

Student Awards Committee of the Waterbird Society

2013 Annual Report

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2012-2013 Committee Activities

Student Travel Awards

We solicited applications for student travel awards for the upcoming 2013 meeting in Wilhelmshaven Germany and received 28 applications. The breakdown of where students are from is as follows: 60% were from North America, 37% from Europe and 3.7% were from Russia/Egypt (Table 1).

Table 1. A summary of the travel award applicants and allocation of awards for 2013 meeting.

Country of origin of applicant	North America (16 total) US – 15: 4 BSc; 5 MSc; 4 PhD; 2 unknown grad level CAN -1 BSc	Europe (10 total) Spain 4 France - 1 Germany - 1 Portugal - 3 Netherlands - 1 8 PhD 2 MSc 1 BSc	Other Russia - 1 PhD Egypt - 1 MSc
Average award amount offered	BSc \$100 MS \$100 PhD \$120	BSc \$120 MSc \$135 PhD \$165	MS - \$100 PhD - \$200

An attempt was made to provide higher levels of funding for non-North American students (as per the motion to increase funds was to provide more support for students of local geography). Of the 28 awards offered, two are declined, three are undecided (as of Jul 30) and the rest have accepted the award. Assuming that the three undecided students accept their offers, the total funds allocated to student travel awards are \$3270. The amount Executive allocated was \$3400.

Student presentations

Six members (Dave Moore, Stephanie Jones, Dave Shealer, Jennifer Arnold (posters only), Brian Palestis and Gail Fraser) have volunteered to evaluate student presentations. Assuming we have 26 students presenting with two people assigned per student, each member would evaluate 8 talks or posters. So it would be good if there were two more volunteers to reduce that number.

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Student Mentoring

No work has been done on student mentoring. Now that we are close to a confirmed list of attendees (early bird registration ends tomorrow), I will try and match up some students with folks.

2013-2014 Proposed Work of the Committee:

Requests for Council Action: