

WTWG Meeting Minutes
Meeting at 13th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society
Held in Anchorage, Alaska

September 25, 2006, 1700 h

In attendance: Karen Gaines, Barnett Rattner, Ken Stromborg, Jack Barclay, Roger Hothem, Louise Venne, Gary Heinz, Carrie Marr, Dawn Fallacara, Jeanette Griffin, David Paulsen, Teresa Doenges, Deb Rudis, Richard Halbrook

- Minutes approved from Annual meeting in Madison
- No Treasurer's report, but we know it's in good standing
- Membership Committee Report
 - No report from Don Sparling
 - Jack read annual report that he's to send to national office
- Newsletter – report from Louise
 - Louise requested material: citations, conference announcements, etc.
 - Next newsletter coming out first week of October
 - Suggested material included NYTimes Science Times on Tuesdays (side note is that these are good for teaching)
- Elections – report from Barnett
 - Entirely email election – 40 of 67 members voted
 - Don Sparling – **Chair Elect**
 - Chris Custer – **Vice Chair**
 - Joseph Sullivan – **Secretary**
- Graduate Student Travel Award report from Barnett
 - Received 6 applications by July 1 deadline
 - Dawn Fallacara was winner of \$500 award
 - Results of all applicant submissions within 20%
 - Other applicants received \$50 gift certificate
- New Brochure and Poster
 - Jack and Louise working on it
 - Have synopses from a variety of people and assemble poster/panels with that
 - Suggestion of compiling list of schools/professors
 - Suggestion to put query announcement in newsletter
 - Jack suggested Communication Committee discuss this further
 - Barnett expressed agreement with brochure idea, could use poster to post in schools
 - Maybe media packet for conclaves or poster
- Website
 - Development workshop on Tuesday evening
 - Probably need to update yearly
- Updating Policy Statements – Pb, among others
 - Barnett met with John Organ and Michael Hutchins

- Pb statement has been reviewed, we'll get it via Barnett or Jack and these two will distribute
- Jack brought up phthalates and para-dichlorobenzenes which may be of concern, but are not high on the radar screen
- Ken explained process for working up position statements – need to contact section and chapter reps on council
- Deb suggested fact sheets, maybe on website, concern for TWS worry of misrepresenting what the society stands for
- Discussion ensued pertaining to what policy or statement we're trying to state
- Richard suggested getting statement worked up and maybe submitting to the new "Wildlife Professional"
- Contaminants statement expires in 2008 – good point to draft/update that one
- Richard proposed a motion to Review/evaluate and draft a revision of contaminants and toxics position statements of online version for review by WTWG
 - Karen 2nd
 - Unanimous vote
 - Passed
- Deb suggested soliciting info from our working group for stuff in the "Wildlife Professional"
 - Deb and I will work on this
 - Rachel Carson's 100th birthday next spring was suggested
 - Highlight a member or important person within our field
 - Suggestion of Lucille Stickel
 - Louise to talk with Katie Unger – writing for new "Wildlife Professional"
- WTWG-sponsored Symposium
 - Tomorrow (Tuesday, September 27, 2006)
 - Tucson meeting
 - Ken reported that there is not much more to report
 - Steve Sheffield supposed to be pulling together for us with our help – haven't heard much
 - Proposal for symposium due at end of October
 - Need 12 speakers who are committed to speaking
 - Barnett will contact Steve and if not, pull in Carrie and address trans-boundary pollution – may be 2 proposals?
- Jack passed out Chairman's report
- Jack recommended that records should be maintained better
- Jack passed leadership of WTWG to Barnett, with it was a home-made gavel
- Wildlife Toxicology workshop sponsored by EPA and Smithsonian in March – this is a by-invitation event
- Rachel Carson's 100th birthday is May 27, 2007
- SETAC meeting in Montreal
 - Room reserved for Tuesday evening, Nov. 7 between 5-7 pm for WTWG members to mingle

- Look for announcement if you're attending the meeting
 - All WTWG members are invited
- Karen motion to adjourn meeting, Carrie & Ken 2nd
- Meeting adjourned at 1912 local time

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Venne,
Acting Recording Secretary