

Item # 2013-28 Annual Business Meeting FINAL 10/23/2013

Annual Business Meeting

Wildlife Disease Association

August 1 2013

46 people were in attendance

President D. Gavier-Widén called the meeting to order at 17:22 Eastern daylight time.

President's Report

President D. Gavier-Widén delivered the President's report noting that she has served WDA for 2 years and has reached the end of her term as President of the Association. She has worked in close collaboration with the Executive Manager, the Officers, Council, Committees, Editors, and Sections, Student Chapters and members and all have made very significant contributions to WDA. WDA has become more international with a higher global representation in Council, in Committees and in the Membership. An endowment fund for the Journal of Wildlife Diseases and its worldwide distribution was established and endowment efforts were successful and still continue. The Journal of Wildlife Diseases under the guidance of Editor Jim Mills and the Editorial Board has led to major improvements. The Website was transferred to Allen Management and Marketing with a new look, and enhanced feature and services. The WDA Free Access program provides access to wildlife disease and conservation content through the JWD, in the developing world. WDA continues to have a stable economy. A small grants program as well as a student small travel grants program have been created by WDA and is in place. WDA has established or reinforced agreements with other scientific organizations in North America including AAWV, AAZV, and TWS. The WDA has also joined the One Health Initiative. An image library has been created and is available on the website for members. The Wildlife Veterinary Section was reformed and is now active.

Vice President's Report

T. Work gave the Vice-Presidents Report. The Vice President assists the President in organizing and administrating the WDA committees and is Chair of the Time and Place Committee which organizes and plans for future conferences. For conferences we are in a good spot as we have conference venues set up three years in advance which will help with planning. In 2014 WDA will be held in New Mexico, 2015 in Australia and 2016 in Ithaca, NY at Cornell.

This year there were 14 Committees and 84 members within those Committees and Thierry would like to thank the Committee chairs and members for bringing to fruition many of the accomplishments mentioned in the President's report. The major functions of committees were reviewed. WDA business would not get done if it was not for the committees and Vice-President Work encouraged anyone who was interested in being on a Committee to volunteer. A list of Committees is posted on the website. This year one committee has been added as Council voted to have the Small Grants Committee become a standing committee. This

committee is charged with having small grant projects available to the membership to help advance the mission of the organization.

Treasurer's Report

L. Baeten presented the Treasurers Report.

We will be reviewing financial records for 2012 and performing an audit and are looking for volunteers to help with the audit.

As of December 31, 2012, the total assets for the Wildlife Disease Association (WDA) were \$1,508,643. This reflects an increase of \$208,101 over 2011 year end assets of \$1,300,542.

The distribution of assets in designated funds includes:

- \$1,407,007 held in equities, mutual funds, bonds and other fixed instruments, cash and cash equivalents within the investment portfolio managed by Jacobson & Schmitt Advisors
- \$26,302 held in money market and certificate of deposit accounts with EverBank
- \$66,869 in US Treasury Fund bonds with Fidelity Investments
- \$120,830 in checking account with US Bank

Total realized revenue: \$443,142

\$410,000 was operating revenue, and there is realized investment income of 32,000.

Total expenditures: \$344,074

\$219,000 is for the production and management of the JWD as well as \$124,000 for other management associated fees.

Net Income: \$99,068

Cause Specific Funds receive a percentage of the total investment income of the year as well as its expenses and associated revenue that comes into each fund. 16% of the total investment revenue goes to the funds with each fund receiving a percentage that corresponds to its percentage of the investment dollars. The largest fund was the JWD Endowment Fund.

Cause Specific Funds Summary:

Student Activities Fund:	\$74,139
Carlton Herman Founder's Fund:	\$34,065
Thorne & Williams Memorial Award Fund:	\$94,498
Endowment Fund - Journal of Wildlife Diseases:	\$91,903

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As of March 31, 2013, our total Investment portfolio value (including unrealized gains) is \$1,560,567. In 2012 we gained 10% on our investment portfolio.

The Student Activities Fund netted \$8,038 in the 2012 auction; half of this amount was split with the EWDA Student section. This year's auction netted \$4,500

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

Motion: (Yuill/Work)

To approve the 2013 Treasurer's report. *Passed unanimously*

Secretary's Report

P. Wolff presented the motions passed at the July 28, Council meeting. Those motions are as follows:

Approval of the May 2, 2012 Council meeting minutes

WDA Council approves the minutes of the 2 May 2013 Council meeting. *Passed unanimously*

Acceptance of the 2012 Financial Summary Report

That the Wildlife Disease Association Financial Summary Report for 2012 detailing current assets totaling \$1,508,643 (including unrealized gains) as of December 31, 2012 be accepted as presented.

Acceptance of the 2013 interim Financial Report

That the Wildlife Disease Association interim 2013 financial report detailing current assets totaling \$1,812,727 (including unrealized gains) as of May 31, 2013 be accepted as presented.

Internal accounting errors Cause Specific Funds

That the WDA Council recognizes errors in internal accounting that misled reporting of balances in the Student Activities Fund, the Carlton M. Herman Founders' Fund and Tom Thorne and Beth Williams Memorial Fund for 2010 and 2011.

Authorization of Ed Addison to review archived Association documents

WDA Council requests and authorizes Ed Addison to sort through the hard copy archived WDA documents in his possession and determine which he believes may need to be preserved, and is authorized to destroy materials not legally required or of no financial or historic value. If he needs resources consult with the WDA President and Executive Manager.

Renewal of TWS-WDA MOU for 2014

WDA Council approves renewal of the extension of the TWS-WDA MOU by the WDA President and Executive Manager on or before December 1, 2013 subject to its continued satisfactory fulfillment.

Approval of Student Small Travel Grants Program

WDA Council approves the Student Small Travel Grants program as described in a proposal from the Student Activities Committee (SAC) dated July 28, 2013, to be administered by the SAC.

Allocation of funds to the Student Small Travel Grants Program

WDA Council approves the allocation of \$2,500 from the Student Activities Fund FY 2014 budget to establish and initially fund the Student Small Travel Grants program.

Approval of revised Awards Committee guideline revisions

WDA Council approves the Awards Committee guidelines dated 22 June 2013. With amendments as suggested by Council on July 28, 2013.

Approval of revised Nominations Committee guidelines

WDA Council approves the revised Nominations Committee guidelines dated June 22, 2013.

Approval of the Small Grants Committee as a Standing Committee

WDA Council approves the establishment of a new Small Grant Awards Standing Committee and modifies the by-laws accordingly

Approval of Cornell University as the venue for the 2016 Annual International meeting

Council approves Cornell University in Ithaca, NY as the location for the 2016 Annual International WDA Conference.”

Venue for the 2015 Annual International meeting in Australia

Council supports either option decided by the Australasian section for the 2015 WDA International Annual Conference venue.

One time award of \$500 to U. of TN student Chapter

Council approves the award of \$500 of the net proceeds of the 2013 WDA International annual conference to be awarded to the University of TN student chapter of the WDA in recognition of their contributions to the 2013 annual conference.

JWD Editor's Report

J. Mills gave the Editor's report. Significant accomplishments this year relevant to JWD include:

- Impact Factor (IF) took a hit in 2011 due to how the calculation is made (number of citations in the previous 2 years / the number of publications in the previous 2 years) and because of the record number of article published in 2010 the denominator was very large thus decreasing the IF in 2011. Our impact factor has increased in 2012 to 1.3. Next year because the 2010 number of publications will move out of the denominator, our IF should increase to 1.4 or higher. Compared to other veterinary Journals, JWD is well above the mean and in 2012 it was in the 67th percentile. The mean impact factor for our category, Veterinary Sciences is also increasing annually. This is important as

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turnaround time and Impact factor are two of the significant reasons that people cite for not publishing in the JWD.

- Turnaround times on average in 2012-2013 have decreased from 200 to less than 100 days. Thus the turnaround time from submission to final acceptance has been cut in half compared to 2006-2008.
- Allen Press (AP) is our new electronic publisher and will go on line live with the new Pinnacle Website for the October issue. J. Mills outlined the specific reasons why we choose AP over HighWire, however one of the major factors was the excellent customer service that we have received from AP. There is a cost associated with going to a new publisher and to set up the Pinnacle platform website will cost \$6,000. However there is an additional cost associated with the transfer of the legacy articles back to 1964. This is time consuming and will add an additional \$23,000 bringing the total cost to approximately \$30,000 to switch our e-publisher.
- We are assigning Digital Object Identifier Codes to all of our manuscripts. This will allow us to move into publish ahead of print and open access as well as allowing linking of citations across publishers.
- We now use the CrossCheck service which provides software designed to allow editorial staff to check manuscripts for potential plagiarism.
- Committee developed Revised Instructions to Authors on guidelines for submitting hematology papers. Information is included on CrossCheck as well as specific instructions on what authors' need to do to comply with the NIH public open access compliance policy.
- We also have ongoing updates to the Allen Track system.

President Gavier-Widén thanked Editor Mills and B. Ellis for the excellent work that they have done on behalf of the JWD. She also mentioned that there are a two other editors, the Website Editor Tammie O'Rourke and the Newsletter Editor Samantha Gibbs whom she also thanked.

Executive Manager's Report

D. Jessup gave the Executive Manager's report during the Monday, 8/29/2013 business lunch.

President Gavier-Widén thanked the Executive Manager for all that he has done for the Association over the past year including; the Endowment Fund for the JWD, moving the website to AMM, assisting with conference organization, alliances with other organizations and outreach to our membership.

Geographic Section Reports

- Australasian Section
Report was given during the Council meeting. This Section is very active.
- Latin American Section – annual report presented by M. Uhart
M. Uhart gave an update. The section is getting ready to host its first Section Conference in São Paulo Brazil in September 2013. 100 papers were submitted for the conference. Membership numbers for the section have increased from 33 to 50.
- Nordic Section
Aleksija Neimanis is the new section Chair; however she was not able to attend the meeting so the report is being given by the outgoing Chair Erik Ågren. Biannual meeting held in May. The section has established a student travel award that can be used for either section meetings or the annual meeting. An expense account from the Section was presented.
- European Section - annual report presented by C. Gortázar
Last year the Section meeting was held in conjunction with the WDA Annual International Conference and the attendance of the meeting was the largest in WDA history. Next year the Section meeting will be held in Edinburgh in July. There have also been two smaller meetings held over the past year.
- Wildlife Veterinary Section – annual report submitted by J. Arnemo.

The Section is new and has 255 members, although not all of them have paid their dues. Based on a survey of the member's student involvement is important. So the Section may look at a student workshop for the 2014 meeting. We are looking at changing the by-laws for the Section as now they are the same as AAWV. The goal is for quarterly newsletters at the moment we do not have our own web page however the Newsletters are posted on the WDA website.

D. Gavier-Widén thanked the Section chairs and Executive boards of all the sections for all the important work that they do promoting WDA's mission in all corners of the world.

2014 Annual Conference

Kerry Mower gave a preview of New Mexico for the upcoming 2014 Annual International Conference.

President Gavier-Widén recognized the WDA Council for their work. This year's outgoing Council Members are Members at Large, Mark Pokras and Julie Langenberg, the ex-Chair of the Nordic Section Erik Ågren, the outgoing Past President Lynn Creekmore and last Website Editor Renee Carleton. President Gavier-Widén welcomed the incoming Council Members, Members at Large, Emi Saito and Dan Tompkins, the new Website Editor, Tammie O'Rourke, and new Chair of the Nordic Section Aleksija Neimanis. Dolores Gavier-Widén is leaving her

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position as President and incoming President is Thierry Work and the new Vice President is Marcela Uhart.

President Gavier-Widén thanked the 11 active Student Chapters, the Committee chairs and members and the membership for retaining their memberships in WDA and furthering the mission of the WDA.

Respectfully submitted:

Peregrine Wolff

WDA Secretary