

11 August 2017

The Waterbird Society – Reykjavik, Iceland

Business meeting— call to order at 5:00 pm

- Erica Nol called the meeting to order 5pm.
- Erica Nol introduced the officers, council, and welcomed the general membership.
- Motion to approve the Agenda. Fraser moved and Green seconded, Motion PASSED (Craig abst.)
- Motion to approve the minutes from New Bern, NC business meeting. Palestis moved and Fraser seconded, Motion PASSED
- Sigga gave a brief report on the current meeting on behalf of the organizing committee. We have 111 registrants from 5 continents and 20 countries. She provided some updates for the close of the meeting including banquet and post-field trips.
- Patty Szczys presented a summary review of 2017 Council Meeting and Council actions during the year since New Bern.
- Erica Nol (for Stephanie Jones) presented the Editor's Report. Submissions are about average this year compared to recent. AMOY special issue was published earlier this year. Gratitude to the editorial board for their good work. Number of pages and articles has decreased since 2009. The journal has a 40% rejection rate.
- Kathy Parsons and Susan Elbin reported for the nominating committee (two past presidents serve as chairs). Requests members get involved as much as possible. 153 members voted in this year's election. Dave Moore is our President-elect, Chris Custer to Treasurer, Kate Sheehan, Dan Caitlin, & Sean Murphy to Council, and Kate Shlepr is our inaugural student councilor. Strategic Planning committee will begin work. Erica noted members of all committees and thanked outgoing Council: Ricardo Zambrano, Pat Baird, and Liz Craig. Kathy Parsons is finishing her 8-year commitment from President-elect to Past-past-President. **ACTION ITEM: Put the Committee info onto website; post committee reports to OE and perhaps the website.**
- Dave Moore reported for the Grants Committee; new grant approved with final description coming soon. Announcement of the Kushlan Grant recipients for 2017: Simone Santoro and Alejandro Centeno "Population Genetic Structure and Connectivity of Glossy Ibis" (\$5250) and Nisbet Grant recipients for 2017: Kimberly Maute "Impact of bacterial pathogens on the breeding success of silver gulls" (\$1000) and Andrew Tongue "Gulls as bioindicators of flame retardant emissions from landfill" (\$1000).
- Brian Palestis reported membership; numbers are up to 581 (<570 last two years). Reminder of the registration for non-members for this conference includes 2018 membership. Members from 45 nations; 73% are from the US.
- Chris Custer presented Treasurer's Report and Finance Report including the status of the society's endowments. She directed interested members to the website for details dating back to nearly the

beginning of the society. Question about the increase in revenue compared to expenditures- what is the plan for this and could it be used to subsidize meetings in expensive places. Special projects and now grants are supported with this excess. Past special projects included website development and support of the Herons of the World Symposium at New Bern. Future plans include support for WbS Plenary speakers at IOC in 2018.

- Pat Baird gave a detailed overview of planning for the 2018 meeting during IOC in Vancouver, Canada. Fall 2017 abstract submission opens and the deadline is January 2018 with a March 2018 acceptance; April is the close of earlybird registration; all posters will be accepted and there will be only one session with posters remaining up during the entire week. 18 August off-site WbS Council/Committee Mtg + WbS icebreaker. 19-20 August concurrent oral sessions which we could open to the public. Aug 22-23(?) could be a mid-week members-luncheon. TBD auction and banquet. WbS had two invited Symposia accepted to the IOC. Question about electronic posters and paper posters. How will abstracts be submitted? Pat solicited assistance in the organizing committee for the waterbird portion. IOCongress2018.org
- Susan Elbin reports for the silent auction.
- Gail Fraser reports for the student activities committee. Our philosophy is to fund all students to the extent we can. 17 applications 1 withdrawn, then one non-attendance. \$6000+ allocated to awards but then we bought banquet tickets for all the students. 35 students presented at this meeting.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting. Liz moved. Motion PASSED
- Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm

Respectfully Submitted

P. Szczys, Secretary 11 August 2017