

**WSU meeting @ SIAPC**

<b>WSUTT Member Organizations &amp; Representatives</b>					
<b>Member Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Role*</b>	<b>Aug 12</b>	
Circumpolar Seabird Group (CBird)	Dave Irons, Chair	DI	P		
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	John Croxall, Vice-Chair	JC	P	A	
African Seabird Group	Ross Wanless	RW	P	A	
American Bird Conservancy	Jessica Hardesty-Norris	JHN			
American Bird Conservancy	George Wallace	GW			
Argentine Seabird Group	Pablo Yorio	PY	P		
Australasian Seabird Group	Peter Dann	PD			
Australasian Seabird Group	Nicholas Carlile	NC		A	
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	Ben Lascelles	BL	A		
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	Ben Sullivan	BS	P	A	
Dutch Seabird Group	Kees Camphuysen	KC	P		
European Seabirds at Sea Group	Stephan Garthe	SG	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	Matthieu Le Corre	MLC	P		
Japan Seabird Group	Yutaka Watanuki	YW	P		
Medmaravis	Carles Carboneras	CC	P		
NW Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative	Melanie Steinkamp	MS	P		
Ornithological Society of New Zealand	Graeme Taylor	GT		A	
Pacific Seabird Group	Pat Jodice	PJ	P		
Peruvian Assn for the Conservation of Nature	Liliana Ayala	LA	P		
Royal Naval Birdwatching Society	Steve Copsey	SC	P		
Soc for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds	Will Mackin	WM	P		
The Seabird Group	Linda Wilson	LW	A		
The Seabird Group	Russell Wynn	WR	P		
The Waterbird Society	Betty Anne Schrieber	BAS	P		
Waterbird Conservation of the Americas	Jennifer Wheeler	JW	P		
<b>* Role: P=Primary Representative, A=Alternate Representative</b>					
<b>WSU Support</b>					
<b>Function</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Initials</b>			
Seabirds.net	Annette Henry	AH			
Seabirds.net	Grant Humphries	GH		A	
WSU Secretariat	Marischal De Armond	MD			
Helping with Global Seabird Colony Register	Robb Kaler	RK			
<b>Attendance: A = Attended</b>					

## Minutes

14 August - JC called the meeting to order at 18:20 NZST

### Agenda

#### 1. Elections and new board for World Seabird Union

##### 1.1 Location of WSC2

#### 2. Engaging students through twitter/facebook

#### 3. ASG representing Antarctica as well as Australia and New Zealand

#### 1. Elections and new board for World Seabird Union

JC a call for nominations and the next conference call will determine the slate of candidates (two officers and three board members) that have a good geographical representation. The nominees can only be from the representative organisations.

Confirmed DI is prepared to stand as Chair but JC will not.

NC confirmed as standing for secretary position.

JC student representation in the Union might feed through representative groups.

GH student representation could be funnelled through seabird.net.

##### 1.1 Location of WSC2

JC One of the areas interested in the next conference is southern Africa. Regional sponsorship is under investigation. If we have to wait until next year we may miss the 2015 window.

RW Still waiting for the call for potential conference hosting.

GT To find the right venue and the accommodation. Are you talking Cape Town?

RW Could not be anywhere else.

JC The cut off point originally was the end of this year. We should try to aim for that.

#### 2. Engaging students through twitter/facebook

GH 15 students collected from around the world. Opinion piece for MO for student retention and improvement. The PSG rep recruitment is increasing but retention going down. Paper draft has been put together with seven major guidelines.

JC The main issue is trying to enhance the career development of students.

GH major issue for students is cost of attending.

BS WSU had approximately \$80,000 for students for airfare and 50% coverage of registration. Look at this conference (SIAPC in Wellington) no one from Brazil, Uruguay as they cannot get the \$\$ together.

GH Web-based ideas may overcome some of this. For example podcasts and Google hangouts. Uni of Otago (NZ) has on-line conferences with twitter. Each student is given 6 tweets to present main points of research. No reason for this to not be applied at a global scale. On-line twitter conference. You could have a prize of free conference registration for the most useful twitter media. Conference session could be dedicated with twitter feeds where people can read on the screen at the meeting.

GT Most frustration from the WSC was being spoilt for choice of talks. If a pod cast was available that would have been a good on-line resource.

RW Needs visual to make it work.

GT Visuals can be added as part of the pod-cast but it will capture most of it. In NZ all Department of Conservation talks go on intranet then all can see in the whole country.

#### 3. ASG representing Antarctica as well as Australia and New Zealand

JC The SCAR Expert Group on Birds and Marine Mammals (EG\_BAMM), with the chief officer Mark Hindell at University of Tasmania, are Associates but without being interactive. Links with/through Australasian Seabird Group may assist with this but equally we need to keep the channel open as they may well prefer direct representation.

BS has another meeting so meeting was closed at 1855.

#### 4. Next Conference Call

Pacific Call 2400 GMT 4 October, Atlantic Call 1700 GMT 11 October, 2012