



## Conference Call

World Seabird Conference 2

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

Atlantic Call – 23 July 2015 - 1700 GMT

Pacific Call – 23 July, 2015 – 2400 GMT

WSU Member Organizations & Representatives				
Member Organization	Representative	Role <sup>a</sup>	Atlantic	Pacific
African Seabird Group	Ross Wanless	P	A	
American Bird Conservancy	Hannah Rose Nevins	P		
American Bird Conservancy	George Wallace	A		
Argentine Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Pablo Yorio, South America	P	A	
Argentine Seabird Group	Esteban Frere	A		
Australasian Seabird Group	Peter Dann	P		
Australasian Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Nicholas Carlile, Australasia, Secretary	A		A
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	Ben Sullivan/ Ben Lascelles	P		
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	John Croxall	A		
Circumpolar Seabird Group (CBird)	<sup>b</sup> Dave Irons, Chair	P	A	A
Dutch Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Kees Camphuysen, Europe	P		
Dutch Seabird Group	JA (Jan) van Franeker	A		
European Seabirds at Sea Group	Stefan Garthe	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Matthieu Le Corre, Africa/Indian Ocean	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	Nic Dunlop	A		
Japan Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Yutaka Watanuki, Asia	P		
Medmaravis	Carles Carboneras	P		
NW Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative	Melanie Steinkamp	P		
Ornithological Society of New Zealand	Graeme Taylor	P		
Pacific Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Pat Jodice, North America	P	A	
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 Copsey	P		
Royal Naval Birdwatching Society	Mark Cutts	A		
Soc for the Conservation & Study of Caribbean Birds	Will Mackin	P		
The Seabird Group	Russell Wynn	P		
The Seabird Group	Ellie Owen	A		
The Waterbird Society	<sup>b</sup> Betty Anne Schreiber, Treasurer	P		
Waterbird Conservation for the Americas	Jennifer Wheeler	P	A	
<sup>a</sup> Role: P=Primary Representative, A=Alternate Representative <sup>b</sup> Board member				
<b>WSC2 Committee Members</b>				
Early Career Scientists	Fiona McDuie			
Awards	Ken Morgan		A	
Awards	Anton Wolfaardt			
Student Awards	Patricia Mancini			
Fundraising	Kim Nelson		A	
Scientific Program	Peter Ryan			
<b>WSU Development Team</b>				
Seabirds.net	Grant Humphries		A	
WSU Secretariat	Marischal De Armond, Michelle Smith		A	A
Global Seabird Colony Register	Robb Kaler			A
MortalityIndex	Julia Parrish			
At-Sea Seabird Database	Kathy Kuletz			
<b>Attendance: A = Attended</b>				



## Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

**23 July (ATL)** – D Irons called the meeting to order at 1705 GMT

**23 July (PAC)** – D Irons called the meeting to order at 2405 GMT

### 2. Update on Total Program

**23 July (ATL)** – M De Armond reported that we currently have 560 registrations and 5-6 exhibits. Hotel room bookings through our preferred conference hotels remains low, however the Society is not financially exposed on these arrangements. D Irons asked about the timelines for developing content for the printed program, including letters of welcome from committee chairs (including President, Program Chair, Local Chair and Local or Fed Govt).

**23 July (PAC)** – No additional updates

**ACTION:** M Smith to develop a printed program content list and circulate for input to appropriate committee chairs.

### 3. Update on timing of next payment to conference venue in South Africa

**23 July (ATL)** – M De Armond confirmed that we have an upcoming payment due which he has been attempting to determine if it can be paid with the S African gov't's funds. If no such direction clarified, it will be paid from our funds.

**23 July (PAC)** – No additional updates

### 4. Update on Scientific Program Committee

**23 July (ATL)** – No updates

**23 July (PAC)** – R Kaler indicated that he is looking for some guidance in developing his Legacy Workshop on Seabird Databases as he has found very little appropriate content in the abstract submissions.

**ACTION:** R Kaler and D Irons to connect to discuss how to move forward with his workshop

### 5. Update on Fund Raising Committee

**23 July (ATL)** – K Nelson indicated that \$367K has now been raised. Next step is to work on getting the funds into our accounts. The S Africa fund commitments remain in question in terms of how to close the loop on accessing the funds.

**23 July (PAC)** – No additional updates

**ACTION:** D Irons and K Nelson to connect on what needs to be done to agency funds moved to our accounts

**ACTION:** R Wanless will work with Vernon to clarify how to access the S African Govt funds so that we understand the process for having our Rand purchases credited to the Govt. D Irons and M De Armond are to be engaged as necessary in this process

### 6. Update on Local Committee

**23 July (ATL)** – R Wanless reported additional merchandise items are still in the works but not yet confirmed. Also the volunteer duty roster is being developed and local volunteers are being recruited. The



new banquet venue is now in place at a hotel ballroom close by to the CTICC. His committee is also working on a delegates' info package which will include some local do's & don't's & issues like power outages (can impact hotels & restaurants, but not the Convention Centre). Finally plans for a silent auction are progressing and M Smith will be sending out some communications on how the conference participants can support the auction by bringing auction items with them to the conference.

**23 July (PAC)** – No additional updates

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

**23 July (ATL)** – No updates

**23 July (PAC)** – No additional updates

**8. Update on Travel Awards Committee**

**23 July (ATL)** – K Morgan noted there is no update

**23 July (PAC)** – No additional updates

**9. Update on Student Awards Committee**

**23 July (ATL)** – No updates

**23 July (PAC)** – No additional updates

**10. Update on Communications Committee**

**23 July (ATL)** – G Humphrey noted that Jane Goodal now not able to do the video welcome and they are searching out other options without success to date. They are also working on a press release to be issued soon. Christina is helping to develop a media contact list. Twitter and Facebook communication continues to be active and they are developing a team of up to about 15 people to be active twitterers during the conference. Plans are also in the works to prepare a compilation video of worldwide seabird researchers. This video would have researchers provide a 5-10 second intros saying who they are, where they are from and what they do, and the video would be screened regularly during the conference (i.e. at the opening session and other sessions) as interesting promotion of the breadth and scope of researchers activities. The Communications team has begun communicating this to the respective communities to encourage broad participation in the program.

**23 July (PAC)** – No additional updates

**ACTION:** G Humphrey to circulate compilation video instructions and communications to the WSU Board and M Smith for further circulation

**11. Update on Early Career Scientist Committee**

**23 July (ATL)** – No updates

**23 July (PAC)** – No additional updates



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**12. Other business**

**23 July (ATL)**

**WSU Board & Elections Process**

D Irons still working on Board/Officer descriptions. Once completed he will send along to M Smith to begin the election process.

**13. Next Conference Call**

Atlantic Call - 1700 GMT 27 Aug, 2015

Pacific Call - 2400 GMT 27 Aug, 2015

**14. Adjournment**

**23 July (ATL)** – D Irons called the meeting to a close at 1744 GMT

**23 July (PAC)** – D Irons called the meeting to a close at 2420 GMT