

2012 Annual Business Meeting

Annual Business Meeting Wildlife Disease Association

July 26, 2012

66 people were in attendance

President D. Gavier-Widén called the meeting to order at 14:11.

President D. Gavier-Widén delivered the President's report noting that it has been a busy and productive year for WDA. Notable highlights include the addition of five new sustaining members (two groups and three individual), the approval of Samantha Gibbs as the new Newsletter Editor, and the successful completion by the Audit Committee of the fiscal 2009 budget.

President Gavier-Widén recognized and thanked the three editors (JWD Editor, Jim Mills; Newsletter Editor, Samantha Gibbs and Website Editor Renee Carleton) for the wonderful work that they have done throughout the year. She also thanked and recognized all of the Council members and acknowledged those Council members that are finishing their terms of service, Colin Gillin and Kristen Mansfield, Naomi "Jane" Harms (Student Representative) and Thijs Kuiken (Chair of the European Section) and those that have been newly elected, Patti Bright and Rick Gerhold (Council Members at Large), Lisa Shender (Student Representative), Andrea Reiss (Australasian Section), Jon Arnemo (Chair Wildlife Veterinary Section) and Christian Gortázar (Chair of the European Section).

Currently there are 11 recognized student chapters of WDA.

President Gavier-Widén recognized and thanked the Section Chairs for the hard work that they have accomplished over the past year. The Wildlife Veterinary Section has been reformed and the new officers are Chair, Jon Arnemo, Secretary, Diego Soler-

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Tovar, Treasurer, Nadine Lamberski, Student Representative, Tom Vowell and Newsletter Editor, Kevin Castle.

Discussions are underway concerning possible revitalization of the African and Middle East Section

T. Work gave the Vice-Presidents Report. The Vice President assists the President in organizing the WDA committees. The current Committees and their major functions were reviewed. Two new committees are being formed, Small Grants and Travel. Committee membership is open to all and Vice-President Work encouraged anyone who was interested to contact any of the Officers about becoming a member of a committee.

The Time and Place Committee has been working on the location for future annual conferences. In 2013 the Conference will be held in Knoxville, TN. The Committee is currently working to secure the final location for the 2014 Conference which will be held in New Mexico. Discussions have begun with the Australasian Section for the Conference to be held in Darwin, Australia in 2015.

Some highlights of work completed in 2012 by standing and ad-hoc committees include:

The Membership and Promotions Committee developed a WDA photo library and the "Get Involved" page for the website. The "Get Involved" page is devoted to explaining opportunities for members to participate in WDA activities as well as the selection process for committee chairs, editors, council members and officers.

The Ad-hoc Discretionary Funding Committee developed draft guidelines for the WDA Membership Small Grants Program. These grants are made available to WDA members and the goal of the grant program is to increase involvement of the membership in WDA activities, increase the sense of pride in the

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accomplishments of the WDA, provide increased value to WDA membership, strengthen the presence of WDA, and provide the WDA with a new means to accomplish its mission.

The Ad-hoc Wildlife Veterinary Section (WVS) Committee solicited membership interest in the reformed WVS. From this group, nominations were solicited for section officers, a ballot put forth and a slate of officers voted in. The Committee will hold its first meeting here in Lyon.

L. Baeten presented the Treasurers Report.

Total revenues during 2011 were \$554,263. Revenues consist of memberships and subscriptions (\$214,479), JWD page charges (\$110,105), investment income (\$36,600) and the proceeds from the auction (\$6,274).

Total Expenses of WDA during 2011 were comprised primarily of expenses for the Journal (JWD) (\$199,770) and administration and management fees for WDA annual operations (\$108,769). The 2011 net income was \$45,905.

The amount of money in each of the cause specific funds is as follows: Tom Thorne and Beth Williams Memorial Fund held \$90,885; the Carleton Herman Fund held \$34,464; the Student Activities Fund held \$76,277; and the new Student Chapter Fund \$2,000.

The Leadership and Member drives for donations to the Journal Endowment Fund total \$36,000 as of June 30, 2012.

At the end of the second quarter of 2012 the current WDA investment portfolio is at \$1,390,716. There is currently \$100,895 in the checking account.

D. Gavier-Widén asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report.

(Gillin / Kuiken). The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

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P. Wolff presented the motions passed at the July 22, Council meeting. Those motions are as follows:

WDA-Australasian Section Representation

- WDA Council approves the seating of Andrea Reiss as the elected chairperson of WDA-A and her representation of that section during the 2012 WDA Council meeting and until the end of her term

Open Access for a Fee in Journal of Wildlife Diseases

- WDA Council approves providing an online open access option for authors that publish in JWD and the use of \$1,500 for costs associated with the setup of online access
- Council approves charging authors a fee for open access of \$1,000 for members and \$1,500 for nonmembers with revenue to be used for endowment of Journal of Wildlife Diseases and its worldwide distribution

Sustaining Membership

- The WDA Council approves acknowledgement of AAWV as an “organizational sustaining member” of WDA for a period of one year, renewable yearly as long as AAWV continues to provide support at the level of \$1000 per year to support endowment of JWD operations and worldwide distribution
- The WDA Council approves acknowledgement of IWVS as an “organizational sustaining member” and all individual donors of \$1000 or more to the endowment and worldwide distribution of JWD as “sustaining members” for a period of one year

Approval of New Mexico as site for 2014 WDA International Conference

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- Council approves the selection of New Mexico as the general location for the 2014 WDA International Conference with final site selection of specific location by the Time and Place Committee to be made on or before December 1, 2012 after gathering further information

Use of 2012 WDA - EWDA Auction Proceeds

- That the net proceeds (after all costs paid) of the 2012 WDA-EWDA Auction be split 50/50 between WDA and EWDA. EWDA is strongly encouraged to include WDA students from the Nordic countries of Europe in the use of these funds.

Approval of Budget and Audit Committee Guidelines

- Council approves the Budget and Audit Committee guidelines as dated June 2012

J. Mills gave the Editor's report. Significant accomplishments this year relevant to JWD include, revised Instructions to Authors, Improvements to the Allen Track system for submitting manuscripts, a new author billing system, an updated JWD homepage, changes to the hard copy of the Journal with the table of contents moved to the beginning of the Journal rather than the last page which will allow the back page to be used for advertisement, and the addition of digital object identifier (DOI) codes to each manuscript. These DOI codes will allow us to utilize a number of services including open access for a fee.

Jim also reviewed and explained impact factor and other metrics and how these metrics are measured and how they should be interpreted in regards to the JWD.

D. Jessup gave the Executive Manager's report. He reviewed his job description which consists primarily of assisting the President, Vice President and Council with various tasks and issues. Major areas of accomplishment and focus this year include:

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- Quarterly news releases which are sent out to news and affiliated groups. These releases contain highlights of articles from the next issue of the Journal.
- An MOU/MOA with The Wildlife Society and American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians. The spring 2012 issue of the Wildlife Professional was focused on disease. The issue was made available electronically to all the WDA members and we received some advertising within the issue.
- Pursuing truant authors which has been very successful. Many of the authors had just moved on or their grants had run out. We have changed our page billing process and this should no longer be a problem as authors are paying upfront via credit card for their page charges when their article is accepted.
- Set up of the Google group email system which is being used for member only, "value added" items.
- The launch of the endowment campaign to support the endowment and worldwide distribution of the Journal of Wildlife Diseases.

President Gavier-Widén then presented the WDA commemorative coins to incoming Council members present at the meeting.

In closing she remarked that three of the top priorities for focus for the Association in 2012-13 include, 1) continued work to ensure full endowment of the Journal, 2) continued internationalization of the Association and 3) finalizing and implementing the process for member initiated projects.

(Das-Neves / Uhart): Motion to close the 2012 Business Meeting of the WDA. *Passed Unanimously.*