

3/13/2006 SCB minutes

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SCB Int'l business

- Members of SCB int'l need to vote in the board of governor's election
 - o Dr. Mark Schwartz of UCD running
 - o Can vote online
- International meeting
 - o Registration deadline on Friday for int'l meeting in San Jose
 - \$110 for students
 - email vote will be taken in next month asking to use chapter funds to defray registration costs for presenters
 - if you become a member of int'l SCB you save \$70-\$80 on your registration – pay \$10 for int'l registration
 - in favor of funding presenters? – majority present say yes
 - o Bolivians at our sister chapter don't currently have funding
 - Some \$\$ through SCB registration website – might not know until a month before.
 - We had mentioned matching funds with SCB Int'l to sponsor sister chapter out of the big pool
 - Fundraising ideas for the Bolivian chapter? Email Ingrid (ibhogle@mindspring.com)
 - o Vote at next meeting about funding issues not resolved over email before then
 - o Chapters booth in exhibits hall
 - joint with other bay area chapters describing chapter activities
 - Interest in staffing? Email Rodd (trkelsey@ucdavis.edu)
 - Not a big time commitment and a fun way to meet people
 - Sometime in the spring we'll put together new brochures and such - anyone interested send Katie (kamchugh@ucdavis.edu) or Rodd (trkelsey@ucdavis.edu) an email.
 - Plan is to use same poster for picnic day and for SCB Int'l meeting
- Picnic day – April 22nd
 - o Raising money at picnic day or whole earth? Have to apply for a 1 day sales permit
 - o We missed the deadline but we will probably get the booth
 - o Katie will contact them tomorrow about fundraising and tabling
- Ingrid:
 - o Board of governors issue
 - SCB chapters representative on board of governors is Tom Fisk
 - Emailed Ingrid asking for input – he's approaching the chapters asking "how should chapters be working with the board to implement SCB's strategic plan?" Should SCB International tell

chapters what they're doing or should the chapters have freedom to do what they want?

- Jim Thorne of UCD suggested that SCB int'l should give out small grants every year to chapters with projects implementing the key portions of the strategic plan
- Issue is still under debate
- Chapters workshop day before the conference (12:30 -4:40 June 24th – right before opening reception)_
 - Presentations by Rodd, other int'l students about chapter activities
- Thinking of trying to put together one night camping trip for int'l chapter members on the 30th and 31st at Mt. Tam. ~ \$40/ person
 - Suggestion: Santa Cruz Mountains much closer, Big Basin. → Ingrid will check on availability. Cowell, other campgrounds not park associated also suggested
 - Ingrid was going to rent gear from OA
 - Interest from the group in this trip
- Chapter:
 - Are people interested in writing a position paper about the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and current goings on in the legislature
 - Example: Scientific Society statement on the ESA
 - Tied to supporting the ESA
 - Berkeley chapter, IUCN also have position papers
 - Mike Thompson recommended writing a position paper to Ingrid as a good way to have an impact in this issue
 - Our position paper would be geared more towards our local representatives, might have weight with local congressman
 - Int'l SCB recommends that any changes strengthen support for endangered species and use the best available science.
 - Katie will email examples and we'll continue to consider the issue
 - Question: Maybe we could sign on to current paper or see if any papers would just need local modifications? → group will investigate this possibility until next meeting
- Preble's jumping mouse
 - Contested whether mouse is a distinct subspecies, some groups on campus putting together comment
- Next quarter – Fire ecology listserv:
 - Chris – listserv on campus for affiliates interested in fire ecology
 - Gathering names to determine who'd be interested
 - First step towards creating a fire ecology student association chapter at UCD, much like SCB student chapter
 - Monthly meeting, rotating seminar series

- Question: Are many faculty doing fire? 50% of response – Peter Moyle emailed a white paper with other SCB talking about the intersection of fire and conservation
- More on ESA website
- Pete will send original email to SCB group – then email Chris if interested
- Local conservation plans – ECL290 seminar w/ March Schwartz as faculty supervisor
 - Riparian plan, parks plan for Yolo county, HCP for Yolo county
 - Still in the formation stages. Idea is to produce comments on the plan and suggestions
 - Will be listed under ECL seminars on ECL webpage
 - email from Mark about it will be forwarded to the group
 - Idea is to send comments to Petrea to be incorporated into the draft
 - implementation can be a real issue, but this is a pretty unique situation in that the decision makers came to our meeting to present it to us
- Journals: for Mexico and Bolivia
 - Still need to be organized and shipped
 - Is anyone willing to spare a couple hours to help Rodd organize journals to help him organize journals?
 - Determine duplicates, content to send to each University
 - If interested, email Rodd (trkelsey@ucdavis.edu)
 - Extra journals to donate? Also email Rodd and let him know
 - Email reminder at the beginning of the quarter with times
 - Questions to be answered:
 - How much money are we willing to spend?
 - Could we send journals with Bolivians and those you travel to Baja
 - Int'l bookrate is \$1/lb
 - Could also go through the libraries?
 - Membership was willing to send money
 - 13 members present – 27 current members – no quorum → vote will be taken over email
 - we've currently got over \$6,000 in our budget to work with
 - estimate of potentially \$1,000 cost
 - Would it be cheaper to give them a subscription?
 - Current SCB – free online subscriptions for developing countries
 - Ingrid - \$500 journal exchange fund every year?
 - Agreement that \$500 is a good maximum cap – wait and send more next year
 - Storage if we don't send?
- Chapter's grant – Pete submitted to SCB int'l organization to get membership funds for chapter members
- FUN committee
 - Bbq April 8th place and time to be decided
 - First meeting will be April 3rd

- Planning bird watching trip Sunday April 16th - maybe McLaughlin Reserve, maybe not since GGE is taking a retreat there soon. Time and date to be decided
- WIDSI
 - Radio tracking beanie babies w/ Karen Mabry
 - Wednesday topic is feet
- SCB Undergrad seminar is over – went well
- Website
 - Redesigning logo – coastal to mountain habitat → but we need pictures of California habitat!!!!
 - Suggested that we could also use Fish and Wildlife webpage for photos
- Possibility for fundraising is the burrowing owl mug