

Society for Conservation Biology, Davis Chapter
Meeting Minutes: Monday, December 6, 2004, 6:30 p.m., 2342 Storer Hall

I. Announcements

- Our Dec. 1 mixer with The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society was quite successful – and brought to our attention that perhaps SCB should do more fun things in addition to our usual business. If you have suggestions (field trips, etc.), please contact an officer with those.
- If you haven't paid your dues (\$5), contact Amy Welsh (abwelsh@ucdavis.edu).

II. Committee updates

- Undergrad seminar
 - The undergrad seminar will be held on Tuesdays from 5-6 in 2342 Storer Hall during Winter Quarter. The schedule is set, and will be posted on the SCB web page soon.
- Conservation Biology Winter seminar, Fridays 1-2:30 3001 PES
 - The schedule is almost finalized – Holly Doremus (UCD), Patrick Kelly (CSU Stanislaus), and Johnnie Moore (CALFED) are our confirmed invited speakers. Molly is trying to confirm with David Orr (Oberlin College). Several UCD students are also giving exit seminars as part of the seminar series.

III. Oak restoration/education project:

- There will be another potting party on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Jim Thorne's house on Old Davis Rd. If you are interested in helping with the oak restoration project, email Amy (abwelsh@ucdavis.edu) or Jim (jhthorne@ucdavis.edu).
- Jim needs volunteers to help with potting and picking up containers from businesses around town. Signup sheet was passed around.
- The membership unanimously voted to provide a maximum of \$400 for greenhouse space and supplies (compost and containers are being donated).
- The education committee is also working to involve local elementary and high school students in planting and rearing seedlings. If you are interested in participating in the education program, contact Amy Welsh (abwelsh@ucdavis.edu).

IV. 2005 Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium

- We discussed providing funding to subsidize the cost of conference registration for Davis SCB members. We then had two votes, the first on whether to provide any funding, the second on how much money we were willing to spend.
 - First vote options:
 - 1) Spend something (12 in favor)
 - 2) Do not provide any funding (0 in favor)
 - Second vote options:
 - 1) Pay up to the full registration fee per person, total cost not to exceed \$500 (13 in favor)
 - 2) Provide partial funding of \$10 per person (0 in favor)

- 3) Pay full registration fee for everyone, regardless of total cost (1 in favor)
- Summary: Davis SCB will subsidize registration fees for members attending the BACBS at Stanford. Amount per person will depend on how many people attend, and the total will not exceed \$500. We will not cover late fees, so please register by the deadline. If you are attending the BACBS, go on and pay your registration fee, and contact Amy Welsh (abwelsh@ucdavis.edu) about reimbursement.

V. Queries/Announcements

- The chair of the international SCB Student Affairs committee contacted Molly to find out how to encourage local chapter involvement with SCB international. She brought the following questions to the members:
 - How many are currently members of SCB parent society? *7 Davis SCB members in attendance were also SCB international members. 7 of the 18 in attendance at this meeting are currently members of the parent society*
 - How could SCB international encourage participation by local chapters at the national/international level? *Suggestions included having local chapters run a workshop at the international meeting, organizing a retreat for local chapter officers from around the country, and providing travel support for local chapter members who want to attend the international meetings.*
- Molly read the following announcement about the proposed Graduate School of the Environment:
 - The GGE Executive committee has recently formed five new sub-committees to tackle a set of pressing issue facing the grad group. Each sub-committee needs a student representative in their third year or beyond. Here is the list of sub-committees and a brief description of their purposes: 5) Graduate School of the Environment - This is a new proposed campus organization that if approved, would potentially oversee the GGE and other environmentally related grad groups. As the GGE would be the largest member, we have the opportunity to help determine the shape and structure of the GSE while it is still in its formative stages. This sub-committee is charged with determining what the GGE would want to see in the GSE should it be approved.
 - Contact person: EGSA Rick Lankau (ralankau@ucdavis.edu)

VI. New officer

- Noa Pinter-Wollman (our vice-president) will be out of the country starting in mid-late January 2005. We need to find a new vice-president to serve the rest of Noa's term. According to the by-laws, the current officers will appoint her replacement. If you are interested in being appointed vice-president of Davis SCB, contact Noa (nmpinter@ucdavis.edu).