recommendation to the Board for approval.
- Bill Gould: reported that we currently have 125 members. There was also some discussion of the former member survey conducted last year.
- John Sauer presented his thoughts on a Consultant's Forum column for the Wildlife Society Bulletin. Bill Gould made a motion to empower Sauer to develop a proposal for WSB. Steve Sheriff seconded, and the motion passed.
- Steve Rosenstock described a statistical problem he had with review of his WSB article. He asked that BWG consider involvement with such issues, when there is strong disagreement on a key statistical issue during review. After discussion, it was decided that such an activity was outside of our charter.
- Steve Sheriff reported that the GIS working group had expressed a desire to get together at next year's TWS meeting.
- Grey Pendleton will continue to assemble archives of past BWG secretary and treasurer reports.