

***Type of Meeting:*** Officers Meeting

***Date of Meeting:*** Friday, January 26, 2007 2pm PST

***Attendees:***

*Pat Ormsbee (President), Cori Lausen (At-Large), Brad Phillips (Treasurer), Ted Weller (At-Large), Toni Piaggio (Vice President), Tim Snow (At-Large), Alice Chung-MacCoubrey (Secretary), Mike Herder (At-Large).*

***Conference Call Agenda:***

There was a short agenda scheduled for the call today. The items were:

- Appointed Officers positions
- Changing of the Guard
- Financing for folks to go the 2007 **WBWG** conference in Tucson , AZ
- Workshops at the conference
- Protocol for supporting projects under our non-profit status
- Work plan and By-Laws updates
- CFC

***Appointed Officers: (2 positions)***

- These positions are appointed by the President. *Pat* wants to make the decision in collaboration with the Board of Officers.
- *Tim Snow* is willing to stay on as an Officer. *Pat* proposes to retain *Tim* as an Officer and appoint the first runner up from the election process. This allows *Tim* to continue his work and because there was a concerted recruiting effort to all members, the runner-up represents someone who wants to be involved and who the members wanted.
- Discussion:
  - Do we want/need more Canadian representation? Officers concluded we were good there.
  - Would like more Mexican representation, but feel we can make that a priority and work toward that – spend time recruiting and supporting more Mexican involvement so we can have enthusiastic representation instead of searching for someone to just put in a position now.
  - Outgoing Officers feel the Incoming Officers also should have a say in appointed positions – *Pat* will follow up on this.

***Changing of the Guard:***

- We will schedule a transition meeting for outgoing and incoming Officers for April 11, 2007 Wednesday at 3:30 PM, prior to the ice breaker for the 2007 conference in Tucson . We will aim to have this at the Hilton Restaurant so if folks need to eat, they can.
- Outgoing Officers please think about what legacy items you have to pass on and how you will pass those on. *Pat* will send out email request.

***Financing Conference Attendees:***

- *Ted* put together some criteria to discern who gets funding. Here are the criteria, which are based on the premise that service and participation to **WBWG** is the most important criterion.
- *Ted's* suggested criteria & officer remarks

(per this call, add a piece on financial need)

1. Invited speakers.
2. Conference organizers (add 'and volunteers').
3. WBWG Officers.
4. WBWG State/Province Reps (the ones of record)
5. Folks who offer to make presentations.
6. Folks from "underrepresented" states or provinces.

(Add students that are presenting)

- Process: President reviews draws up proposal for assistance (this is where the decision is made on how much goes to whom), proposal goes to Officers for final approval.
- This is not something we will advertise or offer up front

### ***Workshops at Conference:***

Will occur on Thursday. Spend entire day on the following two topics:

- marking migratory bat species (*Jeff Gruver* and ?)- should we be marking migratory species? If so, how will we maintain/share data?
- Wind energy & bats (*Ed Arnett*- updates, new permits for facilities; wind company re-permit process & wildlife considerations, reality check on bat community expectations; *Erin Bearwold*- what goes into wind & bats studies; Alberta rep- recommended post-construction survey protocol)
- A third potential topic that is important to members, but will not be discussed at the workshop is Genetics: The need for nationwide genetics study & requirements for collecting & storing wind-energy bat fatalities

### ***Protocol for Supporting Projects Under our Non-Profit Status:***

- *Cori* was contacted regarding the use of **WBWG's** name on a grant proposal. How should we handle these requests in the future?
- **WBWG** will take a percentage, perhaps 10%, of successful grants.
- How to ensure that proposals are scientifically credible designs?
- What types of proposals would we entertain? At minimum, projects that match our objectives & mission.
- Send thoughts & ideas to *Brad*.

### ***Status of Committee Efforts:***

- Some **WBWG** committees are not fairing well (e.g. research & finance committee).
- Research committee could use an injection of new blood- particularly since committee composition is largely **WBWG** officers. Can we recruit new committee members from recent ballot (ballot members that didn't get elected).
- Finance committee needs further development- likely by nonfederal employees.

- Education committee doing well now.
- Website committee= *Mike Herder*. *Mike* is turning web duties over to *Scott Pederson* soon.
- Newsletter committee (2)- doing good job!

### ***Work Plan and By-Laws Updates:***

- *Pat* requests that officers, particularly those outgoing, look at work plan & by-laws. Comment on what could/should be changed or added?
- Try to get new and revised work plan in place after Tucson meeting.
- By-law revisions will require Executive Board discussion & decisions.

### ***Combined Federal Campaign (CFC):***

- *Brad* researched what it takes to get WBWG on CFC list of nonprofits.
- Organization must have provided beneficial activities & services in at least 15 states (or one country) over past 3 years....
- It is a very big task to assemble documentation for qualifying.
- Jan 31, 2007 is deadline.
- *Brad* will inquire with BCI to understand their experience & determine if it's worth the effort.

### ***Membership Drive:***

- *Alice* gave membership list back to *Mike* via spreadsheet on 11/24/06
- *Mike* will manage the membership from 11/24/06 until *Michelle Caviness* starts as new secretary
- All decided that we don't need to keep copies of email membership requests; so *Alice* will dispose of them.

### ***Next Officer's Conference Call:***

- can be cancelled if not needed
- Friday March 9 at 1pm.