

## MINUTES OF THE PSG EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

20 November 2017 Conference Call

3:00-4:00pm (Pacific Daylight Time – UTC-7)

Amended and approved 19 December 2017

**Present:** Kyra Mills-Parker (Chair), Nina Karnovsky (Past Chair), Jane Dolliver (Secretary), Kuniko Otsuki (Asia/Oceania Regional Representative), Anna Weinstein (Northern California Regional Representative), Peter Hodum (Washington/Oregon Regional Representative), Mark Rauzon (Vice Chair for Conservation), Adrian Gall (Chair Elect), Samantha Richman (E Coast Us Regional Representative), Trudy Chatwin (Canada Regional Representative) [10]

**Absent:** Andre Raine (S. California, Latin America, Hawaii Regional Representative), Chris Tyson (Student Representative), Robb Kaler (Alaska/Russia Regional Representative), Ross Wanless (Europe/Africa Regional Representative), Martin Renner (Treasurer) [5].

### 1. ROLL CALL AND REVIEW AGENDA

Motion to begin discussion of the 20 Nov 2017 agenda moved by Jane, Peter seconds.

Motion to approve the 20 Nov 2017 moved by Jane, Peter seconds.

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

### 2. EARLY CAREER SCIENTIST TRAVEL AWARD PROPOSAL

Motion to begin discussion of the Early Career Scientist (ECS) Travel Award, report #1 moved by Mark, Nina seconds.

This proposal seeks to create an ECS Travel Award, in the amount of \$1550 for 2018, as a trial year. The reasons behind this award are detailed in part 1 of report 1, essentially to provide additional funds to prospective attendees who fall outside of the travel awards currently offered by PSG (students, foreign scientists). People able to apply to the ECS award include (but are not limited to): post docs, recent graduates, field technicians, lab technicians, etc.

Q: How did the idea arise? A: from early career scientists (ECS)s contacting ExCo members

Q: Isn't 5 years a long time to be in a position? A: not necessarily, someone can be a post doc for 7 years.

Q: Are there other funds available to these people? A: No.

Comment: PSG has become more attractive to ECSs. Many ECSs realized PSG is a great, supportive home, especially with new events (e.g., ECS panel in 2017). There is renewed interest to attend PSG from this group.

Q: Would you pick the single awardee? A: No, the total is split among multiple awardees.

Q: How would awardees be chosen? What criteria would you use? A: via a similar rubric used for ranking student candidates, including reading their abstracts.

Comment: Some students are still learning how to put together an abstract and travel award proposal. We try to meet everyone's needs as best we can.

Q: How was the amount chosen? A: The goal was to have \$1500, and we need \$30K in the checking account, so \$1450 comes from PSG operating funds, \$100 from the Chair's discretionary fund, for a total of \$1550.

Comment: One thing about student applications is that we do not accept repeated applicants. A person is not allowed to apply within 3 years of receiving an award.

Comments: It is an honor to get a travel award, but the bar/threshold goes up and (down) annually, based on applications.

Motion to approve the ECS travel award in the amount of \$1550, with \$1450 from the PSG Checking Account and \$100 from the Chair's Discretionary Fund. All other details of the ECS travel award are left to the discretion of the PSG Awards Committee. Moved by Mark, Nina seconds.

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

The PSG Awards Committee will determine the "other details" of ECS Travel Award and advertise it on the PSG listserve, via social media, etc.

### 3. CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW

Motion to begin discussion of the children's book review moved by Jane, Nina seconds.

PSG received a request to review the book, "The Blue Footies." The author has read about PSG, and is interested in PSG's review. Additionally, she willing to provide books for the 2018 PSG Silent Auction.

Q: Is the book published? A: No, no formal book with ISBN number. She is working on a review and has a mid-December deadline to add 2-4 pages to the book.

Q: The Chair will complete the review? Ans: Yes

Q: What will she do with the review? Put it on the book? A: She will put it on her website. She has some people who have reviewed below the description of the book (<https://booklife.com/project/the-blue-footies-26385>).

Comment: We can put a news blurb on the PSG website, social media, twitter.

Comment: There were a few factual errors in the book – is that something worth mentioning? A: Yes, but it might already be published.

Kyra will get in touch with Joan about the review and possible corrections

Comment: How are we anticipating promoting the coloring book? A: It has been promoted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. We could add a news alert to the PSG website.

Q: Are we getting money from the coloring book? A: Yes, 10% of profits.

Q: Is there any way we can put the coloring book on Cvent? A: Yes, but 90% of the profits go to Che. Cleaner for us to have the orders go through Che.

Motion to approve review of "The Blue Footies" by Joan Wilson moved by Trudy, Adrian seconds.

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

### 4. UPDATES

#### 4a. Packard and merchandise

The Packard proposal was accepted and we're looking forward to welcoming attendees from many countries to PSG 2018. The mugs, USB keys and water bottles are already

being printed. Once we hear from Julie, we'll add the Packard logo to the PSG 2018 Program and Schedule and pen.

#### 4b. Travel award requests

We have received 50 award requests – 9 additional requests were just received today. Many of these requests are for La Paz locals requesting waivers of the registration fees. The totals are: 24 Mexico, 15 U.S., others from: Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Peru, South Korea. Recall that as of Nov 1 we had 3 travel award applications, so the travel award deadline extension worked!

Q: Is there a way to get these locals as volunteers? A: yes

#### 4c. Scientific program

There are 70 abstracts submitted as of today, 11/20/17.

#### 4d. Future PSG annual meetings

Locations for PSG 2019, 2020 and 2021 are not confirmed. There is one proposal received for PSG 2019. We want to line up meetings in the next 3 years.

Q: Is there a possible Local Committee for San Francisco or Santa Cruz? Both of these are in the "core," where people want to return.

Q: Are any locations beyond La Paz, Mexico settled? A: No. We do have the International Ornithological Congress (IOC) in August 2018. We are a co-sponsor of that meeting and there are some PSG-proposed sessions. Mexico would like to host again in the near future (2022?).

#### 4e. Interpretation at PSG 2018

Q: Is there an update on interpretation at PSG 2018? A: There has been a lot of emailing back and forth – this week the Local Committee received confirmation. The contractor was boarding a ship to go on a cruise, but was available for those dates in February. The local committee will move forward with Ruth's contract when she returns.

Q: Is the contract for simultaneous translation or a secondary room (broadcast)? A: simultaneous translation. The trick with that is that there is one room only with translation, but three sessions.

#### 4f. Next call

Q: When is the next ExCo call? A: early to mid-December, to vote on the FY18 operating budget and get an update from Marine Ornithology.

[Motion to adjourn moved by Jane, Trudy seconds.](#)

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

AGENDA (\* indicates voting item)

1. Roll call & review agenda
2. Early Career Scientist Travel Award\*
3. Children's Book Review\*

4. Updates
  - 4a. Local Committee 2018
  - 4b. Travel Award Requests 2018
  - 4c. Scientific Program 2018
  - 4d. Future PSG Annual Meetings
  - 4e. Interpretation at PSG 2018
  - 4f. Next PSG Conference Call
5. Action items and adjourn