

To: TWS -WS Executive Board
From: Richard Burg, Awards and Grants Committee Chair
Date: October 29, 2012

Subject: Awards and Grants Committee Report to the Executive Board, November 02, 2012

The following are/were my "Action Items"

- Prepare the bio/description of Marshall White for TWS' Distinguished Service Award and give to Don. **Completed**
- Provide list of award recipient history for Eric to post on our website. **Completed**
- Coordinate with Leeman and McNerney to edit Awards Policy draft for Ops Manual to reflect 2 separate deadlines for travel grants and student travel grants and publicize the new deadlines. **Completed**
- Create a list of possible nominees for TWS awards and share with Yasuda. **Completed**
- Update Committee Description for Awards and Grants on website. **Looks complete to me?**
- Get John Harris his plaque. **Completed**
- Write the description for distribution to the membership regarding the availability of the new seed fund available to assist new Chapters. **Remove? (Burg is not sure what this is... note: this was an item from Hoagland's time; there was some discussion about creating a seed fund to assist newly forming chapters. JP)**
- Invite Lohr and Wyatt to participate in a committee to evaluate the student research grant proposal process. **carry**
- Write up recommendations travel grant criteria for inclusion in the Ops Manual and send out to the Board. **Completed**
- Contact CWA and Mike Chapel and ask them for a proposal regarding youth programs. Send out to Board for email discussion. **Completed**

The Operations Manual, Section 4.5 was revised (DRAFT attached) to allow for two firm filing periods hope to have vote this meeting;

Currently looking for nominees for the five awards and working on winter newsletter submission;

PEACE OUT!

November 2012
Professional Development Committee Report
Chair: Rhys Evans

Sacramento 2013:

- Endangered Species Act, Section 7
 - USFWS and NMFS primary speakers; BLM, CDFGW and consultant guest speakers
 - Monday to Wednesday, January 28-30
- Western Snowy Plover Symposium and Recovery Team meeting
 - Mark Colwell (HSU) and Doug George (FWS) are co-leads on technical content, Evans is lead on logistics.
 - Monday to Wednesday, January 28-30
- Scientific and Technical Writing Techniques-*From Field Work to Final Draft*
 - Tuesday and Wednesday, January 29-30
- Wilderness First Aid
 - Saturday and Sunday, February 2-3
 - Includes optional CPR add-on
- Hunter Education for Conservation Professionals
 - Saturday and Sunday, February 2-3

Events in 2012 since last Exec Board:

- Certification, San Diego (August 24)
- PORTLAND
 - Barbara Peters, 3 resume workshops (total of 55 participants)
 - Jon Hooper, “How Not to Present a Scientific Paper” (about 80 participants*)

Scheduled:

- Certification, Bay Area (December 1-2)

Other Business:

PORTLAND 2012 Annual Meeting

- SoCal Chapter, portion of their sponsorship (\$200) went to “Women Of Wildlife” Mixer
- Thanks to Bay Chapter and San Joaquin for sponsoring tables at Career Fair, for Student Conservation Association and U.S. Peace Corps, respectively (\$100 each)
- Bay and Sac Shasta Chapters also sponsored “WOW” in Portland (\$100 each)

ACTION ITEMS UPDATE:

Evans:

- Follow up with student grant applicant Brienne Winters regarding the accuracy of the registration cost in her proposed budget. **Done**
- Determine if the plover workshop at the AC will be open to the public. **Done**
- Follow up in the next few weeks on possible ESA biological assessment workshop. **Done (in progress)**
- Revisit chapter MOU model for co-sponsored workshops. **Carry (in progress)**
- Consult w/Perrine and send revised MOA with language covering chapters’ responsibility in the event of cancellation to Evans. **Carry (in progress)**

All:

- Revise “about us” section of the website with updated descriptions of each committee, or please notify McNerney if description already current. **Complete**
- Review Ops Manual and send feedback to Perrine before 4/15. **Carry?**

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Student Affairs Committee Report
Co-Chair: David Wyatt

On-going Activities:

- 2013 Sacramento TWS-WS Meeting Student Activities Planning
 - Student-Professional Mixer: Development of a lunch/snack event for students to meet and speak with professional biologists.
 - The Job Interview Process – Panel Discussion & Q&A for Students: Develop this workshop for students with representatives from local, state, and federal agencies. A discussion of what students can expect with the job interview process and how to submit the most effective application packets.
 - Workshop on the Federal Pathways Program: Ascertain if a workshop is feasible regarding the new Federal Pathways Program including identification of presenters.

No other activities to report at this time.