Society Wetland Scientists North Central Meeting

November 5, 2013, 2pm CST

Present: Arnold van der Valk, Dave Mushet, Julie Nieset, Liz Pelloso, Mark Wiltermuth, Donna Jacobs

Arnold welcomed the group.

Recap of the Duluth meeting
Arnold reported that attendance for the national meeting in Duluth had been budgeted ahead at 400 people and attendance ended up being around 500 people. Attendance would have been even greater had the federal government sequester not been in effect at that time. A fair amount of people had to withdraw or have someone cover for them for this reason. Field trips were filled, and overall meeting very well. Reports that everyone reasonably happy and pleased with the success of this meeting. Donna concurred.

Status of Budget
We have $4,733.59 in our checking and $15,022.42 in a money market account. Updated membership numbers and our chapter’s cut of the profits from the national meeting have not been released, but are expected this month. The silent auction during the national meeting in Duluth brought in $1383.

Requests for funding, annual appropriations in the context of a review and discussion of draft 2014 budget

1) SWS Undergraduate Student Mentoring Program. Proposal and agreement to provide $750 for this program.

2) Sponsorship of the Wisconsin Wetland’s Association (WWA) 2014 conference – Discussed that this group has been a big supporter of our chapter. Liz attended last year and noted how much they have supported us. Proposal and agreement to provide at the $500 level. Liz verified that we will get exhibit space, our name in conference program, recognition, and one registration. Liz is going to take care of the display again this year and be our chapter’s attending representative.

3) Donna – Student awards. She has created a timeline of the process, to assist with a smooth coordination of the details around the student awards which she can make available to us. In December she will coordinate with SWS headquarters for smoothing out details.
   - Research awards. Proposal and agreement to provide $1500 for students (two awards at $750 each).
   
   - Student presentation awards (Two poster awards, two oral presentation awards) Proposal and agreement for four given at $100 each.

   - Travel awards. Regional (Carbondale, IL) and international (Portland, OR) meetings. Proposal and agreement for two for international at $1000 each and two for regional at $250 each.

4) Display shipping budget. Discussed the possibility of shipping it to the Portland meeting, but group decided that it probably wasn’t a good use of money, given the costs involved and the uncertainty of much impact at the large conference. Currently Loretta has display, there will be coordination between officers to get this to WI for the WWA conference in February.
5) Maintain in budget $1200 for NCC president to travel to annual meeting, if needed.

6) After the figures from SWS headquarters come out regarding the national meeting, and any revisions, the revised budget will be put up for a vote via email.

NCC 2014 Meeting at Carbondale

Carbondale meeting.
Request to Loretta to email us the latest for the Carbondale meeting. She texted that it will likely will be in June and will send more information in an email.

Other business
Dave is in charge of the chapter newsletter. Expect to get the newsletter out in January.

Wishes went around for a wonderful fall and Thanksgiving!

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm, CST.