

## MINUTES OF THE PSG EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

2 May 2017 Conference Call

4:00pm-5:00pm (Pacific Daylight Time – UTC-7)

Amended and approved 19 May 2017

**Present:** Kyra Mills-Parker (Chair), Jane Dolliver (Secretary), Peter Hodum (Washington/Oregon, Robb Kaler (Alaska/Russia Regional Representative), Trudy Chatwin (Canada Representative), , Kuniko Otsuki (Asia/Oceania Regional Representative), Chris Tyson (Student Representative), Adrian Gall (Chair-Elect), Mark Rauzon (Vice Chair for Conservation)[9]

**Absent:** Martin Renner (Treasurer), Nina Karnovsky (Past Chair), Ross Wanless (Europe/Africa Regional Representative, Samantha Richman (E Coast US Regional Representative), Andre Raine (S. California, Latin America, Hawaii), Anna Weinstein (Northern California Representative [6].

**Coordinators present:** Jennifer Lang, Membership Coordinator[ 1].

### 1. ROLL CALL AND REVIEW AGENDA

Motion to begin discussion of 2 May 2017 agenda moved by Jane, Peter seconds.

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Jane, Peter seconds

Abstentions: 0, Nays: 0, Yays: 9, motion passed unanimously.

### 2. MEETING MINUTES

Move to start discussing 11 Apr 2017 meeting minutes moved by Jane, Robb seconds

Comments: typo on page 2 “listserv costs lower in 2016”

Motion to accept minutes with edits moved by Jane, Robb seconds

Abstentions: 0, Nays: 0, Yays: 9, motion passed unanimously.

### 3. 2018 ANNUAL MEETING BUDGET

Motion to discuss the 2018 Annual Meeting budget moved by Trudy, Peter seconds.

Question: why is the registration costs cell blank? Ans: these are the RegOnline fees, and the amount changes, a function of total registrations.

Peter will pass along actual RegOnline fees for PSG 2017 to Yuri.

Comment: shirts and hat estimates (PSG 2018 swag) missing – not yet received

Comment: PSG 2018 will get support from CICESE for the welcome reception and poster reception (~10K). The Local Committee has not asked for support from Microwave Technology and other companies yet.

Peter will set up meeting with Yuri to share his fundraising contacts.

Comment: Mexican tourism office will waive the cost of the beach venue – the mentoring session or the ECS session could be organized there.

Question: How many people does the beach venue hold? Ans: It is big, about 1000 people.

Question: On lines 51-53 – do the student travel awards come from silent auction of PSG 2017?

Ans: yes, the total is about \$3200 USD.

Question: Line 57 – printed programs are only for the registration desk and one for each room?  
Ans: no, this is for the abstract book. Printed programs need to be added to the budget, about \$1 each.

Question: Line 58 – the cost of the banquet is included? Ans: Yes, cost is included with the venue rental.

Question: Who is making the logo? Ans: Ulises Martinez. It will be a large seabird and smaller seabirds in the center. We can extract elements and create a series of logos.

Question: What is the timeline for logo? Ans: as soon as possible, so we can start purchasing swag items, etc.

Question: Is there anything in the budget that members from the PSG 2018 LOCO see as missing? Ans: no, nothing obvious.

Question: Is there need for a meeting planner? Ans: probably not because it is being hosted in Mexico and the University is very hierarchical in their communications.

[Motion to approve Report 2\\_BudgetPSG2018Mexico moved by Trudy, Robb seconds.](#)

[Abstentions: 0, Nays: 0, Yays: 9, motion passed unanimously.](#)

#### 4a. PACIFIC SEABIRDS

Jenn is currently compiling documents for Pacific Seabirds (PS) volume 44, issue 1: committee reports, chair report, past chair report, chair-elect, the write up for lifetime and special achievement award recipients, and abstracts of the student papers that received awards.

[Jane will send Jenn word documents of the committee and chair reports](#)

Comment: Jenn is working with Martin to obtain an In-Design license for PS layout

Question: What is the production timeline? Ans: drafts for the lifetime and special achievement awards are due May 19. Goal is to compile and layout all reports by then.

Comment: Associate editors will be called on for proofing, the PS Editor will do all layout.

Question: We received a translation of a paper from a South Korean, written in 1958 documenting the first record of ancient murrelets - will that be included in v44, issue 1? Ans: no, but should be sent to the Communications Coordinator for forwarding to Marine Ornithology or possible posting on the PSG website.

Question: How long is the translation? Ans: 6 pages.

#### 4b. VICE CHAIR FOR CONSERVATION

A letter concerning marbled murrelets in Oregon (sent February 2017) joined a long list of organizations, including the EPA, to oppose on the State's plan. This stopped the state from moving forward with logging, 40:1. A letter to ODFW recommending the marbled murrelet be upgraded to endangered was sent in about a month ago. The Vice Chair also responded to a request from the Aleutian Tern Technical Committee to rescind/withdraw a proposal to open egg collecting from the road system in Kodiak. This might endanger Aleutian tern colonies adjacent to nests where legal eggging of Mew Gulls is permitted. Finally, the Ornithological Council has a letter it is drafting re: the permit process in the State of California.

Comment: USFWS and ADFG voted to disallow hunting along the road system. A USFWS representative is on the subcommittee to find a way to allow tribal members access to birds and eggs.

[Mark will contact Ellen Paul – Ornithological Council about the draft letter to CDFW](#)

#### 4c. COLORING BOOK PROPOSAL

All regional representatives received an email about moving forward with the PSG Coloring book (sent 20 April 2017). The deadlines are: 30 Apr 2017 – select 3 species (either by soliciting membership or regional rep chooses), 15 May submit 2 photos, 1 June – text due

#### 4d. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The membership drive will run approx. May 15-June 15. Three people will assist Jenn, about 100 potential members to contact individually, each.

Jane will send an email to the membership committee before May 15, including Chris

#### 4e. COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Instagram: the Instagram coordinator is moving forward with “fun moments in seabird science” profiles of PSG members in the field. We’ve seen a 300% increase in Instagram followers since the annual meeting. The Instagram coordinator will send out a solicitation to the PSG listserv to get people to start tagging PSG in their posts (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook).

All ExCo will send Jane photos they have of people working in the field for the Instagram coordinator to share via that platform.

The committee is moving forward with a website coordinator replacement, Kirsten Bixler. Twitter and Facebook are still managed by the committee, with over 1000 followers each. Question: How much was raised via Harry Carter’s Go Fund Me site? Ans: \$13,170 from 70 donors.

#### 5. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn moved by Jane, Robb seconds.

Abstentions: 0, Nays: 0, Yays: 9, motion passed unanimously.

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### AGENDA

1. Roll call & review agenda
2. Approve minutes 11 April 2017
3. PSG 2018 Annual Meeting budget
4. Updates
  - 4a. *Pacific Seabirds* v44, issue 1
  - 4b. Vice Chair for Conservation update
  - 4c. PSG Coloring Book
  - 4d. Membership drive
  - 4e. Communications Committee update
5. Action Items and adjourn