

## **Nominating Committee of the Waterbird Society**

2012 Annual Report

### **Membership:**

Dave Shealer (Chair david.shealer@lorus.edu), Jennifer Arnold, Susan Elbin, Steve Oswald, Jeff Spendelow, Chip Weseloh, and Ricardo Zambrano. This committee welcomes new members; those interested in serving should contact the Chair.

### **2011-2012 Committee Activities:**

We met briefly in November 2011 in Annapolis, during the WbS annual meeting to discuss potential candidates, but the majority of our discussions/deliberations occurred via email during the spring of 2012. We attempted to assemble a diverse slate of candidates for Council, consisting of younger, actively involved members of the WbS, individuals who had served previously on Council, and WbS members outside the U.S. and Canada.

Officers: Clay Green agreed to stand again for Secretary, so we did not approach any other members to run, and no member expressed an unsolicited interest in running.

Councilors: The Committee identified 10-12 candidates in two categories: those “with” and those “without” prior service on Council. One candidate with prior service, Pat Baird, initially agreed (so we did not approach any others in this category), but then ultimately declined the offer to run, so the slate in 2012 consists entirely of candidates without prior experience on Council. We were successful, however, in getting Peter Becker (Germany) and Jorge Saliva (Puerto Rico) to agree to run, which gave the ballot at least some geographic diversity. Of those without prior service, ten people were approached and six agreed to run for Council in 2012.

### **2012-2013 Proposed Work of the Committee:**

Nominees: The 2012 nominees are Peter Becker, Andrew Bernick, Jonathan Cohen, Sarah Karpanty, Jorge Saliva, and Ted Simons. Their biographical sketches will be included with the ballot in the annual mailing to the membership.

Election Results: As of the submission date of this report, the ballots have not yet been mailed to the membership. Election Results will be appended to this report following the tabulation of the voting or included in the 2013 annual report.

### **Requests for Council Action:**

None

### **2013 Actions Approved by Council:**

- No additional action items at this time