



Conference Call

World Seabird Conference 2

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

Atlantic Call – Oct 23, 2014 - 1700 GMT

Pacific Call – Oct 23, 2014 - 2400 GMT

WSU Member Organizations & Representatives				
Member Organization	Representative	Role ^a	Atlantic	Pacific
African Seabird Group	Ross Wanless	P		
American Bird Conservancy	George Wallace	P		
Argentine Seabird Group	^b Pablo Yorio, South America	P		
Argentine Seabird Group	Esteban Frere	A		
Australasian Seabird Group	Peter Dann	P		
Australasian Seabird Group	^b Nicholas Carlile, Australasia, Secretary	A		
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	Ben Sullivan/ Ben Lascelles	P		
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	John Croxall	A		
Circumpolar Seabird Group (CBird)	^b Dave Irons, Chair	P	A	A
Dutch Seabird Group	^b Kees Camphuysen, Europe	P		
Dutch Seabird Group	JA (Jan) van Franeker	A		
European Seabirds at Sea Group	Stefan Garthe	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	^b Matthieu Le Corre, Africa/Indian Ocean	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	Nic Dunlop	A		
Japan Seabird Group	^b Yutaka Watanuki, Asia	P		
Medmaravis	Carles Carboneras	P		
NW Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative	Melanie Steinkamp	P		
Ornithological Society of New Zealand	Graeme Taylor	P		A
Pacific Seabird Group	^b 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	^b Betty Anne Schreiber, Treasurer	P		
Waterbird Conservation for the Americas	Jennifer Wheeler	P		A
^a Role: P=Primary Representative, A=Alternate Representative ^b Board member				
WSC2 Committee Chairs				
Early Career Scientists Committee	Fiona McDuie			
Travel Awards Committee	Ken Morgan, Anton Wolfaardt			
Local Arrangements Committee	Ross Wanless		A	
International Fundraising Committee	Kim Nelson		A	
Scientific Program Committee	Peter Ryan			
Legacy Committee	John Croxall			
Communications Committee	Grant Humphries			
Student Paper Awards Committee	Liliana Ayalla, Patricia Mancini			
WSU Development Team				
Seabirds.net	Grant Humphries			
WSU Secretariat	Marischal De Armond		A	
Global Seabird Colony Register	Robb Kaler		A	A
Mortality Index	Julia Parrish			
At-Sea Seabird Database	Kathy Kuletz		A	
Attendance: A = Attended				



Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

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

23 Oct (PAC) – D Irons called the meeting to order at 2403 GMT

2. **Update on status of selecting a conference venue in South Africa**

23 Oct (ATL) – D Irons discussed the potential implications of the Ebola outbreak and noted that based on a budget process he undertook with M DeArmond and circulated for input from the Board, it would appear the conference could still remain successful with an attendance of 300.

23 Oct (PAC) – No update

3. **Update List of Committees**

23 Oct (ATL) – No update

23 Oct (PAC) – No update

4. **Update WSC2 Executive Committee**

23 Oct (ATL) – No update

23 Oct (PAC) – No update

5. **Update on Scientific Program Committee**

23 Oct (ATL) – D Irons noted that 30 symposia & workshop ideas have been submitted and once they were reviewed they feel they have 20 program outlines to work with. P Jodice believes that the program can accommodate this count and expects that there may be some attrition. The outlines cover a broad range of topics with a different type of focus than that which was offered at WSC1.

D Irons also noted that a Pre-Conference workshop titled, *Bayesian integrated population modeling (IPM) using BUGS and JAGS* has been added to the program. This workshop will be organized by **Michael Schaub & Marc Kéry**, Swiss Ornithological Institute, **Res Altwegg**, University of Cape Town, **Sarah J. Converse**, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and will take place Oct 19 - 23

23 Oct (PAC) – No update

ACTION: M De Armond to clarify if this workshop wishes to arrange registration as part of the WSC2 registration process. Also if there are any additional pre-conference workshops to be included in the program we need to identify them as soon as possible.

Update on Fund Raising Committee

23 Oct (ATL) – K Nelson indicated she has no updates as her next meeting is next week.

23 Oct (PAC) – No update



6. Update on Local Committee

23 Oct (ATL) – M De Armond reported that the Local Committee has finalized the companies who will work with us to provide excursions (both multi-day and short ones). We are currently working with them to define a set of day trips and excursions that will be included in the registration form. The local committee has also confirmed a set of WSC2 merchandise that will be available for delegates to purchase. This will also be offered via the registration form. Finally, they are making plans for a Silent Auction and are wanting to start promoting this.

M De Armond also noted that the registration form is now targeted to open in November, at this time the Abstract submissions and Awards will also open. It was agreed that this change of dates will not change the deadline date for submissions and awards. This date will remain Jan 30, 2015.

23 Oct (PAC) – No updates

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

23 Oct (ATL) – No updates

23 Oct (PAC) – No updates

8. Update on Travel Awards Committee

23 Oct (ATL) – A Wolfaardt program largely in place, need to ensure the forms are developed to properly collect the info needed for evaluating award requests. A Wolfaardt asking for final approval from the Board for the plan as developed. There are a couple of items they feel input is needed before.

23 Oct (PAC) – No updates

ACTION: A Wolfaardt to send D Irons a list of questions needing resolution.

ACTION: M De Armond to develop the online application system once the remaining items are resolved and include this as part of the abstract submission form

9. Update on Student Paper Awards Committee

23 Oct (ATL) – No updates

23 Oct (PAC) – No updates

10. Update on Communications Committee

23 Oct (ATL) – No updates

23 Oct (PAC) – No updates

11. Update on Early Career Scientist Committee

23 Oct (ATL) – No updates

23 Oct (PAC) – No updates

12. Update on the timing and content for a WSC2 2nd Circular



23 Oct (ATL) – D Irons mentioned that the content for the draft conference circular is now complete. This copy only requires some changes to the background color. Once this has been updated additional circulars will be developed for Seabirds.net and Seabird Information Network (databases).

23 Oct (PAC) – No updates

ACTION: M De Armond to update background on the WSC2 Circular.

ACTION: G Humphries to develop the Seabirds.net circular based on the WSC2 template

ACTION: R Kaler and D Irons to develop the Seabird Information Network circular based on the WSC2 template

13. Other business

Conservation Committee

23 Oct (ATL) – D Irons indicated that N Carlisle's 2nd draft of the committee terms of reference is more acceptable to the board and is working its way through a review and approval process

23 Oct (PAC) – No updates

14. Next Conference Call

Atlantic Call – 1700 GMT, 4 DEC 2014 or 11 DEC (TBA)

Pacific Call – 2400 GMT, 4 DEC 2014 or 11 DEC (TBA)

15. Adjournment

23 Oct (ATL) – D Irons called the meeting to a close at 1741 GMT

23 Oct (PAC) – D Irons called the meeting to a close at 0029 GMT