

Recognition Awards Committee of the Waterbird Society (Distinguished Service, International)

2013 Annual Report

Membership:

Michael Erwin (rme5g@virginia.edu) assumed the Chairmanship in Summer 2012 from Dave Shealer. He asked John Anderson and Sarah Karpanty to serve on the committee in Fall 2012 and both accepted. Additional members are needed, especially from the international membership. Names are being solicited.

2012-2013 Committee Activities:

The committee has been engaged in a number of emails concerning committee membership. The committee has also drafted a suggested list of revisions to the Appendices concerning the operating rules of the DSA and International Awards within the WS Policies and Operations Manual. This will soon be submitted to the President for Council review. We have received one nomination for the Robert C Murphy Award and are soliciting others from the membership and via the web site. The Murphy nomination was placed on hold for several reasons so no award will be made at the 2013 annual meeting. One international member is being considered at present for nomination to the committee membership.

2013-2014 Proposed Work of the Committee:

As it has been 8 years (2005: Chris Custer) since the last Distinguished Service Award has been given, the committee should move aggressively to identify a candidate to preserve the continuity of this award. An announcement for award nominations will soon be sent by the Chairman to the editor of OSNA. The committee plans on having one International Award presented at the 2014 meeting of the Society.

Requests for Council Action:

Review of the rules of operation for the Committee by December 2013.

Submitted by: Michael Erwin, Chairman, July 2013