

Publications Committee of the Waterbird Society

2012 Annual Report

Membership:

A committee comprised of Erica Nol (Chair; enol@trentu.ca), Chip Weseloh (as President at the time), David Shealer (member at large), Bob Elner (as current Editor) and Joanna Burger (as Chair) was convened. The Publications Committee welcomes new members; please contact the chair if interested in serving.

2011-2012 Committee Activities:

This year the publications committee had one main function, to make sure that there was in place a new editor for the society journal, Waterbirds. We discussed our mandate, drafted an advertisement (see attached), advertized both through OSNA and directly in the journal, and waited for candidates. BE also drafted a short description of duties to hand out to potentially interested parties. This description included costs of editorship and workload issues. We received one application. Stephanie Jones was interviewed at the November 2011 Annual meeting (Annapolis) by EN, CW, DS and BE. JB was unable to be present because of family issues so CW and EN took over as acting co-chairs. We were initially concerned about the lack of competition for this position, so I was meant to draft an ad for Science. However, given family issues as well (the same, both the mothers of JB and EN died in late 2011), I completely forgot about this duty. So early in 2011 the committee agreed to accept Stephanie Jones' application. We offered her the position and she has accepted. We are happy to welcome the first female editor of Waterbirds. In the fall, we will make a formal announcement (already drafted, below). Stephanie and the current Editor, Bob Elner, have been in email communication about the transition. Bob is very willing to help with any issues that Stephanie might have. Although Stephanie is aware about various manuscript submission software options, she has not yet committed to making this change. She has expressed the opinion that she will see how it goes for the first issue. We have let her know about the issue of loyalty to the existing printer and the pitfalls (and benefits) of moving to an online submission system. She is still open to dealing with manuscripts manually and has indicated, in correspondence, that WJO still does it this way as well, and that it continues to work well for them.

2012-2013 Proposed Work of the Committee:

The publications committee will continue to communicate with the new editor about publication options.

Requests for Council Action:

None

2013 Actions Approved by Council:

- Review the Strategic Plan for tasks specific to the Publications Committee.

Announcement of New Editor for Waterbirds, the journal of the Waterbird Society

The Waterbird Society is very pleased to announce the appointment of Stephanie Jones as the next Editor of Waterbirds, effective January 1, 2013. Stephanie will be the first female editor of the journal. Stephanie's editorial experience comes from her work as subject editor for the Studies in Avian Biology #34, the important and useful compendium of papers detailing methods for analysing nest success data. She also has served as series editor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's *Biological Technical Reports* and subject editor for their *Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management*. For the past twenty years, Stephanie has served as the Nongame Migratory Bird Coordinator for USFWS Region 6. Previously she worked for the US Forest Service in Shasta, California. Stephanie comes with a broad background in research on reproductive biology and habitat selection of birds, including shorebirds and grassland songbirds. She has written status reports, Birds of North America species accounts, documents on population estimates of birds, and memorials for ornithologists as well as traditional scientific papers. In her letter of application to the society, Stephanie writes "I enthusiastically embrace that the peer-review process is absolutely critical in providing credible scientific research for the advancement of ornithology". We are most happy to welcome Stephanie as the new Editor of the pre-eminent journal of the Waterbird Society.