

TWS Wildlife Toxicology Working Group

Executive Board Conference Call: Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 2 pm EDT

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Final minutes (note action items underlined)

1. Introductions

- Kris Brugger welcomed Dan Anderson as incoming Chair and Larry Frey as new Board member; all gave brief introductions

2. Meeting minutes from June 2009

- Kris noted that minutes were approved
- Tom Augspurger noted that final minutes are posted on the WTWG website (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/toxicology/images/documents/WTWGExecBoard0609.pdf>)
- Tom advised that other website content was updated at the same time (new newsletters posted, officer listing up-dated)

3. Treasurer's report and membership update

- Deb Rudis received dues from TWS and deposited in working group account
- Deb reported our balance as \$3,347.63 (as of 09/01/09)
- Deb ready to write check to student award winner; no other expenses at this time
- Discussed the balance we are carrying and availability of funds to support priority needs
- Louise Venne reported 75 members as of 7/21/09; she will request membership update from TWS before next newsletter and forward list with contact information to Board members

4. 2008-2009 Annual Report

- Kris submitted annual report to TWS, with recommendation to make better use of website utility calendar for communicating with working groups (due dates, opportunities, etc.)
- Annual report also provided an update on new WTWG Board members, working group activities, awards, budget, membership, and future initiatives

5. New Chair elect, Harry Ohlendorf

- Kris and Dan to contact Harry Ohlendorf to review chair-elect duties (including running the election for next slate of officers) and 2009-2010 goals

6. Goals for 2009-2010

- Dan gave an update, including potential symposium at Snowbird, UT annual meeting. He is considering a migratory bird / migratory species issues session and has discussed this with potential speakers
- Kris noted that other members can be contacted to assist and perhaps create a committee to share the work to organize a symposium
- Deb offered to post an announcement on FWS-EC list-server to reach additional potential speakers
- Over the next week, Dan will contact potential speakers and further develop a session concept for review / input by Board
- Kris advised deadline is 4 Dec 09 to submit detailed proposal; Kris will find-out who within TWS is coordinating symposia (not yet determined) and forward that to Dan
- The student research award will be continued in 2010. Dan to check with Karen Gaines to see if she will continue this role and consider appointing a new committee

7. Annual WTWG membership meeting 2009

- Kris noted that there is an official meeting at noon on Monday (9-21-09); she and Dan will be attending
- Tom will not likely be attending and needs another to take notes (as interim secretary)
- Kris will have working group flyers for the wildlife diseases/wildlife toxicology sessions

8. Student research award

- Deb needs contact information to distribute award; Kris will send that to Deb (done)
- Deb will contact Karen to determine if award notification letter has been sent
- Deb will contact Bank of America to send check to recipient (with copy to Deb)
- Dan to check with Karen regarding new committee for 2010 award (see note above, in Goals for 2009-2010)

9. MOU discussion with TWS Council and SETAC

- Kris noted that WTWG former Chairs Barnett Rattner and Miguel Mora are on the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) North America Board; she discussed MOU idea with Barnett; he presented that to SETAC Board; they are interested in how this might help increase SETAC NA membership
- expect that communication between our groups will continue informally, but formal MOU would require more investigation
- Tom will work to get an article about WTWG into SETAC newsletter (*SETAC Globe*)

10. Newsletter Sep 09 and beyond

- September 30th is deadline for fall newsletter; all should get newsletter items or articles to Louise

- potential news items include profile of Larry as new Board member, overview of new ecotoxicology program and Southern Illinois University, overview of other university wildlife toxicology or ecotoxicology programs (perhaps as part of a continuing series)

11. Wildlife Professional article

- initial contacts have been made with editors; mutual interest in wildlife toxicology articles being submitted, but no specific commitment yet on authors or articles

Call ended at 3:05 EDT.