

# Society for Conservation Biology, Davis Chapter

## Meeting Minutes: Monday, October 11, 2004, 6:30 p.m., 2342 Storer Hall

### I. Announcements

- A. List of meeting dates for fall quarter:
  - Monday, October 11 – 6:30 pm -Room 2342 Storer Hall
  - Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 pm -Room 2342 Storer Hall
  - Monday, December- 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm -Room 2342 Storer Hall
- B. Membership: \$5.00 cash or check made out to “UC Regents” given to Amy Welsh
- C. Our web address: <http://scb.ucdavis.edu>
- D. Proposition Potluck for November elections will be held at Karen Mabry’s House 1230 Fordham Drive, Davis on Wednesday 10/27, 7:30pm

### II. Introductions

- A. New officers: Molly Stephens, President; Noa Pinter-Wollman, Vice-President; Karen Mabry, Secretary; Amy Welsh, Treasurer
- B. Thanks to last year’s officers: Larry Rabin, president; Becky Kihslinger, vice president; Molly Stephens, Secretary; Alex Lee, Treasurer; Kevin Rice, faculty advisor
- C. Attendees – introductions around the room; Sign-up list for attendance and for adding name to **list servers: scbstudents** (our chapter), **scb-norcal** (a bay-area list server with announcements about regional events)

### III. SCB – What is it?

- A. International Society
  - International professional organization of over 6000 individuals dedicated to *promoting the scientific study of the phenomena that affect the maintenance, loss, and restoration of biological diversity.*
  - Mission of the Society:
    - **promote high quality research** in conservation biology
    - **publish and disseminate** scientific, technical, and management information;
    - **encourage communication** and collaboration between conservation biology and other disciplines
    - **educate**, at all levels, in the principles of conservation biology
- B. local SCB chapters
  - 23 local chapters
  - The purpose of Local Chapters is to provide a way for SCB members (and others) in local areas to organize and network around [the mission of the Society](#).
- C. Davis Chapter
  - 5 years old; a very active local chapter
  - Balance between *conservation science and research* with *policy and action*
  - Participation from many departments (e.g., Animal Behavior, Ecology, Pop Bio, Vet Med, Law, etc.)
  - Benefits of joining: voting privileges; lunch/dinner with invited speakers; list server announcements

### IV. Chapter Activity Descriptions - refer to [website](#) for more details and contact the committee chair to find out how to participate or for more information

- A. **Educational Outreach**

Activities: mentoring conservation and research projects with local elementary and high schools.  
Contact Amy Welsh [abwelsh@ucdavis.edu](mailto:abwelsh@ucdavis.edu) for more information.
- B. **Restoration Projects/Community Conservation**

Activities: working with local restoration groups on plantings, publicity, etc. Gathers information about opportunities for getting involved in community planned restoration activities and disseminates this calendar of events to chapter members and appropriate e-mail lists. Also coordinates its own local restoration activities.

--Possible future CalFed-related restoration/speaker combined activity; Kevin Rice also gave contact information from a Nature Conservancy person who may be interested in a scientist/manager seminar panel discussion that potentially involves restoration too  
Contact Becky Kihslinger [rlkihs@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rlkihs@ucdavis.edu) for more information.

- C. **Position papers/Newsletter**  
 Activities: researching conservation issues and writing science-based SCB Chapter position statements that reflect opinion of SCB Davis members (as determined by vote).  
*Contact* Becky Kihslinger [rlkihs@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rlkihs@ucdavis.edu) for more information.
- D. **Seminar series/Guest speakers**  
 Activities: organizing seminars, inviting/hosting guest speakers – **Start thinking about potential speakers for an upcoming seminar series; possibly CalFed related and/or tied into an actual conservation/restoration project**  
*Contact* Noa Pinter-Wollman [nmpinter@ucdavis.edu](mailto:nmpinter@ucdavis.edu) or Karen Mabry [kemabry@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kemabry@ucdavis.edu) for more information.
- E. **Elections/Proposition Potlucks**  
 Activities: an excuse to eat good food and educate ourselves on candidates, issues, measures, ballot initiatives, etc. for upcoming elections  
 \*See announcement for our 10/27/04 November elections potluck above\*
- F. **Sister Chapter in Bolivia and the Inherit & Conserve Program**  
 We have a sister chapter in La Paz, Bolivia and need a group of 4 or 5 people who will volunteer to help organize (1) writing a small grant proposal to request postage funds to mail old journals and books from us to them (Ingrid has a grant source in mind, and is open to more ideas, (2) brainstorming other ways to get supplies to them, (3) a field trip from Brazilia to Bolivia next July or August (before or after SCB 2005 international meeting in Brazil)
- G. Suggestion by Alex Lee to pursue **undergrad/mentorship committee**-would coordinate an undergraduate seminar in conservation biology where graduate students present their conservation research; possibly work with professors in freshman seminar context (suggested by Kevin Rice).  
*Contact* Alex Lee at [gerbil@ucdavis.edu](mailto:gerbil@ucdavis.edu)
- H. If you have an idea for a chapter activity *contact* Molly Stephens [mrstephens@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mrstephens@ucdavis.edu)
- I. **Miscellaneous activities** (non-committee):
- Proposition potlucks-Educate ourselves on voting issues, candidates, propositions, etc. Successful proposition potluck last spring; one sched. for Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Regional/National Meetings:
    - Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium – Jan, 2005 Stanford
    - SCB International meeting – 2006 San Jose – parent organization looking for help

## V. Summary

- Chapter focus involves both scientific/research/professional education-related activities and action-related activities
- SCB is what we all make it; depends on active participation from each of us
- Looking forward to a great year ahead.
- Eat Pizza, socialize, find the committee chairs that you are interested in, let us know if you see a committee/activity that needs to happen that you want to chair!