

**Society for Conservation Biology**  
**Meeting Minutes: Monday, May 2, 2005**  
**6:30 p.m., 2342 Storer Hall**

1. New officer nominations
  - a. We voted on whether to allow nominees to run as co-officers (i.e., two people splitting the office of President). The vote was 1 yes, 9 no; offices cannot be shared.
  - b. The following people have been nominated for office during 2005-2006, and have accepted the nomination:
    - i. President:
      1. Rodd Kelsey
      2. Matt Schlesinger
    - ii. Vice-President:
      1. Katie McHugh
    - iii. Secretary:
      1. Elizabeth Heeg
    - iv. Treasurer:
      1. Pete Epanchin
  - c. We will vote for officers over email.
2. Oak ceremony update
  - a. Campus grounds held an oak dedication ceremony on April 29, 2005 at 10 am on the Quad. There were about 50 attendees, and Katie McHugh and Ingrid Hogle represented SCB and spoke at the ceremony. Overall, the ceremony was “fabulous,” although the Chancellor didn’t show, and SCB members were horrified when the ceremony ended with a balloon release.
3. Funding update:
  - a. Education
    - i. We recently voted to allocate \$200 to the education committee to pay for supplies and postage related to the education exchange with elementary students in Bolivia.
    - ii. Katie McHugh applied for and received ~\$300 for K-12 outreach activities from ASUCD Pathfinder. We will therefore rescind the originally approved \$200, since is no longer necessary in light of Katie’s grant.
  - b. Czech visit
    - i. Molly applied for \$650 in funding from the GSA to put toward Brian Czech’s upcoming visit. If we receive this funding, it will help pay for his travel and honorarium.
  - c. Bolivia travel
    - i. We recently voted to allocate \$300 to help pay for travel to the upcoming SCB meeting in Brazil for members of our sister chapter in Bolivia. SCB International agreed to contribute \$300 as well. This is enough to pay for bus fare for 2 members to travel to Brasilia from La Paz.

- ii. Given that we just received funding for educational outreach, and that we may receive additional money to help pay for Czech's trip, we may divert some of this previously approved funding for other projects to Bolivia travel. Ingrid is gathering additional information on travel costs, and we will vote via email when more information on costs and other funding is available.
- 4. Brian Czech visiting this weekend
  - a. There will be 2 talks; Friday, May 6 (11-12 in 2 Wellman Hall) and Saturday, May 7 (10:30 am in the Dynamic Education Space on the Quad at the Whole Earth Festival). Please attend!
  - b. We also have 2 dinners with Czech. The dinner on Friday night at 6 pm is open to anyone, and may be free (pending the receipt of Dean Witter funding). There will also be a potluck/barbeque at Peter Moyle's house on Saturday night; this will be a smaller gathering. Contact Molly ([mrstephens@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mrstephens@ucdavis.edu)) for more information about either dinner.
  - c. There are also open meeting slots on Friday; again, contact Molly to arrange a time to meet with Czech.
  - d. Finally, there will be a booth set up at the Whole Earth Festival; Greg Cunningham needs help setting up and taking down the tent/display. Contact Greg ([gbcunningham@ucdavis.edu](mailto:gbcunningham@ucdavis.edu)) or Molly ([mrstephens@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mrstephens@ucdavis.edu)) if you can help.
- 5. End of year potluck
  - a. We will have a potluck in lieu of our final meeting in June. The potluck will be held on Monday, June 6, 2005 at 6:30 at Sarah Brown's house - 1005 H Street (on the "right" side of the railroad tracks!)
- 6. Announcements
  - a. Becky Kihslinger drafted a letter to the California Aggie in response to a recent article on the designation of Cache Creek as a Wild and Scenic River. She sent that letter to the editor on May 3.
  - b. Ingrid Hogle reminded us of Andrew Fulks upcoming talk on Putah and Cache Creeks; it will be at 7 pm on May 16, 2005, in 1322 Storer Hall. Ingrid will send fliers via email for people to post.