

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL
MINUTES of the Society for Conservation Biology
General Members Regular Meeting
Baltimore City Convention Center
Baltimore, MD, USA
Meeting date: 24 July 2013

Call to order: A General Members Meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) was held in person on 24 July 2013. A quorum being established, consisting of SCB Board of Governors (BoG) members and meeting participants from the general membership of SCB, the meeting convened at 4:00 pm EDT (US Eastern Daylight Time), SCB President Rodrigo Medellin presiding, Kate Christen, Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Simon Nemptov, and seconded, to approve the minutes of the 8 December 2011 General Members Meeting held in Auckland, New Zealand. In favor: unanimous. **Motion carried.**

President's Statement

Incoming SCB Board of Governors President Rodrigo Medellin addressed the meeting, thanking outgoing President Paul Beier and outgoing Executive Director Anne Hummer for their service, and welcoming incoming Executive Director Geri Unger and new *Conservation Biology* editor Mark Burgman. President Medellin described his vision for the next two years, to maximize SCB's impact on behalf of the entire global community of conservation practitioners, urging all participants to make contact with other people from every region at this International Congress to develop new friendships and networks. He urged all present to maximize their engagement in the Society and urged them to contact the Board of Governors and Committee Chairs with their ideas for improving the Society. He also suggested that members from developed countries consider sponsoring the membership of others in developing countries.

Chapters Presentation

Adina Merenlender, outgoing Chapters Chair and BoG member, reminded the audience that many SCB members join first as Chapters members at their universities, and that Chapters and their activities generally serve as "boots on the ground" for SCB. She introduced representatives from three chapters who had been granted Chapters travel awards, Katie Hulzer (Davis, California, USA), Keri Charles (Western Pennsylvania, USA), and Briona Henry (Wellington, New Zealand), who each gave short presentations about their chapters' activities.

Financial Review

BoG Treasurer David Johns, provided a brief review of SCB 2012 and 2013 finances, and noted that the full report will appear in the upcoming SCB Newsletter. SCB closed out 2012 with a deficit of US \$234, 148. SCB received a clean audit for 2012. *Conservation Biology* was quite

profitable; the Society's other publications did pretty well. SCB did not meet its 2012 membership goals, falling about US\$123K short. The Policy Program also had less income than expected, as one large grant was not renewed. At present our Executive Office policy position is being held vacant, pending full funding of this program.

Executive Director's Report

Outgoing Executive Director Anne Hummer gave a brief report.

Publications Report

Mark Burgman, new *Conservation Biology* journal editor, gave a brief report about initiatives undertaken during his first three months of service. He also asked the audience to join him in thanking outgoing managing editor Margaret Flagg for her many years of service to SCB and the journal. Burgman emphasized that he seeks comments and feedback of all kinds from SCB members regarding *their* journal, and also wants to ask them to submit their next *very best* papers to CB. He then addressed several audience questions.

SCB Committees

James Watson, SCB President-Elect, provided an overview of the SCB Committees. Ron Abrams talked about the activities of the committee he chairs, the Ecological Footprint Committee.

Policy Discussion

Carlos Carroll and Dominick DellaSalla of the North America Section led a discussion on various policy issues, including how SCB decides on policy statements and regarding potential development of an SCB International policy program.

ICCB Discussion

John Cigliano and Chris Parsons led a discussion about improving the ICCB experience, means of achieving financial stability in section meetings, and extent of Executive Office support for regional meetings. Andras Baldi made a presentation about the upcoming 2015 ICCB in France.

SCB Student Awards Presentation

Rodrigo Medellin introduced the hosts of the SCB Awards Presentation, Eleanor Sterling and David Patrick, who then hosted the presentation of Wiley-Blackwell and Animal Conservation awards.

Adjournment: The 2013 SCB General Members Meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm EDT.



Kate Christen, Secretary

Date of Approval