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WDA Annual Business Meeting

St. Augustine, Florida, USA

August 9th, 2018, with approximately 60 attendees

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1. Opening procedures

The Annual Business Meeting Council was called to order by President **Deb Miller** at 17:13 UTC, in the Saint Augustine EFG Room, of the Renaissance Hotel, St. Augustine, Florida, USA. President **Miller** moved immediately to the council business, beginning with a presentation on next year's meeting in California.

2. WDA annual meeting 2019 – California

Mike Ziccardi gave a presentation on the venue where the 68th WDA annual meeting will be held: Granlibakken Lake Tahoe Conference Center in Tahoe City, California, USA. The meeting will be held the week of August 4-9, 2019. It will be co-hosted by Univ. of California, Davis, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. As it will be held in an all-inclusive resort, registration, meals and accommodations will likely be linked into one. The entire resort will be reserved for the meeting; we will be the only guests. **Ziccardi** assured members that the conference will be held as greenly as possible, the venue having a green purchasing policy and happy to work with the organizing committee to make sure it is as waste-free as possible. Prices will vary, so low-cost accommodations for students will be available along with deluxe settings for the rich and famous. The overflow will be taken up by nearby hotels and there will be free transportation to the conference center for those who are not housed in the main resort. Recommended airports are Reno and Sacramento, with the former being the closest and with a direct shuttle to Granlibakken. The theme of the conference will be "Fostering resilience in a time of change".

3. Auction Results

President **Miller** reported that the auction had collected about \$9,500, and that a matching donation of another \$2,200 is expected to follow. The portion of the auction to go to the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (AAWV) is to be determined.

4. Officers Reports and Approval of Treasurer's Report

President **Miller** delivered her report (REP#2018-01) and the Vice-President's report (REP#2018-02) as **Carlos das Neves** could not attend the meeting.

María Forzán delivered her report as Secretary (REP#2018-04).

Treasurer **Ziccardi** delivered his report (REP#2018-03). Briefly, as per the Treasurer's report, WDA holds assets of roughly 3.1 million dollars, which is a 22% increase from the previous year. Treasurer **Ziccardi** went through specific funds and their current status and reported that the endowment is close to its 2.4 million dollar goal.

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Miller advanced the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. WDA member **Peregrine Wolff** moved to approve, and was seconded by ex-Council member **Anne Justice-Allen**. Discussion proceed with a question from Ed Roos regarding funds to recruit new members and thus boost WDA’s membership. WDA Executive Manager, **Dave Jessup**, explained that there are in fact some avenues to direct budget to supporting specific activities by geographical Sections or Student Chapters; these initiatives increase exposure of WDA and help recruit participant who may have benefited from the activities funded. **Justice-Allen** supported the idea of trying to boost membership and **Miller** informed members of the newly approved power point promotional material, to be posted on the website presently, available to all members and produced by the Membership and Promotion Committee. Past WDA Treasurer **Laurie Beaten** reminded all members that Student Chapters can apply to WDA for funding to run their activities.

The motion was voted on and **APPROVED** with one abstention (Treasurer **Ziccardi’s**)

5. Executive Manager Report

WDA Executive Manager, **Dave Jessup**, provided a shortened version of the Report (REP#2018-06) he presented at one of the lunch time meetings earlier in the week (Monday August 6). **Jessup** thanked **Cindy Serraino** and **Sarah Sirica**, both present, for their work as website and newsletter editors, respectively. **Miller** followed up with an introduction of Sarah Sirica, who stood up so people could put a face to her name, and a recommendation to contact her for any postings.

6. JWD Editor Report

Dan Mulcahy gave a summarized version of this report (no Report was submitted to Council), originally presented at the second lunch time meeting (Tuesday August 7). Following the JWD Editor’s report, Stuart Patterson demonstrated the new feature of JWD: short videos on the author’s projects and work. In answer to a question from WDA member **Carlos Sanchez**, **Stuart Patterson** said the new feature is open to anyone and everyone who publishes on JWD and can be viewed by members and non-members alike. **Stuart Patterson** also requested feedback on whether the videos are thought to be useful to subscribing and potential members. WDA member and past President **Marcela Uhart** asked how a reader would find a link to a video if the link is included in an article that is not Open Access and suggested this should be considered when setting up those links. Another suggestion, from AAWV Secretary and WDA member **Lisa Shender**, was to have 2 versions of each video: one aimed as scientists and other wildlife professionals and a different one, devoid of jargon, aimed at the general public.

7. Concluding Remarks

No other topics were brought before Council, so President **Miller** thanked all participants for their presence and moved for closure.

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Business meeting was officially declared closed at approximately 17:57 pm EDT (21:57 UTC).

Respectfully submitted to the attention and approval of the WDA Council,

Ithaca, New York, USA, October 8th, 2018



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