

SCB Meeting Notes
10/06/09

Kristy Deiner- President
Erin Reddy- Vice-President
Marit Wilkerson- Secretary
Jessica Blickeley- Treasurer

All continuing SCBers but one, a visiting scholar in Plant Sciences

No introductory spiel

Everyone feels that last year's activities all went well. One thing to make sure we stay away from is meetings that do not have some sort of central theme or attraction (i.e. speakers, debate, etc.)

Plans for this year:

1) 290 seminar- Green Lab, part of the continuing sustainability theme that SCB started exploring in the winter 2009

For those who can't go to the seminar: attendees are encouraged to share findings at SCB and "best practices" document will be collated by the 290 and will be disseminated.

There will also be a working group after the 290 to make the best practices document presentable to the university. Could have a meeting dedicated to the presentation of the 290's findings.

2) Restoration volunteering- Marit will continue to head this up. Plans have not been laid but she will talk to Audubon plus a few others about restoration projects.

3) Winter quarter undergrad seminar- poor attendance last year but Evolution peer advisors were in charge of publicity. Graduate students are the presenters. Weekly seminar. Bjorn and Erin headed it up last year but would like to pass it on. John said yes! Could this be part of a GGE 290? One focused on "scientific presentations." That means all grad student presenters would have to show up every week, give feedback, etc. Or the emphasis could be on a "teaching 290," i.e. how to teach your work to undergrads.

4) Policy- question about using transgenic plants and how that fits into conservation led to a discussion about how the SCB can develop position papers. There are actually specific guidelines in our chapter by-laws that determine what needs to go into position papers that will be presented to the larger SCB. This could be a good subject for an upcoming meeting.

5) Membership- all participants are strongly encouraged to sign up with the parent organization, SCB, www.conbio.org, and are encouraged to give their email to the president, kldeiner@ucdavis.edu, so they can be put on the Davis SCB listserv

6) Roadkill Survey- www.wildlifecrossing.ucdavis.edu, database where volunteers are encouraged to log any and every roadkill sighting they have, go to the website for more information

7) Tree Davis- urban forestry group based in Davis, first planting of the season is this Saturday 10th at 9:00

*SCB calendar! It's a Google calendar that can be found on our Davis chapter website. If anyone has something they want to add to the calendar, send it to kedeybala@ucdavis.edu

8) Guest speakers- in the past there have been entire quarters of speaker series, could be something to do in the spring, would anybody be willing to spearhead this? Either a whole series or just a few speakers throughout the year?

Next meeting ideas?