

## **MINUTES OF THE 2006 WILDLIFE DISEASE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING 9 August 2006**

President S. Wright welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M. S. Wright conveyed the regrets of Vice President M. Miller and Secretary M. Wild who were unable to attend the meeting. He thanked E. Addison for his work on a variety of tasks citing specifically the value to progress by Council of the extensive briefing notes provided to Council prior to meetings. He also thanked the outgoing members of Council, T. Cornish, H. Schwantje and C. Jardine for their work these past years and announced D. Gavier-Widén, B. Elkin and L. Reperant as incoming members of the WDA Council.

### **Executive Manager's Report**

E. Addison reported that he has worked about three quarters of full time in his role as Executive Manager. While jobs remain varied, the emphasis is shifting from a focus on procedural matters to communicating more with individual members of the Association, working more with committees, assisting with planning of the annual meeting, and continuing his primary role as a consultant to Council.

### **Treasurer's Report**

C. Meteyer reported that assets as of the end of 2005 were approximately \$800,000 and that net assets for 2005 of approximately \$343,000 were almost \$82,000 in excess of expenses of approximately \$264,000. Expenses of numerous items were below budget for a variety of reasons. She invited members to contact her personally if they had specific questions.

### **Vice-President's Report**

Reporting on behalf of M. Miller, S. Wright noted that the 2007 meeting will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado, 12-17 August and that the 2008 meeting will be held in Edmonton, Alberta. S. Wright invited members with suggestions about meetings to provide those suggestions to members of Council and/or the organizing committees.

### **Secretary's Report**

Reporting on behalf of M. Wild, E. Addison noted that Council had been particularly busy in the past year. In Cairns, Australia last June, Council did not have a quorum for conducting business. Council discussed issues and subsequently dealt with them during a teleconference call in August 2005. Council again had teleconference calls in December 2005 and April 2006.

During the three teleconference calls, the annual Council meeting, and occasionally by e-mail between meetings, Council passed approximately 50 motions. Highlights of decisions by Council were briefly reviewed with a reminder that a list of all motions passed will be included in the published minutes of the 2006 Council meeting.

#### Member and Subscriber Definition and Fees:

- Definition of student members now includes those who are participating full time in an internship or residency program that is approved for credit towards board certification.
- Subscription fees for the future will be based on the size of the institution with progressively higher fees for progressively larger institutions. In our case, it is to address the difficulty of larger agencies paying the same fees as smaller agencies but then having the capability of distributing the *Journal of Wildlife Diseases* electronically to their staff across broad geographic areas in conflict with the intent of subscribers' site specific agreements with us through HighWire Press.
- Subscriber fees for 2007 will rise and will be between \$270 and \$340.
- Regular member fees for 2007 will rise to \$95, our first fee increase in 4 years.
- Student member fees for 2007 will remain at \$40 for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year.
- Associate member fees will also remain the same, at \$22.

#### International and Sections:

- The net proceeds of \$16,582.36 AUD from the 2005 WDA annual meeting in Cairns, Australia were left with the Australasian Section.
- The WDA will return to each geographic Section, the difference between the cost of an associate membership and the annual per member fee paid to Allen Marketing and Management for managing WDA memberships. For 2006, this would amount to a return of \$15.25/ Section member to geographic Sections.
- Provide up to \$5000, under certain conditions, to support the meeting of the African and Middle East Section of the WDA in September 2006.
- Free electronic access to all issues, including current issues, of the JWD to those people in the countries of the world classed by the World Bank in the bottom two economic categories.

#### Thorne – Williams Memorial Award Fund:

- Council designated a total of \$ 10,000 in the past year from general revenue to the “Tom Thorne and Beth Williams Memorial Award” Fund.
- Some proceeds of 2006 auction and all proceeds of the 2007 auction to be attributed to the Tom Thorne – Beth Williams Memorial Award Fund.

#### Contracts:

- The WDA contracted with Allen Press for 3 years to purchase the ‘AllenTrack’ editorial manuscript tracking software and associated technical support for approximately \$10,000 in the initial year and \$6000-\$7000 in the subsequent two years.
- Council has agreed to a draft three year [2007-2009] printing contract with Allen Press
- Council has agreed to a draft three year [2007-2009] business management contract with Allen Marketing and Management.

#### Other Internal Business:

- We will discard all back issues of the JWD over 5 years old.

- The audit of the 2006 financial records will be an internal audit.
- Money in the Herman Fund and Student Activities Fund has been reconciled to account for prior donations and expenses that have previously been allocated to the general operating account.
- Louise Smithson will be acknowledged at the 2007 meeting for her unique contributions as a volunteer editorial assistant following her resignation.

### **Editors' Report**

D. Stallknecht and E. Howerth reported that the four issues of the *Journal of Wildlife Diseases* published in 2005 (vol. 41) included 61 full length manuscripts, 51 short communications, minutes for the 2005 council and business meetings, author index, and subject index. This volume included 857 pages and general composition was similar to 2004 (831 pages). During the last year (between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2006) we have received over 215 manuscripts.

The January 2006 (Vol. 42 [1]) issue was mailed from Allen Press during April. The April issue (42[2]) has been mailed. Manuscripts for the July issue (42[3]) are being copyedited by Allen Press. Manuscripts for the October (42[4]) issue have been selected and are being edited. Getting the *Journal* back on schedule is our number one priority. We are currently online with both manuscript submission and review. There are approximately 50 manuscripts in the system and overall the system seems to be working well.

### **Supplement Editor's Report**

P. Nol expressed gratitude for submissions during the previous year and noted that the number of announcements submitted seems to be increasing. Work is continuing to make the Supplement available online in conjunction with *Journal*.

S. Wright asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:28 P.M.

submitted,

Respectfully

Margaret A. Wild  
Secretary