



Conference Call

1700 GMT (Thursday in N. Am. & Europe), 18 July, 2013

WSU Member Organizations & Representatives				
Member Organization	Representative	Role ^a	July 18	July 25
African Seabird Group	Ross Wanless	P	A	
American Bird Conservancy	George Wallace	P		
Argentine Seabird Group	^b Pablo Yorio, South America	P	A	
Argentine Seabird Group	Esteban Frere	A		
Australasian Seabird Group	Peter Dann	P		A
Australasian Seabird Group	^b Nicholas Carlile, Australasia, Secretary	A		A
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	Ben Sullivan/ Ben Lascelles	P	A	
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	John Croxall	A		
Circumpolar Seabird Group (CBird)	^b Dave Irons, Chair	P	A	A
Dutch Seabird Group	^b Kees Camphuysen, Europe	P		
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	A	
Ornithological Society of New Zealand	Graeme Taylor	P		A
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		
The Seabird Group	Russell Wynn	P		A
The Seabird Group	Ellie Owen	A		
The Waterbird Society	^b Betty Anne Schreiber, Treasurer	P		
Waterbird Conservation of the Americas	Jennifer Wheeler	P	A	
^a Role: P=Primary Representative, A=Alternate Representative ^b Board member				
Associate Members (non-voting)				
Associate Member Organizations	Contacts			
Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels	Mark Tasker & Marco Favero			
Associacao de Pesquisa e Preservacao de Ecossistemas Aquaticos	Caio Carlos			
Global Penguin Society	Pablo Garcia Borboroglu & Dee Boersma			
Prodelphinus Peru	Jeffery Mangel			
SCAR Expert Group on Birds and Marine Mammals	Mark Hindell & Yan Ropert-Coudert			
WSU Development Team				
Seabirds.net	Grant Humphries		A	
WSU Secretariat	Marischal De Armond		A	A
Global Seabird Colony Register	Robb Kaler			
MortalityIndex	Julia Parrsh			
At-Sea Seabird Database	Kathy Kuletz			
Attendance: A = Attended				

Minutes

1. Call to order

18 July - D Irons called the Atlantic meeting to order at 17:05 GMT.

25 July - D Irons called the Atlantic meeting to order at 00:03 GMT.

2. WSU Society Matters

18 & 25 July - D Irons indicated there is no new business for this agenda item

3. World Seabird Conference 2

a. Discuss process of selecting a venue and conference organizer

18 & 25 July - D Irons indicated that he, R Wanless and M De Armond have been working on a process for vetting proposals from Cape Town on WSC2 main issues related to local conference planner, conference dates and meeting venue

18 July - R Wanless indicated that 3 proposals had been submitted to provide local meeting planning services and following a preliminary review of the proposals with D Irons and M De Armond a primary proponent was selected for further discussion. This meeting took place on 17 July and as a result a revised proposal is expected in time for our Pacific Conference call on July 25th.

18 July - R Wanless also indicated that he has received nominations from ASG members to serve on committees

25 July – MD updated the evaluation process since the 18 July call, including the to and fro with the primary local meeting planning services company to fine tune their proposal including some adjustment and re-pricing of services . R Wanless now satisfied that the revised proposal for a local organizer be circulated to the WSU with a recommendation to accept their proposal. In response to a question regarding the clarification of duties between De Armond Management Ltd and the African Planning company M De Armond indicated that with the establishment of the WSU that his company would be serving the interests of the WSU, supporting the EXCO and planning committees and communicating, with the local committee, the needs of the committees vis-à-vis local implications.

ACTION: Circulate the local meeting planner's (African Agenda) proposal to the WSU Board for review and approve the meeting sub-committee's recommendation to accept this proposal.

b. Discuss having WSU Board replace the International Steering Committee from WSC1

18 & 25 July – D Irons discussed the natural progression of the Conference oversight structure in place at WSC1 to a revised model for WSC2 that sees the WSU Board becoming the International Steering Committee and the



WSC2 Executive Committee (EXCO) would then include members of the WSU Board and the Chairs of the various WSC2 committees. All were in agreement that this model is appropriate to use in the future.

c. Nominate Scientific Program Committee members, and chair

18 July – D Irons indicated that B Sydeman has expressed interest in serving on this committee. P Jodice indicated that he feels his role is most appropriate to serve as a bridge to the past and that his role is most to be considered in an Ad Hoc fashion without need to influence the current committee.

18 July – R Wanless indicated that Prof Peter Ryan is interested in serving on the committee as the primary South Africa person and may be enticed to serve as the chair

18 July – B Lascelles wanted clarification on the WSC1 SPC committee members and it was confirmed that P Yorio, Norman Ratcliffe and P Jodice were the three members. Both P Jodice and P Yorio agreed that the committee had a lot of work, which would lend itself to a larger committee to support the evaluation of abstract submissions. M De Armond asked whether having a small group of 3-4 people serve as the strategic team developing the overall conference program, with support from a larger team of people managing the abstract reviews would be a helpful adjustment and P Yorio and P Jodice agreed it would. P Jodice also reminded everyone that special symposia and invited sessions had a parallel submission and review process led by the respective session chairs

18 July – D Irons asked if they had ideas for additional nominees to the SPC, keeping in mind that the core committee requires both a geographic and taxonomic representation. G Humphries suggested that Michelle Kappes, Peter Kappes, and/or Jennifer Lavers might be considered. B Lascelles indicated he is interested in serving in some fashion with the committee. D Irons clarified that the tentative list of candidates, pending invites identified during the Pacific call and clarifications of availability include: Peter Ryan, Ben Lascelles, Michelle Kappes, Bill Sydeman, and Jennifer Lavers with Pat Jodice serving in an ad hoc basis.

Holly Freifield let D Irons know that could not make the call but that she would be willing to serve on one of the following committees, Scientific program, Student Awards or Travel Awards Committee.

25 July – P Dann indicated his interest in serving on the committee but not as Chair. Other names as discussed in 18 July meeting were well received. There was agreement that there needs to be a representative from South America.

ACTION: G Taylor to inquire of the level of interest from Michelle Kappes and Jennifer Lavers

ACTION: B Lascelles will clarify his availability to serve on the SPC

d. Nominate Fund Raising Committee members and chair

18 July - DI indicated some urgency in getting this committee up and running due to a pending Aug 1 deadline to prepare and submit a funding application for the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, which he is willing to prepare with the support of a nascent committee. Without committing to serving on the committee, R Wanless & M Steinkamp both offered to support DI in preparing the NFWF submission



18 July – J Wheeler commented that committee size is not as important as committee members having the strong connections with potential funding agencies and the somewhat charismatic nature and willingness of individuals to chase down opportunities. P Jodice & M Steinkamp both suggested members could be engaged for specific requests based on their “name” or access to specific funding sources

18 July – D Irons asked for nominations and R Wanless indicated Vernon Head and Margaret Roestorf are interested in being involved to support local fundraising efforts. He also nominated D Irons who accepted. J Wheeler indicated she would serve again. D Irons indicated that Bill Sydeman has also expressed interest in serving again

ACTION: D Irons to email WSU members for nominations of additional fund raising committee members

e. Discuss Local Committee progress

18 July – R Wanless indicated that this committee is planning its first meeting next week and will have an update at a later date

ACTION: M De Armond to connect Pat O’Hara, Local Chair - WSC1 with R Wanless so he can get some insights into lessons learned from WSC1

f. Delay discussion on Legacy/Database Committee

18 July – D Irons indicated that G Humphries and J Croxall have both interested in serving on this committee

18 July – B Lascelles feels that as these projects are up and running, the work involved in this committee will be less onerous than at WSC1 and that the folks leading the respective sessions to be delivered at the conference could de facto serve on this committee

g. Delay Discussion on Travel Awards Committee

h. Delay Discussion on Student Paper Awards Committee

i. Begin discussing the formation of a Communications Committee

18 July – G Humphries indicated this committee would likely comprise 2-3 people who would prep media/press releases, post info on the web and engage in related activities to promote media awareness of the conference in advance and during the conference. Committee composition would further include 1 senior scientist and a couple of early career scientists. G Humphries indicated he would like to serve on this committee and has received an expression of interest to serve from Sjuorer Hammer

25 July – P Dann was enthusiastic about how this committee could affect awareness for the WSC and for seabirds in general and suggested G Humphries would be an excellent chair. N Carlile supported this. R Wynn,



indicated they are seeing similar success with Mark Lewis work on their behalf and would be someone worth approaching to serve on this committee.

ACTION: R Wanless will identify a member from South Africa to serve on this committee

ACTION: R Wynn to connect Mark Lewis with G Humphries about linkages and potential committee involvement.

j. Begin discussing the formation of an Early Career Scientist Committee

18 July – G Humphries indicated that this committee would likely comprise 5-6 people with a minimum of one senior scientist and the rest being Early Career Scientists (i.e. masters & post docs, field researchers and individuals with up to 5 years full-time work in seabird research with government agency or research institutions. Responsibilities would be focused on broad engagement of Early Career Scientists in the conference. Specific activities might include the development and delivery of mentoring sessions and special ECS workshops and coordination with LOCO on the organization of special social functions for ECS (i.e. an ECS social), or the inclusion of ECS activities in existing conference social activities.

18 July - G Humphries indicated an interest in serving as chair of this committee and that he has some ideas for a number of others who could be approached to serve.

25 July – N Carlile offered to serve on this committee. R Wynn would recommend the student representative from The Seabird Group. D Irons noted that the size of this committee is somewhat variable around 5-6, however he reminded everyone that students and scientists of all ages and experience levels should be serving on all committees

ACTION: D Irons to issue a call for nominations to ensure broad representation on this committee

ACTION: G Taylor will poll his network to identify potential student representatives on this and other committees

k. Discuss the timing and content for a First WSC2 Circular

18 July – R Wanless and M De Armond both recommended that this circular is best send once the venue and dates have both been confirmed. This is expected to occur no later than Oct 2013, a full 2 years prior to the conference.

25 July – The circular planned for Oct was supported by all and as a corollary, the preliminary date announcement that was sent in May was met with positive comments and good indicators of attendance from people in the southern hemisphere.

4. Legacy Developments



a. Seabirds.net

18 July - G Humphries "high-lighted researcher" section now launched with good feedback and traffic currently. Continues to look forward for funds to support the development of the site

b. Seabird colony databases (monitoring & register)

18 July – D Irons referred everyone to Rob Kaler’s circular that was recently circulated to all

18 July – B Lascelles indicated he will be in touch with R Kaler to add approx. 2000 records to the GSR.

c. Seabird tracking databases

18 July – B Lascelles indicated that the Tracking database is now available online for 65 new colonies. Next phase is to include Penguin data.

d. Seabird-at-sea databases

18 & 25 July – no updates

e. Indicators of performance, productivity and population status

18 & 25 July – no updates

f. Mortality events

18 & 25 July – no updates

5. Other Business

18 July – D Irons reminded everyone about the 3rd IMMC to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom, 14-18 August 2014

6. Next Conference Calls

- Pacific Call 2400 GMT 22 Aug, 2013
- Atlantic Call 1700 GMT 29 Aug, 2013

7. Adjournment

18 Jul - D Irons adjourned the meeting at 18:20 GMT

25 Jul - D Irons adjourned the meeting at 00:55 GMT