



Conference Call

World Seabird Conference 2: Planned for 26 - 30 October, 2015, Cape Town, South Africa

Atlantic Call – Apr 24, 2014 - 1700 GMT

(*Pacific Call – Apr 17, 2014 – 2400 GMT CANCELLED)

WSU Member Organizations & Representatives				
Member Organization	Representative	Role ^a	Apr 17*	Apr 24
African Seabird Group	Ross Wanless	P		A
American Bird Conservancy	George Wallace	P		A
Argentine Seabird Group	^b Pablo Yorio, South America	P		A
Argentine Seabird Group	Esteban Frere	A		
Australasian Seabird Group	Peter Dann	P		
Australasian Seabird Group	^b Nicholas Carlile, Australasia, Secretary	A		
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	Ben Sullivan/ Ben Lascelles	P		
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	John Croxall	A		
Circumpolar Seabird Group (CBird)	^b Dave Irons, Chair	P		A
Dutch Seabird Group	^b Kees Camphuysen, Europe	P		A
Dutch Seabird Group	JA (Jan) van Franeker	A		
European Seabirds at Sea Group	Stefan Garthe	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	^b Matthieu Le Corre, Africa/Indian Ocean	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	Nic Dunlop	A		
Japan Seabird Group	^b Yutaka Watanuki, Asia	P		
Medmaravis	Carles Carboneras	P		
NW Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative	Melanie Steinkamp	P		
Ornithological Society of New Zealand	Graeme Taylor	P		
Pacific Seabird Group	^b Pat Jodice, North America	P		A
Pacific Seabird Group	Michelle Kappes	A		
Peruvian Assn for the Conservation of Nature	Liliana Ayala	P		
Peruvian Assn for the Conservation of Nature	Raul Sanchez-Scaglioni	A		
Royal Naval Birdwatching Society	Steve Copsey	P		
Royal Naval Birdwatching Society	Mark Cutts	A		
Soc for the Conservation & Study of Caribbean Birds	Will Mackin	P		A
The Seabird Group	Russell Wynn	P		
The Seabird Group	Ellie Owen	A		
The Waterbird Society	^b Betty Anne Schreiber, Treasurer	P		
Waterbird Conservation for the Americas	Jennifer Wheeler	P		
^a Role: P=Primary Representative, A=Alternate Representative ^b Board member				
* April 17 Conference Call cancelled				
WSC2 Committee Members				
Contacts				
Early Career Scientists	Fiona McDuie			
Awards	Ken Morgan			A
Awards	Anton Wolfaardt			A
Fundraising	Kim Nelson			
WSU Development Team				
Seabirds.net	Grant Humphries			
WSU Secretariat	Marischal De Armond			
Global Seabird Colony Register	Robb Kaler			A
MortalityIndex	Julia Parrish			
At-Sea Seabird Database	Kathy Kuletz			
Attendance: A = Attended				



Minutes

1. Call to Order

24 Apr – D Irons called the meeting to order at 1703 GMT

2. Update on status of selecting a conference venue in South Africa

24 Apr – D Irons reported he has been discussing the details of the \$23K venue deposit with D Forsell (currently, PSG Past-Chair, but served as Chair at the time the original proposal was received). D Forsell is requesting more discussion on details of the venue deposit.

ACTION: D Irons, R Wanless, and M De Armond to arrange phone meeting to discuss details, then move forward with a timeline to address PSG needs.

3. Update List of Committees

24 Apr – D Irons noted that at this time, all names of people on each committee are confirmed, with a few committees still needing to confirm co-chairs.

ACTION: D Irons to work with a few committees to identify co-chairs

4. Update WSC2 Executive Committee

24 Apr – The WSC2 ExCo is largely complete but need to confirm a co-chair.

ACTION: D Irons to identify a co-chair for the WSC2 ExCo

5. Update on Scientific Program Committee

24 Apr – K Camphuysen reported that several proposals had been received to date. Several people on the call (D Irons, P Jodice, R Wanless, G Wallace) commented that they had been approached by people or organizations with proposal ideas to contribute. K Camphuysen encouraged people make sure their colleagues submit their ideas to the Scientific Program Committee by 15 May.

ACTION: Scientific Program Committee should meet soon to discuss rough count of number of sessions and presentations possible. P Ryan returns from afield around 15 May, but the other committee members could discuss thoughts prior to his return.

ACTION: All WSU members need to be active and distribute the Circular and encourage colleagues to submit ideas to the Scientific Program Committee.

6. Update on Fund Raising Committee

24 Apr – D Irons reported that K Nelson sent him a brief update. K Nelson is pursuing possible funding support from the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM; possible seabirds and energy development session) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (possible oil spill preparation and response session). All suggestions of potential funding sources and options are welcome and should be sent to K Nelson.

ACTION: K Nelson to arrange committee meeting to discuss next steps for committee members to focus efforts.



7. Update on Local Committee

24 Apr – R Wanless reported that while there is no major news to share at this time, responsibilities have been delegated among the committee and progress is steady. R Wanless requested a call with D Irons to discuss specific details of local arrangements.

ACTION: D Irons and R Wanless to arrange a phone call in the near future to discuss Local Committee responsibilities.

8. Update on Legacy Initiatives Committee and “Legacy Initiatives”

24 Apr – No new updates, however, prior J Croxall’s departure (becoming inaccessible for several months), he sent out the proposed outline of ideas for legacy initiatives and actions to deliver on those initiatives.

9. Update on Travel Awards Committee

24 Apr – K Morgan & A Wolfaardt – Following the release of the WSC2 Circular, many people contributed input on how to develop criteria on travel award eligibility. K Morgan and A Wolfaardt are collating these ideas and discussing a conceptual idea for the online application form. Once finalized, the committee will be engaged for input, with D Irons and M De Armond copied on the correspondence.

D Irons asked how Early Career Scientist would be defined, K Morgan replied that the Travel Award Committee would use the definition put forth by F McDuie and the ECS Committee (see **ACTION** item under ESC Committee update). Additionally, K Morgan recommended using the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) list of developing countries [<http://www.conbio.org/membership/become-a-member/developing-countries>]. K Morgan emphasized that the committee will give preference to applicants representing one or both of these categories.

ACTION: K Morgan and A Wolfaardt to finalize criteria and conceptual idea of online application form and distribute to committee members for review and input (and copy D Irons and M De Armond).

10. Update on Student Paper Awards Committee

24 Apr – there was nothing to report from this committee

11. Update on Communications Committee

24 Apr – there was nothing to report from this committee

12. Update on Early Career Scientist Committee

24 Apr – there was nothing to report from this committee

ACTION: F McDuie and the ECS Committee to develop a definition of what constitutes an Early Career Scientist and to share definition with Travel Awards Committee.

13. Other business

WSU Board Member Transition Process

24 Apr – D Irons reemphasized that WSU Board representation need to start process of rolling over board members and transition planning



ACTION: D Irons to distribute to the Board M De Armond's discussion paper on board member roll-over and transition process

Habitat destruction, oil spill et al issues – set up a conservation committee?

24 Apr – N Carlile sent D Irons a scoping document which D Irons shared with the Board and requested input. The Board will discuss the document and determine next steps.

- P Jodice emphasized the need to discuss the process and ensure that it is fully vetted by the WSU.

Additionally, P Jodice mentioned the Conservation Committee of the Waterbird Society may be able to provide some insight into the process of establishing such a committee.

- R Wanless felt the idea of a conservation committee is worth exploring and could have positive results and broader application beyond seabird scientists.

- K Camphuysen asked how Board discussions on the subject will be carried out (email, conference call?).

- K Camphuysen commented that established conservation entities already exist (e.g., BirdLife International) and developing a conservation committee may be a redundant effort.

ACTION: D Irons to establish format for Board discussion on subject of a WSU Conservation Committee

ACTION: P Jodice to contact the Conservation Committee of the Waterbird Society and request information on their method of developing their committee.

14. Next Conference Call

Atlantic Call 1700 GMT 22 May, 2014

Pacific Call 2400 GMT 29 May, 2014

15. Adjournment

24 Apr – D Irons called the meeting to a close at 1745 GMT