

SCB Meeting Minutes February 2007

For this meeting we did not have an invited speaker like the last several months: instead we spent the time discussing upcoming activities for this year and next year.

Announcements

1. Last month nine boxes of scientific journals, including Biotropica, TREE, and Conservation Biology, were successfully shipped off to Bolivia. This is great news as it has been a long time coming. Thanks to all those who helped out.
2. This Saturday the Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium (BACBS) will be held in Berkeley from 8:30 to 6pm. You can register the day of the event, so it is not too late if you decide now that you want to go. If you are interested in carpooling email Christina (ctliang@ucdavis.edu). More information about the meeting can be found at the BACBS website (<http://nature.berkeley.edu/consbio/symposium2007/>). Please go and report back to SCB in March about what you learned.
3. There will be a website planning meeting Monday Feb 12th at 1pm in April's lab (1403 Meyer Hall). This meeting is to discuss the design of the current SCB Davis Chapter website and the website we will need to create for the 2008 BACBS.
4. Next month we will return to our speaker series with the CA historian Lou Warren.

Activities

1. 2008 Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium (10th Annual)- Next year SCB Davis Chapter will be hosting BACBS and now is the time to start planning. We decided to create ten committees based on the committees set up the last time UCD hosted the meeting. The committees are:

Audio/Visual
Snacks and Drinks
Fundrasing
Plenary Speaker
PR/Web/Email
Program
Registration
Rooms and Space
Talks/Scheduling
Accomodations/Directions

It was decided that the most important topics to think about now are scheduling, room and space, fundrasing, PR/web/email, and choosing plenary speakers.

Scheduling- February 2, 2008 was tentatively decided upon as the date for the symposium. Pete plans to check for direct conflicts with other February meetings that might keep people from attending.

Room and Space- We need one large room for the plenary sessions and several smaller rooms for concurrent sessions. Several ideas were thrown out including a PES/Hunt combo, Wickson, LSA, Wellman, and the Chem building. Pete (the pres) is investigating this matter. If you have any suggestions please send him and email.

PR/web/email- We need to set up a website for the meeting and start getting the word out. The website will be discussed at April's web planning session. See above.

Plenary Speakers- There will be two plenary sessions and it was suggested that we get one local and one exogenous person as speakers. If you have ideas for speakers please email Pete. It was mentioned that we should contact Kevin Walsh, who organizes talks at the Cal Academy, for help.

T-Shirts? T-shirts were made at the last meeting. It was stated that a profit was made from the sales, but there were many left over that persisted for several years. At this point it has been decided to not do t-shirts, but if you feel strongly the other way please voice your opinion.

All of these committees need volunteers. If you would like to help make BACBS 2008 a great meeting please email Pete and tell him you would like to help.

2. Biodiversity Blues Benefit Concert BBBC- Planning for the BBBC has progressed. The Davis Graduate has agreed to host the event in concert with its Tuesday Blues nights. We have been given a set of dates to choose from. Most likely the show will be scheduled for Mid April probably the 17th. The details for the concert still need to be worked out. We need to finalize the band lineup, determine who to donate the money to, and start advertising. If you have any suggestions on these matters please send Michael Branstetter an email (mgbraansteller@ucdavis.edu). There was some discussion of what kind of conservation to group to donate to. The consensus so far is a group working on tropical conservation. We are going to try to put together a special projects proposal for the GSA in order to get a modest amount of funds for sound, band fees, and PR.
3. WIDSI- WIDSI has evolved from last year's visits to a single school and has an exciting schedule for Spring Quarter.

March- Mele Echiburru, a 3rd grade Spanish immersion teacher at Cesar Chavez, has invited WIDSI to visit her classroom to teach.

April- WIDSI will help organize an exchange between 4th grade classes at Cesar Chavez and Bolivian schools via our Bolivian sister chapter. This would involve one visit to each Cesar Chavez classroom involved.

May- In May WIDSI will visit after-school programs for migrant children at Cesar Chavez. This is organized by Sarah Fonte and will be on Wednesdays from appx. 1:30-3:00pm. You will get to help students learn English and the basics of science and conservation.

The dates for these projects are not set in stone. If you are interested in helping out please contact Anne Leonard (asleonard@ucdavis.edu).

That's it for this month. As always, if you have any questions please contact me or the other officers.