

Bylaws Committee of the Waterbird Society

2013 Annual Report

Membership:

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This committee welcomes new members—those interested in serving should contact the chair.

2012-2013 Committee Activities:

Following the WbS Council Meeting in Vancouver in August 2012 [attended by the other two Bylaws Committee members, but not by the Chair as he was still doing fieldwork], the Committee was asked for advice as to whether some of the actions voted on by Council at that meeting required changes in the Bylaws. After some discussion via email, the Committee felt that no revisions were required at that time. In late spring 2013, the Committee was asked to provide other changes as a result of Council votes regarding membership categories. On the behalf of the Committee, Chris Custer did most of joint work with WbS President Katharine Parsons to come up with appropriate language for those changes.

2013-2014 Proposed Work of the Committee:

Given the relatively recent review by the Committee of the Bylaws and our satisfaction that they contain the correct mix of general statements and specifics so that the WbS can operate soundly (but maintain flexibility to address issues that might arise), unless Council requests another review and/or proposes more revisions, no major activities by this committee are anticipated in the upcoming year.

Requests for Council Action:

The Committee has no issues that require discussion or voting at the upcoming Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Spendelow, Chair

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