



Conference Call

World Seabird Conference 2

26 - 30 October, 2015, Cape Town, South Africa

Atlantic Call – Aug 7, 2014 - 1700 GMT

Pacific Call – Aug 7, 2014 – 2400 GMT

WSU Member Organizations & Representatives				
Member Organization	Representative	Role ^a	Atlantic	Pacific
African Seabird Group	Ross Wanless	P		
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		
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	John Croxall	A	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		
Ornithological Society of New Zealand	Graeme Taylor	P		A
Pacific Seabird Group	^b Pat Jodice, North America	P		
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 Copey	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				
WSC2 Committee Members				
Early Career Scientists	Fiona McDuie			A
Awards	Ken Morgan			
Awards	Anton Wolfaardt			
Fundraising	Kim Nelson			A
WSU Development Team				
Seabirds.net	Grant Humphries		A	
WSU Secretariat	Marischal De Armond		A	
Global Seabird Colony Register	Robb Kaler			A
MortalityIndex	Julia Parrish			
At-Sea Seabird Database	Kathy Kuletz		A	
Attendance: A = Attended				

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

07 Aug (ATL) – D Irons called the meeting to order at 1702 GMT

07 Aug (PAC) – D Irons called the meeting to order at 0001 GMT

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

07 Aug (ATL) – Dave noted that we are just waiting for the NFWF funds to come through before sending the final payment to CTICC to lock in the rental/usage fees at the 2014 level. The balance of funds is due by August 31, 2014. The contract and initial deposit have already been sent through.

07 Aug (PAC) –

ACTION: M De Armond to forward funds to CTICC once received

3. **Update List of Committees**

07 Aug (ATL) – No update

07 Aug (PAC) – No update

4. **Update WSC2 Executive Committee**

07 Aug (ATL) – No update

07 Aug (PAC) – No update

5. **Update on Scientific Program Committee**

07 Aug (ATL) – J Croxall offered to follow-up with B Lascelles to clarify outstanding program symposia as a way of identifying funding approaches

07 Aug (PAC) – P Dann noted that Symposia and workshops proposals are in. Similar proposals are being amalgamated. D Irons added that fundraising may also add further funded proposals to the mix that will need to be addressed.

ACTION: D Irons to check-in with the SCP for an update on their activities and plans

Update on Fund Raising Committee

07 Aug (ATL) – D Irons reported on behalf of K Nelson who indicated that they are pursuing leads with Fish and Wildlife Service and a new opportunity that BA Schreiber has identified. The committee reviewed the recommended registration rates presented by D Irons and M De Armond and are suggesting an increase for regular attendees to \$399 for Early Bird and \$449 for Regular. Student rates increase to \$229 and \$279. There were no objections to these rates by folks on the line.

A question was raised about developing a rate class for Early Career Scientist. This is an option that will be pursued with the ECS Committee in alignment with their definition of what is an ECS and ensuring there is a way to properly identify them.

D Irons confirmed that during the registration process an option will be provided for anyone wanting to make a separate donation to the Society.



07 Aug (PAC) – Additional discussion regarding further contributions via corporate/institutional registration (early bird only) for \$50 above the suggested rates. F McDuie noted that the biggest issue for ECS' is long-term jobs therefore poor funding to attend conferences unlike most students. G Taylor suggested registration rates somewhere between Regular Rate and Student rate. K Nelson noted that those who are not in an Institution or student still have to pay their way. G Taylor & P Dann suggested that ECS apply to Travel Awards committee with their case. R Kaler need to emphasize that ECS have equal opportunity to get travel awards and perhaps need to have peer support letter as part of application.

ACTION: P Yorio to confirm with A Wolfaardt whether or not Argentina is considered a country that qualifies for funding. DI to confirm the earliest registration may open (possibly January 1st)

6. Update on Local Committee

07 Aug (ATL) – No updates from R Wanless. J Croxall will be in touch with R Wanless in to see if there are any issues he needs to address with R Wanless' boss when he meets with him in the next couple of weeks.

07 Aug (PAC) – No updates

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

07 Aug (ATL) – Subject to approval from the SPC, J Croxall reported that the following Legacy Initiative topics are expected to be included in the WSC2 scientific programme.

Sessions continuing from WSC1 (main need is to provide opportunity to update WSC2 on the current state of play)

- **Colony (and Monitoring) Databases** - Proposed as paper session, comprising review talks by e.g. Kaler, Mackin, plus any other submissions deemed suitable.
- **Tracking Database** - Proposed as paper session, comprising review by BirdLife (current status of Global Seabird Tracking Database), plus suite of 3-min talks by relevant dataholders not involved in major seabird tracking symposia.
- **Mortality events** - No proposal for symposium or workshop received. Possible paper session, if appropriate submissions received.
- **Seabirds.net** - Workshop proposal submitted from Grant Humphries and his team; likely other collateral events.

New Sessions

- **New collaborative initiatives** - No proposal for symposium or workshop received. However the proposed gadfly and storm-petrel workshops are candidates for new collaborative mechanisms.
- **Outreach and education** - Peter Hodum (with Natalia Collier, Hannah Nevins, Henrik Moller, Phil Lyver and Chris Jones) have submitted a proposal for a Symposium and discussion on Community-based seabird conservation.
- **Early-career scientists** - F McDuie and team submitted a Workshop proposal; they also wish to hold a post-talks afternoon/evening event in speed-dating style (ideally with sponsored refreshments).
- **Outcome-based conservation** - Scott Hall (NFWF) and John Croxall have submitted a proposal for a Symposium and workshop.

07 Aug (PAC) – No updates

8. Update on Travel Awards Committee

07 Aug (ATL) – D Irons reported on A Wolfaardt and K Morgan’s behalf that they have now defined the structure for awarding travel funds and will be asking for input on this plan before finalizing it.

07 Aug (PAC) – No updates

9. Update on Student Paper Awards Committee

07 Aug (ATL) – No updates

07 Aug (PAC) – No updates

10. Update on Communications Committee

07 Aug (ATL) – G Humphries reported that they expect to deliver the Twitter Conference in Mar/Apr 2015 and is looking to add 3-4 more people to the existing 3-4 people currently on the committee to assist with this event. Teaser video is close to being completed and is expected to launch in early September.

Looking for celebrity endorsement and is currently working on possibility with David Attenborough. Also continuing to develop the media list in South Africa.

07 Aug (PAC) – No updates

ACTION: M De Armond to add Twitter Conference info, Teaser video to conference website once received from G Humphries.

11. Update on Early Career Scientist Committee

07 Aug (ATL) – No updates

07 Aug (PAC) – Proposals are with SC and description of ECS has been completed.

General discussion: FM: components are being discussed with Grant H i.e. twitter feeds and pre-conference conference but the latter needs reassessing. ECS group have had additional offers of help from very active people so looking at possible changes in committee members

12. Other business

Conservation Committee

07 Aug (ATL) – D Irons reported that N Carlile has developed a draft of this committee and will circulate for input. There remains a split in terms of whether this should become a formal initiative of the Society or not. J Croxall noted that the current proposal addresses his concerns about the Committee and feels it is now a workable process. P Yorio agrees that the revised proposal is satisfactory to him as well.

ACTION: N Carlile to circulate to the wider committee once the Board members have agreement on the conservation sub-committee text.

Injured Scientist

07 Aug (ATL) – G Humphries mentioned that Travis White, a Carleton University student was recently injured in the field while working in the Artic. His family has set up a site for donations to support his recovery. A link to this is available on the Seabirds.net site.



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13. Next Conference Call

Atlantic Call - 1700 GMT 23 Oct, 2014

Pacific Call - 2400 GMT 23 Oct, 2014

14. Adjournment

07 Aug (ATL) – D Irons called the meeting to a close at 1745 GMT

07 Aug (PAC) – D Irons called the meeting to a close at 0059 GMT