

MINUTES OF THE PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

13 February 2019 Conference Call
11:00-11:20pm (Pacific Standard Time– UTC-8)
Amended and approved 27 February 2019

Present: Jane Dolliver (Secretary), Dave Craig (Chair Elect), Kirsten Lindquist (Northern California Regional Representative), Kirsten Bixler (Treasurer), Corey Clatterbuck (Student Representative), Adrian Gall (Chair), Kyra Mills-Parker (Past Chair), Samantha Richman (Non-Pacific U.S. States Regional Representative) [8].

Absent: Marc Romano (Alaska/Russia Regional Representative), Luke Einoder (Asia/Oceania Regional Representative), André Raine (S. California, Latin America, Hawaii Regional Representative) Mark Rauzon (Vice Chair for Conservation), Peter Hodum (Washington/Oregon Regional Representative), Ross Wanless (Europe/Africa Regional Representative), Trudy Chatwin (Canada Regional Representative) [7].

1. APPROVE 13 FEB 2019 AGENDA

Motion to discuss the 13 Feb 2019 agenda moved by Dave, Jane seconds

Motion to approve the 13 Feb 2019 agenda move by Sam, Dave seconds

Abstentions: 0, Nays: 0, Yays: 8, motion passed unanimously

2. APPROVE 4 FEB 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to discuss the 4 Feb 2019 meeting minutes moved by Kyra, Dave seconds

Motion to approve the 4 Feb 2019 meeting minutes moved by Jane, Kyra seconds

Abstentions: 0, Nays: 0, Yays: 8, motion passed unanimously

3. APPROVE MEMBER-ELECTED CANDIDATES TO 2019-2020 EXCO

Motion to discuss report 2, 2019 Elections results, moved by Jane, Dave seconds.

Two nominees were secured for each position, with the exception of Chair (the most difficult position to fill). A total of seven reminders were sent to people who had not yet voted, across late January – February. Overall turnout was 56%. The 2019-2020 incoming Executive Council members are: Rob Suryan-Chair-elect, Peter Hodum-Vice-Chair for Conservation, Olivia Bailey-Secretary, Kerry Woo-Regional Representative for Canada, Rachael Orben-Regional Representative for Washington/Oregon, Mary Cody-Regional Representative for Non-Pacific U.S. States, Cristián Suazo-Regional Representative for Southern California, Latin America and Hawaii. The Elections Committee needs a Co-Coordinator (or 2) by Summer 2019, when Katie assumes the role of Local Committee Co-Chair for PSG 2020 in Portland. Jane has served as coordinator-in-training this year and could assume this role.

Question: Is there anyone else who could assume this? Ans: Yes, other members of the Elections Committee, including: Yuri Albores-Barajas, David Irons, Peter Kappes. The others already serve on other Committees or as PSG Delegates (Stephanie Avery-Gomm, Ken Morgan, Kim Nelson, Marc Romano).

Motion to approve the member-elected candidates to the 2019-2020 Executive Council. The 2019-2020 Executive Council members are the following, assuming responsibilities of the positions below 3 March 2019:

Past-Chair: Adrian Gall, PhD

Chair: David Craig, PhD

Chair-elect: Rob Suryan, PhD

Vice-Chair for Conservation: Peter Hodum, PhD

Treasurer: Kirsten Bixler

Secretary: Olivia Bailey

Alaska and Russia Regional Representative: Marc Romano

Washington and Oregon Regional Representative: Rachael Orben, PhD

Northern California Regional Representative: Kirsten Lindquist

Southern California, Latin America and Hawaii Regional Representative: Cristián Suazo, PhD

Canada Regional Representative: Kerry Woo

Asia and Oceania Regional Representative: Luke Einoder, PhD

Europe and Africa Regional Representative: Ross Wanless, PhD

Student Representative: Corey Clatterbuck, PhD Candidate

The motion is moved by Jane, Dave seconds.

Abstentions: 0, Nays: 0, Yays: 8, motion passed unanimously

Comment: There were a small percentage (about 6%) of members who had incomplete membership records and were sent late ballots. In all cases except Vice-Chair, the elected candidate received over 50% of the vote. PSG bylaws allow for a simple majority, and the EXCO settles ties if they arise (ties did not occur).

Katie (Elections Coordinator) will send notice to all candidates on the ballot.

Jane will invite 2019-2020 EXCO to the meeting on 27 Feb (after Katie's notice)

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4a. Delegate replacements. The Chair is searching for a replacement to the Ornithological Council, the organization that retains a D.C. lawyer who lobbies on behalf of bird researchers, broadly. This person would serve along Pat Baird, as Doug Forsell has asked to step down.

Question: Has Doug an Achievement Award from PSG? Ans: No, but the call for nominations comes from the Past-Chair after the meeting, in the spring.

4b. Expected reports for 27 Feb EXCO meeting. The reports not-yet-submitted include: Chair's Report, Scientific Program Report, Student Report, Communications Committee, Conservation Committee, Corresponding Member's Committee, Endowment Fund Committee, Membership Committee, Kittlitz's Murrelet Technical Committee, Marbled Murrelet Technical Committee, NE Asia Conservation Committee, Scripps' and Guadalupe Murrelet Technical Committee, Seabird Monitoring Committee, Tufted Puffin Technical Committee, Delegate to the American Bird Conservancy, Delegate to PICES, North Pacific Albatross Working Group.

Comment: The Endowment fund report is in progress – The Neuberger-Berman statement was sent to Ken Briggs.

Motion to adjourn moved by Dave, Kyra seconds.

Abstentions: 0, Nays: 0, Yays: 8, motion passed unanimously

13 FEBRUARY 2019 AGENDA

(* indicates need for a vote)

1. Roll call & review agenda*
2. Approve 4 February 2019 meeting minutes*
3. Approve 2019 PSG elections results*
4. Updates
 - 4a. Delegate replacements
 - 4b. Remaining annual reports needed for 27 Feb EXCO meeting
5. Action items and adjourn*