

Research Awards Committee of the Waterbird Society

2013 Annual Report

Membership:

Chair: John Brzorad; Committee: Rena Borkhataria, Tom Custer, Dave Moore

2012-2013 Committee Activities:

Twenty applications were received by July 12, 2012 (twelve for the Kushlan Award and eight for the Nisbet Award). Ten nations from four continents were represented as follows:

	Africa	N. America	S. America	Asia	Total
Nisbet	0	6	2	0	8
Kushlan	5	4	1	2	12
Total	5	10	3	2	20

Africa is underrepresented for work on terns and gulls and overrepresented for work on wading birds. The lack of applications from Europe is noteworthy and efforts should be made to solicit applications from that continent.

The committee discussed posting evaluation rubrics on the website to help guide applicants. We also discussed forming a separate category of funding for descriptive studies in poorly studied regions of the world. This was discussed at the board meeting in Vancouver, but the Chair had a poor Skype connection, so his input was limited.

All applicants that did not receive awards were sent feedback from the committee on how to improve their applications.

The 2012 awards were announced on August 27, 2012.

Nisbet Grant

Kyle Elliot

Senescence in seabirds: a sleepy secret?

\$1000

Dr. Kurt Burnham

Northwest Greenland Arctic Tern Survey

\$1000

Kushlan Grant

Rogers K. Makau

Waterbird diversity, abundance and threats in Mwea Rice Irrigation Scheme

\$6935

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Rado Andriamasimanana
Analysis of population trends of the Ciconiiformes of Madagascar
\$2065

Applications for 2013 have been received and the total number of applications has increased to 27:
(seven for Nisbet, 20 for Kushlan)

2013-2014 Proposed Work of the Committee:

Requests for Council Action: