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 Manuel, 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!
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 Brianne 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
  o Student-Professional Mixer: Development of a lunch/snack event for students to meet and speak with professional biologists.
  o 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.
  o 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.