

## **WBWG Board of Officers Conference Call October 1, 2008**

### **Attending:**

Tim Snow  
Cori Lausen  
Pat Brown  
Toni Piaggio  
Brad Phillips  
Jason Williams  
Pat Ormsbee  
Michelle Caviness

### **Elections/NASBR**

We will be recruiting at NASBR. There will be a WBWG meeting Thursday evening after the session at 5pm. The meeting is expected to last about 1hr.

**Toni, Pat O. and Michelle** will call state reps to help the recruiting effort.

**Michelle** will send last year's meeting announcement flyer to Cori and **Cori** will prepare a flyer for the '09 meeting and include information on the wind conference. **Pat O.** will review the flyer and Cori will get it to the NASBR committee to insert into the registration packets.

### **Bob Berry Fund**

Pat B. will have a cd rotating pictures of Bob and a handout announcing the "Bob Berry Scholarship Fund" on her computer next to her poster at NASBR.

Pat B. would like to form a committee to designate funds and to discuss what the criteria for awarding the funds should be. Pat O. suggests we go to the board and membership to recruit committee members.

**Officers need to** provide feedback to Pat B. on her draft of criteria for awarding the scholarship.

### **Newsletter**

**Cori** will work on getting the newsletter out shortly after NASBR and will include information about the Bob Berry Scholarship Fund, the 2009 meeting, and information on the elections with brief bios on those running for office.

### **2009 Meeting/Wind Workshop**

We will be advertising the meeting and wind workshop at NASBR. **Cori** will have the flyer out Friday after the Wind Energy Conference call.

**Michelle will work with Erinn** to get a button on the website leading to general information on the 2009 meeting including the dates, location, hotel, field trips and announcement of the wind workshop. More detailed information will be added as we get it.

There was an announcement of the conference and a list of activities requesting volunteers in the newsletter with Nyta as the contact. **Pat O.** will contact Nyta to find out if anyone contacted her to volunteer to help with the meeting and to ask if Nyta is still willing to help as the local host.

There was also a request in the newsletter for ideas for the workshop that is held the final day of the conference. So far no members have contacted their reps with ideas. Rita Dixon had an idea to work on species distribution. Pat O. suggests we talk about this on the next Board conference call.

Michelle and Mike Herder will be handling the call for abstracts and putting together the program.

The officers discussed increasing the rate for non-students to help cover the cost of the conference because last year's conference did not completely pay for itself. Last year's conference rate was \$125 for non-students and \$75 for students. The membership survey results showed that members would be willing to pay an increased conference rate. Different rates were discussed, but the group needs to figure out if the rate will include the banquet dinner and a membership fee. Last year's banquet dinner was donated. We would like to have the banquet in conjunction with the auction which means we would need to have it offsite. The **membership committee** needs to convene and determine if there will be a membership fee and work out the logistics of how much to charge, how to collect it and what benefits will go to members vs. nonmembers. There is no fee for the wind energy conference as this point, but **Cori** will work with the wind committee to make that decision and get the information to the group.

**Pat O.** will get with Ed to get information on the rate for the hotel, how many rooms will be set aside in the block, where we might have the auction and banquet, find out if WBWG needs to arrange transportation for the fieldtrips or if BCI can do that and how much they might be willing to help with the conference goodies (T-shirt, totes, etc). The group would like to have a regional logo (Congress Ave Bridge or Bracken Cave). **Brad** is going to check on the use of the WBWG logo.

Pat B. is looking for help with maintaining records for the auction. Brad and Michelle offered to help.

**Michelle** is going to put together a spreadsheet of what is needed for the conference and who will be assigned to the various tasks.

**Next Meeting is November 4, 9am (PST)**