

BWG Membership Meeting
September 25, 2002
Bismarck, ND

- B. Clark moved for acceptance of 2001 minutes published in previous BWG newsletter. M. Conroy seconded, motion passed.
- Election results were announced by B. Clark: Chair-elect, Grey Pendleton; Secretary: Dave Otis; Treasurer: Julie Yee; Board members: Clark, G. Olson, E. Rexstad, L. McDonald.
- Treasurer's (J. Yee) and audit (B. Gould) report: Current balance of \$6310.57. Audit was clean.
- B. Gould reported that current membership is 129 (+4 from 2001).
- D. Diefenbach reported that attempts to establish an Internet voting process failed this year. S. Sheriff moved that BWG give \$250 in 2002 and \$250 in 2003 if TWS successfully implements Internet voting by July, 2003. B. Clark seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- B. Gould reported that one applicant applied and received a travel award in the pilot student/speaker award program. Two \$250 travel awards will be offered for the 2003 meeting.
- B. Thompson requested and received \$1,000 for guest speakers for his sampling symposium. C. Ribic reported that the Executive Board had decided to keep student fees at \$5.
- D. Otis and S. Sheriff led a discussion on pros and cons of endorsement and sponsorship of symposia and workshops. B. Gould moved that the Executive Board have the power to approve requests for endorsements. D. Johnson seconded. S. Sheriff offered a friendly amendment to allow the membership to consider requests at the annual BWG meeting if the timing was appropriate. Motion passed.
- G. Olson and C. Ribic reported on the status of efforts to have a joint BWG/GIS symposium on spatial statistics at the 2003 meeting. BWG has a list of potential speakers, but GIS member participation is sketchy at present. D. Johnson suggested that BWG move forward with a spatial statistics symposium. S. Sheriff volunteered to pursue this idea, and B. Gray offered to assist. They will see if the GIS partnership is viable, and if not, will suggest that the joint symposium be postponed until 2004. (Note: As a follow-up to the status of this effort, S. Sheriff reports that a proposal for a joint BWG/GIS symposium on Spatial Statistics in Wildlife Biology was submitted to TWS for the 2003 meeting. S. Sheriff, B. Gray and T. Sklebar are co-organizers.)
- We discussed an offer by K. Williams and M. Conroy to lead a half day symposium on estimation/modeling/decision making in 2003. After group discussion, someone motioned in support of the proposal, G. Pendleton seconded, and the motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned.