

## 2022 Secretary's Report—Waterbird Society

### Annual mailing

On Jun. 27, 2022, the Schneider Group sent out the electronic ballots to the membership for A Student Councilor for the 2023-2024 term and three Councilor positions for the 2023-2025 term. Mail-in ballots were available upon request. Voting closed on Sep. 16, 2022. Dave Moore and Clay Green, Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee, initiated all communications with the Schneider Group and reviewed the election outcomes.

### Council motions

**9 motions were put forth during the Nov. 2021 Council meeting** (2nd Virtual due COVID-19 pandemic) and were recorded in the meeting minutes. Motions passed to grant a free 1-year membership to every student and early career scientist who registers for the annual WbS meeting and for all scientists living outside the U.S./Canada who register for the annual meeting, submit a grant proposal, or submit a paper to the *Waterbirds* journal. Council also voted to award Stephanie Jones the WBS Distinguished Service Award for her tremendous effort to reduce the editorial backlog of the journal following the onset of the pandemic.

**1 motion was put forth during the mid-year Council meeting** (virtual) in Feb. 2022 and was recorded in the meeting minutes. This vote approved the 2022 Proposal to meet in Corpus Christi, Texas, USA.

**The following 3 motions were held electronically.** None of these directly impacted the Society's budget. Discussions began in email, but formal votes were held via SurveyMonkey, an online survey tool. The vote for each motion contained the language of the motion and required that the respondent type their name. The final result was recorded and shared by Kate Shlepr.

**Motion 1.** I move to appoint Dr. Gopi Sundar as Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Waterbirds: An International Journal of Waterbird Biology* (per the [search] committee's recommendation), starting January 2022 with Volume 45, and continuing for a 3-year term, through December 2024 with Volume 47.

Date: 9 Dec. 2021

Motion by Erica Nol, Seconded by Patty Szczys

Motion Passed 12 yea, 0 nay, 5 abstain/no response

**Motion 2.** I move to recognize Dr. Peter Frederick as the 2022 Robert Cushman Murphy Prize recipient [per the Award Committee's recommendation].

Date: 9 Aug. 2022

Motion by Kate Shlepr, Seconded by Gopi Sundar

Motion Passed 14 yea, 0 nay, 3 abstain/no response

**Motion 3.** I move to approve the Conservation Committee's recommendation for the conservation award to Julian Tattoni and co-authors for their paper on spatial and temporal changes in nesting behavior by black skimmer. (Clay/Ricardo).

Date: 24 Aug. 2022

Motion by Clay Green, Seconded by Ricardo Zambrano

Motion Passed 12 yea, 0 nay, 5 abstain/no response

#### **Known issue**

In the past several years, I have been sharing meeting minutes with Council in the 2-3 weeks before the upcoming Council meeting instead of the 2-3 weeks after the completion of the meeting that the minutes are about, which would be the ideal scenario for the purposes of Council review & tasking. The Handbook suggests that minutes be posted for Council review within 8 weeks of a Council meeting. I pledge to work toward that timeframe at this and all upcoming Council meetings. I thank the Council for its patience!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Shlepr, Secretary  
22 October 2022