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General

The annual council meeting of the 48th annual meeting of the Wildlife Disease Association (WDA) was called to order by President R. McLean at 1:10 P.M. on 8 August 1999 at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education (University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA). Voting members in attendance were President R. McLean; Vice President T. Rocke; Secretary E. Howerth; Treasurer L. Uhazy; Council Members P. Barrows, W. Lance, J. Sikarskie, M. Spalding, and S. Wright; Editor D. Pence; Supplement Editor C. Quist; and Section Chairs T. Kreeger, T. Mörner, and A. Aguirre.

Approval of 1998 Minutes

The 1998 minutes were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by P. Barrows and seconded by J. Sikarski. The motion was passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report

The following report was submitted by Vice President T. Rocke. All committees functioned well the past year, meeting their deadlines and providing information to the supplement. Our meeting sites are confirmed for the next 2 yr in Jackson Hole (Wyoming, USA) for 2000 and at Humboldt State University (Arcata, California, USA) for 2001, and we are exploring several possibilities for an international venue (see Time and Place Committee Report). Other tasks I took on this past year included chairing a committee for updating the WDA Constitution and Bylaws, applying for standard A non-profit status for postage so we could reduce our mailing costs, and reviewing our sustaining membership category, all of which will be covered under old business, later on in the agenda, so I will defer my reports on those activities until later.

Secretary's Report

The following report was submitted by Secretary E. Howerth. The minutes of the 1998 council and business meetings were prepared and distributed to the council members within 60 days of the meeting as indicated in the Constitution and Bylaws. They were published in the April 1999 edition of the *Journal of Wildlife Diseases* (JWD). During the year the secretary handled communication requests made by the

president and distributed address lists to council members.

Three votes were handled via email during the year. These included (1) approval of the request by R. Botzler for posting WDA slides on his University's web site; (2) approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the WDA for N. Thomas to edit the Iowa State University Press "Diseases of Wild Birds" book; and (3) approval of the membership fees for the coming year.

Treasurer's Report

The following report was submitted by Treasurer L. Uhazy. During the past financial year, R. Kerley of Allen Marketing and Management (AM&M) ably assisted the Treasurer and this help is greatly appreciated. Schehrer, Bennett & Lowenthal have provided accounting services and preparation of tax documents.

This report is based on records maintained by the Treasurer, principally the WDA's balanced Check Registry, statements from other financial institutions and investment firms, and the March 1999 Financial Statement prepared by our accountants.

Based on this information, it is readily apparent the WDA continues to be financially sound (Table 1). However, as evident by our cash flow, expenses to the end of June 1999 have exceeded income by \$8,984.25. This deficit is eroding the WDA's ending balance/reserve resulting in a current check book balance of \$65,607.73. The budget year began with a balance on hand of \$74,591.98 (Douglas County Bank, Lawrence, Kansas, USA).

With respect to assets held in investments, the WDA's mutual fund portfolio has increased in value at \$230,898.31 (Buttonwood Partners Inc, Madison, Wisconsin, USA; 30 June 1999), the Carlton M. Herman Founder's Fund is \$23,229.27 (American Funds Service Co., Indianapolis, Indiana, USA; 30 June 1999), and a 1 yr certificate of deposit valued at \$56,246.15 (5.22% interest rate maturing 1/14/00, Southern Pacific Bank, Los Angeles, California, USA). Investment of \$25,000.00 in a 3 mo Certificate of Deposit with the same bank earned interest of \$365.35. The principle and interest was deposited into WDA's checking account.

To date, total income to the WDA equals \$172,684.31. This revenue was primarily generated through membership and subscription

TABLE 1. WDA treasurer's cash flow report for 7/1/98 through 6/30/99.

Category description		
Beginning balance 6/30/98	74,591.98	
Total inflows		172,684.31
Total outflows		181,668.56
Overall total		-8,984.25
Ending balance	65,607.73	
Balance in checking account	65,607.73	

fees (\$85,115.00), page charges (\$23,971.52), reprints (\$7,104.46), and the conference and auction in Madison (Wisconsin; \$6,989.44). It should be noted that these figures are not in alignment with the adopted 18 mo budget and reflect only the first 12 mo. Expenditures for the publication, distribution, and management of the JWD and the JWD supplement have changed since the last budget year. Expenses for the operation of the Office of the Editor and the overall management by Allen Press have increased by nearly 19 and 14%, respectively, while the costs for printing the Journal and the supplement have decreased by 18 and about 4%. Decreased costs for publication are primarily linked to the decrease in the number of pages published, 1,024 Journal pages published during the previous financial year and 884 pages published to date.

It is difficult at this time, with 6 mo of operation yet to consider, to make definitive statements concerning our present financial situation relative to the adopted 1998–99 budget. With a checkbook balance of \$65,607.73, it is apparent we will be able to cover our expenses until the new budget year. At this point it also is apparent that with cash flow remaining as it is, we will continue to operate with a deficit and erode our ending balance. I have not attempted to estimate what that balance might be.

To offset our decreasing revenues, Council recently approved increase in memberships for students, regular members and institutional subscribers to \$30.00, \$60.00, and \$100.00, respectively. If our cash flow out continues to exceed our cash flow in, we will have to consider the monies held in the Certificate of Deposit for operating revenue.

I have been concerned with our financial situation for some time. Because of this and for cost saving purposes, I have not purchased bonding insurance for myself nor have I purchased additional accounting software. As well, the WDA has investigated the acquisition of liability insurance and its purchase is pending.

Finally, it has been customary for the Treasurer to present a proposed budget for the next fiscal year to Council and for Council to pre-

pare an adopted budget for presentation to the membership. Last year it was voted and approved that the Treasurer should solicit input from Council and its committees in April–May, prepare a proposed budget and submit it to Council for their consideration and participation in the preparation of the adopted budget prior to this meeting, I found this extremely difficult to accomplish for there was insufficient information on which to base my projections. At that time, I thought the old process would be sufficient. However, with the uncertainties of our cash flow, I have again found it difficult to prepare a proposed budget. I am proposing to Council that I prepare a new budget in early October and submit it for Council action at that time. It should give us ample time to establish an adopted budget prior to the new year and would allow me to construct a budget with greater confidence.

At the meeting liability insurance was discussed. Liability insurance and bonding of the treasurer has not been purchased yet. A. Fairbrother apparently has applied for liability insurance for the association but L. Uhazy has not received a bill and no check has been issued for its purchase.

JWD Editor's Report

The following report was submitted by Editor D. Pence. This report covers the period between 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, and essentially summarizes the activities concerned with the editing and publishing the 1999 volume (35, numbers 1–4) of the JWD. There were no major changes in the editorial procedures and policies during this period. There were no new assistant editors appointed during this year, but W. M. Boyce asked to be relieved of his assistant editorship after a number of years of service to JWD; E. W. Howerth agreed to assume some of the editorial responsibilities handled by W. Boyce and the remainder has been taken up by the rest of us on the editorial staff.

In the four issues of the JWD of volume 35 (1999) there were 57 full length research papers, one review article, 56 short communica-

tions, four book reviews, two letters to the editor, one reply to the letter to the editor, one set of minutes, and the author and subject indices. In contrast, volume 34 had 68 full-length papers, 58 short communications, 14 book reviews, two letters to the editor, one set of minutes, and the author and subject indices. The number of pages in volume 35 can not be fully determined until the October (number 4) issue is complete; however, they number 808 pages, exclusive of the indices ($n = \sim 40$ pages) which is slightly over the range of number of pages approved by WDA Council for publication in volume 35. Volume 34 had 876 pages.

Twenty-five countries were represented in papers published in volume 35, compared to 20 for volume 34. Of 114 papers published in volume 35, 58 were from the United States; 14 were from Canada; four each came from Mexico and UK, three each emanated from Japan, Norway, Spain, and Sweden, two each originated from Australia, Brazil, Finland, and Switzerland, and one each came from Argentina, Australia, Chile, Czechland, and French Guiana, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Republic of South Africa, Trinidad-Tobago, and United Arab Emirates.

The number of new manuscripts received by the editor's office for the 12 mo review period covered by volume 35 (1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998) was 215, compared to 196 for the same period last year (for volume 34). Of the 215 received this year, 53 were accepted, 59 were rejected, and 103 remain in the review/revision. This indicates a 9% increase in the annual number of manuscripts submitted for consideration by JWD. The overall acceptance/rejection rate was 53/59 (47/53%), respectively. The acceptance rate of 47% is slightly lower than the 52% for last year.

The median time from receipt of a manuscript to its appearance in the journal for papers that appeared in Volume 35 was about 11 mo (range = 2 to 23 mo).

As of 1 July 1999 there was a backlog of 113 manuscripts. Of these, 55 were in the review process and 58 awaited revision by the authors.

This year the assistant editors have again done an excellent job for the journal. Between 1 July 1998 and 30 June 1999 manuscripts were forwarded for review to assistant editors C. T. Atkinson ($n = 15$), W. M. Boyce (3), E. W. Howerth (31), T. J. Kreeger (22), K. A. Patnode (20), C. Rupprecht (15), A. Shostak (23), D. Spratt (4), D. Stallknecht (21), L. S. Uhazy (17), and E. S. Williams (20). Twenty four manuscripts were handled by editor D. B. Pence. I. K. Barker has again agreed to provide an author and subject index for the current volume

(35); his contribution on this considerable task is much appreciated.

External referees who contributed to reviewing the manuscripts for the period of 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 for volume 35 numbered 260 individuals. A list of these reviewers will appear in the October 1999 issue of the journal.

As editor, I greatly appreciate all the efforts of the assistant editors; all the external referees; book reviewers; editorial assistant C. Pence in Texas; K. Hinkey in the WDA Business Office; S. Heubner at Allen Press, Inc.; L. S. Uhazy, the WDA treasurer; members of the JWD Editorial Board; and the ongoing support of WDA Council.

Three motions passed by the editorial board were brought before council. The first was to increase page charges to \$50.00 per page for members and \$95.00 per page for nonmembers. T. Rocke moved the motion forward, C. Quist seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The second motion from the editorial board was to initiate an approximately \$50.00 manuscript submission fee. L. Uhazy made a motion for the new editor E. Williams to form a committee to look into a manuscript submission fee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. T. Mörner felt a fee would decrease the number of manuscripts from foreign countries and it was suggested that such a fee could be applied to page charges. The third motion brought forth from the editorial board meeting was to have member benefits password protected on the web page. A motion was made for the Information Committee to take this issue into consideration and bring back recommendations to council. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

D. Pence made a motion to authorize the new editor E. Williams to spend up to \$7,500.00 for the purchase of equipment and other items necessary for the establishment of the new editorial office. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by T. Rocke to cap the number of journal pages at 800 for the upcoming year (2000). The motion was seconded by C. Quist and passed unanimously.

Supplement to the JWD Editor's and Information Committee Report

The following report was submitted by C. Quist, editor of the supplement to the JWD and chair of the information committee. Four issues of the Supplement to the JWD were published since the last meeting for a total of 60 pages distributed as follows: 16 pp in Oc-

tober 1998; 16 pp in January 1999; 16 pp in April 1999; and 12 pp in July 1999.

Announcements for the 1999 Annual Conference were placed in the January, April, and July issues of the Supplement. WDA activities and information published in this year's issues of the Supplement included a report and photographs from the 47th Annual WDA Conference in Madison (Wisconsin), which included titles and authors of presented papers. Additional information published included four messages from our President, student activities and awards information, WDA section news, calls for nominations for WDA offices and awards, listing of available WDA and other educational aid materials, one diagnostic riddle, four National Wildlife Health Center quarterly reports, miscellaneous disease reports and member information, meeting announcements, educational opportunities and position announcements, available grants, and an obituary for W. Heuschele.

Beginning with the April issue, the Supplement was sent to Allen Press as an electronic file. The usual charges are \$29.50 per printed page. Electronic submission gives us a \$6.50 per page discount.

The Supplements have been transferred to the web page (<http://www.vet.uga.edu/wda>) as promptly as possible. J. Chambers, a University of Georgia veterinary student, has been doing the majority of maintenance of the web page. We also connected the meeting web site to the WDA home page to allow movement between these two sites.

C. Quist discussed the need for our own server and name. Wildlifiediseases.org was suggested as a possibility for our web site name.

Africa Section Report

No report was submitted. This section needs a new section chair and it was questioned whether there were enough members in Africa to have a separate section. These concerns were deferred to the Sections Committee.

Australasia Section Report

L. Skerratt submitted the following report after the annual meeting. The Year 2000 WDA Australasian section conference will be held at University of Auckland Marine Biology Field Centre (Leigh, New Zealand), 3–8 December 2000. It will be a joint meeting between the Wildlife Society of the New Zealand Veterinary Association and the Australasian Section of the WDA. For more information contact P. J. Duignan [Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand; P.J.Duignan@massey.ac.nz; FAX +64 (6) 3505636].

The Year 2001 joint conference of the Australian Association of Veterinary Conservation Biologists, World Association of Wildlife Veterinarians, Wildlife Society of the New Zealand Veterinary Association and WDA Australasian Section will be held at Taronga Zoo (Sydney, Australia) 2–6 July 2001. The topic will be "Veterinary Conservation Biology: Wildlife Health and Management in Australasia." For more information contact L. Vogelneustadt [Senior Veterinarian, Taronga Zoo, P.O. Box 20, Mosman NSW 2088 Australia; vqcvetstz@zoo.nsw.gov.au; FAX (612)99784516].

Funds have recently become available to support a workshop in Canberra (Australia) 8–10 November 2000 to draft a paper for presentation to several federal government standing committees for the development of an Australian Wildlife Health Cooperative. The WDA Australasian Section is being represented at this workshop by P. Whiteley.

The web page address for the Australasian Section of the WDA address is <http://www.wha.org.au/pages/wdahome.html>. D. Middleton, L. Berger, and P. Holz are thanked for setting up the web page. The web page is included in the Wildlife Health Australia Web Site.

European Section Report

The report of the European section was given by Chair T. Mörner. The work within the European section of WDA is progressing and the section continuously is contacted by scientists in Europe and increasing its membership.

The European section of WDA arranged the third conference of EWDA in Edinburgh (Scotland, UK) in September 1998. The fourth conference of EWDA will be in September 2000 in Zaragoza (Spain).

EWDA will in September 1999 take part in a wildlife session at the World veterinary Conference in Lyon (France).

The board of EWDA consists for the period 1998–2000 of T. Mörner (Sweden, Chairman), C. Gortazar (Spain, Vice Chairman), S. Kennedy (Northern Ireland, Secretary), M. Artois (France, Treasurer), and J. Kirkwood (England) and K. Fröhlich (Germany, members at large). The Editor of the European Newsletter is S. Kennedy (Northern Ireland).

Nordic Section Report

The annual report for the Nordic section of the WDA was given by T. Mörner. The different monitoring programs for wildlife diseases within the Nordic countries has not reported any large epizootics among wildlife during 1998.

The Nordic section of WDA (NWDA) has 70 paying members today and over 100 interested people (on the mailing list).

NWDA held its annual meeting on Finnhamn in the archipelago outside Stockholm (Sweden) in June 1999. The meeting was attended by around 25 delegates from Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden.

The first meeting of NWDA in the next millennium will be held in Norway.

The board of NWDA consists of H. H. Dietz (Denmark, chairman), K. Handeland (Norway, secretary), T. Mörner (Sweden, treasurer), E. Rudback (Finland), J. Akerstedt (Norway) and B. O. Roken (Sweden).

Latin America Section

A brief report was given by A. Aguirre.

Wildlife Veterinarians Section Report

The annual report of the Wildlife Veterinarians Section was given by T. Kreeger for S. Hurley.

Budget and Audit Committee

See old business for this report.

Nominations Committee

The following report was submitted by C. Hanlon as chair of the committee. The Nominations Committee consisted of C. Hanlon (chair), T. Cornish, T. O'Hara, and D. Jessup.

The Nominations Committee coordinated the elicitation of a full slate of candidates for the 1999 elections as follows: Presidential nominee T. Rocke; Vice-presidential nominees C. Rupprecht and W. M. Samuel; Treasurer nominee L. Uhazy; Secretary nominees L. Creekmore and T. Kuiken; WDA Council nominees (2 openings) J. Blake, J. Fischer, E. Greiner, J. Mazet, M. Pybus, M. Wild, and P. Yochem.

Teller's Report

The Teller Committee chair E. Howerth handled the printing and distribution of the 1999 ballot via Allen Press (Lawrence, Kansas, USA). The ballots were included with the April 1999 JWD mailing. The ballot included nominations for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and two council members at large. The ballot also included a poll, as charged by the 1998 Council, which inquired whether WDA members would be willing to receive the JWD Supplement via electronic mail. Votes were counted on 16 June 1999 by the committee which consisted of E. Howerth, T. Cornish, and P. Luttrell. Results were transmitted to

President, R. McLean. These were T. Rocke (President); W. M. Samuel (Vice President); L. Creekmore (Secretary); L. Uhazy (Treasurer); and E. Greiner and M. Pybus (Council Members at Large). In regards to the poll, 129 persons voted "yes" and 72 persons voted "no" to the question "Would you be willing to receive your Supplement to the JWD as an electronic copy rather than as a hard copy?"

The chair of the committee also handled the distribution of information via email concerning the nominees and the voting for the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and the Emeritus Award (EA).

A motion was made by W. Lance to change the Teller Committee Bylaws so that the ballots can be destroyed one year after printing of the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Awards Committee

The following report was submitted by S. Wright (chair) Awards Committee. The members of the Awards Committee (S. Wright, T. Leighton, R. Zarnke) submit this report of activity during the past year. We received two nominations for the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and one nomination for the Emeritus Award (EA). An information package and recommendation by the committee were submitted to the Secretary and she polled the Officers and Council electronically. The Awards Committee chair received a letter (June 10) from the Secretary reporting the results of the vote. I. Barker was selected for the DSA and W. Adrian was selected for the EA. The Awards Committee also recommended that the nominee for the DSA not selected this year be placed in nomination next year along with any other nominees.

Student Activities Committee

The following report was presented by chair E. Greiner. S. Shapiro-Hurley, T. Kuiken and T. Leighton were also committee members.

This year we had three applications for the Student Research Recognition Award. Last year we had a single applicant. We are delighted with the increase in the number of applicants, but cannot tell whether or not this represents a trend. This year's winner was S. P. Terrell (Department of Pathobiology, University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville, Florida, USA). The title of his presentation was "Detection of the causative agent of disseminated visceral coccidiosis (*Eimeria* sp.) in sandhill cranes (*Grus canadensis*) and whooping cranes (*Grus americana*) by polymerase chain reaction amplification of 18S

rDNA." He was notified as were the unsuccessful applicants on 3 June 1999. He will receive a plaque (obtained by W. Adrian) and up to \$1,000 (U.S.) to cover travel, housing, registration, etc. related to the annual conference in 1999. He will be the lead off speaker in the Terry Amundson Student Presentation Award Competition, but will not be in the competition. Historic participation for this award has been three applicants in 1999, one in 1998, two in 1997, three in 1996 and six in 1995 with an average (1981–94) of 3.9/yr.

This was the third year of competition for the WDA Scholarship award. Seven students applied for the scholarship. The winner will be awarded a \$2,000 (U.S.) scholarship which will be presented at the banquet. K. Beckman of the Institute of Arctic Biology (University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska, USA) was the recipient. Her project was entitled "Blood organochlorines, immune function and health of northern fur seal pups (*Callohinus ursinus*)."

Of the seven applicants, four were enrolled in Ph.D. programs, one in veterinary college and two in M.S. programs. Interval anticipated to degree completion varied from month to 2 yr. Three applicants had completed M.S. degrees and three possessed D.V.M. degrees.

We received 19 abstracts for the Terry Amundson Student Presentation Award (TAS-PA) and consider this a very good response. The list of authors and abstract titles are listed in the 1999 program. Announcements for student activities are being published in all issues of WDA newsletter. We had two dates published this year and the later one was used. The winners for this award were announced at the annual awards banquet. T. E. Cornish, University of Georgia (Athens, Georgia, USA) was the award winner. M. Edmonds (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA), F. Nutter (North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA), and C. Sigurdson (Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA) received honorable mentions.

When Council reconvened on Wednesday August 11 E. Greiner made a motion to give a cash award of \$250.00 for the Terry Amundson Student Presentation Award in lieu of \$100 and payment of the registration fee and a cash award of \$75.00 for an honorable mention.

Time and Place Committee

T. Kreeger gave an overview and slide show for the 2000 meeting site in Jackson Hole (Wyoming, USA). The 49th annual meeting will be held in Grand Teton National Park 3–8 June 2000.

The 2001 meeting was tentatively scheduled

to be at Humboldt State University (Arcata, California, USA) hosted by R. Botzler.

The International Meeting was brought up. Although we had decided at the 1998 council meeting not to accept the invitation set forth by the Australasia section to have the international meeting in Sydney (Australia) in 2001, it was suggested that we send someone to the 2001 Australasia WDA meeting as a show of affiliation. However, due to budget constraints it was decided to reassess sending someone to Australia next year.

M. Abdy presented an invitation from the Society of Tropical Veterinary Medicine to have a joint meeting with them in the Republic of South Africa in 2001. When Council reconvened on Wednesday 11 August a motion was made by T. Rocke to hold the 2001 International Meeting in South Africa as a joint meeting with the Society of Tropical Veterinary Medicine. The motion was seconded by S. Wright and the motion passed unanimously. D. Jessup was asked to develop a program. At this time P. Barrows made a motion to hold the 2002 meeting at Humboldt State University. T. Rocke seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Membership Committee Annual Report

The following report was submitted by J. Mazet, chair of the Membership/Promotion Committee, and read by T. Rocke. Committee members included: J. Mazet (chair), K. Gilardi, and B. Karesh.

The status of membership is outlined in Table 2. Regular membership is down 76 subscriptions (9%) primarily due to a dramatic decrease in international subscriptions. Our subscriptions outside of North America have dropped from 208 last year to 139 this year (69 subscriptions). International memberships continue to be a challenging issue. Please see the following paragraph for more discussion. Student and institutional memberships are slightly up (7 (6%) and 11 (3%) subscriptions, respectively). Promotions should continue to focus on increasing overall membership with an increased emphasis on WDA's international profile and institutions. It also may be useful to encourage student chapters and/or activities throughout the year to both increase student members and recruit future regular members. Additionally, a letter/survey to members who choose not to renew could be very helpful in identifying how well we are serving our members and encouraging renewals.

Last year K. Gilardi polled all international section chairs on the WDA's establishment of a special category for international members in

TABLE 2. Status of WDA membership.

Type	Mo/yr							
	8/92	8/93	8/94	8/95	8/96	8/97	8/98	8/99
Regular	718	749	795	795	786	772	809	733
Student	127	177	180	176	141	144	123	130
Emeritus	6	4	5	7	9	10	8	9
Complimentary	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Sustaining/Assoc		1	0	2	5	3	1	0
Institutional	472	498	467	467	453	445	429	440

order to encourage participation from colleagues who otherwise may not be able to join as regular members due to financial reasons. The essence of the proposed membership category was a reduced annual dues of \$10.00 to \$15.00, for which an international member would receive a copy of the JWD Supplement and all other member privileges, but would not receive his or her own copy of the journal. If the potential subscribers are simply looking for affiliation, this type of membership with listing in the directory and receipt of the supplement would be feasible. This proposal would amount to a "membership without journal" option and would in no way preclude overseas colleagues from joining as regular members if they desired their own copy of the journal or could not access one through a library.

This option is still viable, but there are several concerns. We would be susceptible to people taking advantage of this membership category because they have good library access, not due to financial limitations. There may not be a mechanism to legally restrict this category to other than North American members. Ten dollars may not cover the costs of printing and distribution of the JWD Supplement overseas. Finally, in some parts of the world, libraries are not accessible and interlibrary loan is unavailable; therefore, these members would not have access to the JWD.

I have explored the way this problem is handled by other associations. Some use a salary scale for determining membership fees. Some of these associations scale only for developing countries and others scale for all members. Other associations use a "developing country" category for which full membership is allowed at a rate equivalent to the student membership rate. We should note that these options are most often offered by associations which charge substantially higher rates than does WDA. Therefore, these associations are less at risk of annual financial loss than an association, such as ours, which charges much less relative to operating costs. T. Mörner and B. Karesh have

offered to explore this membership issue further in Europe and the developing world.

Proofs for membership renewal reminders were reviewed, edited, and approved pending final confirmation of dues. In order to meet publishing deadlines for on-time release of renewal information, Allen Press requests approval of dues prior to confirmation of fees by Council. This problem has been long-standing. A mid-year conference call could remedy this situation. According to bylaws, increases in membership dues are tied to the cost of living. With generous rounding, dues would increase very little even with the summed increase in costs of living over the past two years since dues have been raised. Dues would increase to \$57.00 for regular members and \$28.50 for student members. Instead, I support L. Uhazy's suggestion that bylaws be amended to allow fees to be tied more closely to operational costs. My understanding is that this method would result in fees of \$60.00 for regular members, \$30.00 for student members, and \$100.00 for institutional members.

In order to keep WDA brochures current without frequent reprinting and disposing of previous brochures, brochures can now be printed with the blue screen only, and the black text will be printed as needed, even on a laser printer for small numbers on short notice. In this way, the text may be updated as often as required. Very few requests for brochures were received this year. Perhaps a reminder to the membership that brochures are available for distribution at other meetings would increase their circulation. It also is possible that the brochures are no longer needed with the availability of the web page. Either way, a dollar figure allowable for brochure printing would be useful for planning the number of blue screens to keep on hand.

The WDA membership directory was printed and distributed this period for approximately \$1,500.00. The development of the directory was very labor-intensive due to incorrect phone numbers and email addresses in Allen Press'

records. All entries were cross-checked with other sources of information for accuracy, and in some cases, members were called for correct information. I apologize for any mistakes made during this printing. To reduce this effort in the future, the dues envelope has been changed to enlarge the area where members are asked to update their information. We have also added a box to check for members who do not want their information included in the directory.

Because printing of the directory is time consuming and somewhat costly, we suggest that it be printed every-other year. The next printing would then occur during the tenure of the 2000–01 Membership Committee.

T. Mörner stated that he would like to keep the International membership issue alive. T. Rocke suggested that there be a joint chair for the membership committee, one for North America and one for the International sections.

Carlton Herman Founders Fund

T. Yuill gave the annual report for the Carlton Herman Founders Fund (1 July 1998 through 30 June 1999). The Carlton Herman Founders Fund of the WDA sponsors speakers who present talks on disease effects on wildlife populations at the annual WDA conference. Oversight of the Herman Fund is provided by three trustees, one of whom serves as chair. The Herman Fund sponsored a talk by B. Cooke on rabbit calicivirus disease (rabbit hemorrhagic disease) featured at the 1998 WDA conference in Madison.

The trustees regret to inform the WDA Council that trustee W. Heuschele died recently, leaving a vacancy that must be filled. The two remaining trustees, T. Yuill and D. Forrester, nominate A. Fairbrother for consideration for the vacant trusteeship. A. Fairbrother is willing to serve if selected.

The Herman Fund assets are invested in the Washington Mutual Investors Fund (American Funds Group). Balances and activity over the past fiscal year are as follows: Balance as of 1 July 1998 \$19,990.49; Dividends \$376.34; Capital Gains \$2,862.44; and Balance as of 1 July 1999 \$23,229.27.

The trustees recommend financing one speaker in alternate years until the balance of the fund reaches \$25,000.00, then annually until such time as the balance falls below \$20,000.00.

At council, W. Lance nominated A. Fairbrother for the vacant trustee position. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

W. Lance also made a motion to donate proceeds from this year's auction to the Carlton

Herman fund to achieve a balance of \$25,000.00. T. Kreeger seconded the motion and I. Barker suggested taking the monies from the general fund. The motion was amended to using monies from the general fund to increase the Carlton Herman fund balance to \$25,000.00. The amended motion passed unanimously.

Promotions Committee

Members of this committee are P. Nankervis, M. Ziccardi, K. Beheler, and L. N. Richey. The following report was submitted by P. Nankervis and read by T. Rocke.

The first order of business discussed was the development of a new, more modern logo for the organization. The idea originated at a prior meeting when S. Black was part of the committee. After many weeks of correspondence and speaking with various people that have completed a similar task, we agreed that a professional marketing design would be most reliable for creating a highly professional logo. M. Ziccardi sought out designs from TJ Marketing and Graphic Design (Glenview, Illinois, USA). He initiated correspondence and obtained draft samples of logo designs. The drafts and associated costs was discussed with Council.

Another idea for promoting the organization was to make annual donations to various organizations in the name of WDA. The amount of donation is undetermined and does not need to be very large. Money could be raised using a few items from the auction, or perhaps soliciting specifically for items to be auctioned for charitable purposes. This would promote the WDA as a professional organization with concern and could potentially reach people in specialty areas that may not be familiar with WDA. For example, such organizations as Bat Conservation International and/or student organizations at various colleges could be potential charities. We would solicit names of worthy charitable organizations from association members and select a new charity from the list every year. We need to determine whether or not our organization's tax exempt/non-profit status would be affected if we made donations. This idea has been tabled until the logo project is underway.

Council expressed concern about the suggestion of contributing donations to various organization in the name of WDA. Because of our non-profit status this was not considered a good idea.

M. Ziccardi showed examples of new logo designs which generated debate. These logos will be posted at the meeting for the membership to see and offer opinions. J. Sikarski made

a motion to have a straw vote to see if people at the council meeting would like a new logo or to keep the old. This was seconded by T. Kreeger and passed. Ten people voted for a new logo and 14 people voted for the old logo. C. Quist made a motion to have M. Ziccardi obtain an updated version of the old logo and obtain a new design in order to have a new logo by January 2000. The motion was seconded by J. Sikarski and passed unanimously.

C. Van Riper discussed the costs of changing the JWD cover. C. Quist made a motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to look into changing the size and cover of the journal and bring forth a formal recommendation to Council before the end of the year (January 2000). The motion was seconded and passed.

Educational Aids Committee

The following educational aids committee report was submitted by L. Richey. The committee included L. Richey (Chair), C. Quist, S. Little, and S. Terrell. Several types of study materials are available for use by WDA members, including videotapes, kodachrome sets, a glass histopathology study set, and a recently revised guide to identification of abomasal parasites of white-tailed deer containing color photocopies (available for purchase). The greatest publicity and requests for these items have centered around the annual meetings versus notification in the JWD Supplement, and it is suggested that efforts be made at future meetings to present and widely publicize the available study materials.

Attempts to recruit case material from members for use as "What's your diagnosis" kodachrome or web page study sets were mostly unsuccessful this year, although a few replies were received with excellent quality cases. The gathering of such cases may take several years, but the effort should eventually produce a valuable and fun study tool for use by individuals or student groups.

The videotapes currently available are "Blood collection in birds" (NWHC), "White-Tailed Deer Necropsy" (NWHC), "Parelaphostrongylosis" (Lankaster and Prestwood), and "Elaphostrongylosis" (Lankaster and Prestwood). Plans have been made to purchase additional videotapes on the topic of fish disease. No additional suggestions for purchase of videos were received by members, but ideas will be solicited again this year.

The kodachrome sets of selected wildlife diseases that were previously available for purchase were transferred this year to an electronic web page format by R. Botzler. These materials will be transferred this year to the WDA

web site to facilitate their use, as they have not been requested in years and are difficult to update in their current form. The subjects will include parelaphostrongylosis, botulism, management of psoroptic scabies in desert bighorn sheep, and collection and preservation of wildlife specimens for diagnostic evaluation. The material will be updated and reviewed prior to placement on the web, and this project likely will take a year to complete.

Old Business

Constitution Update

An ad hoc committee consisting of T. Rocke, A. Fairbrother, E. Addison, D. Jessup, and E. Shotts reviewed the published minutes of the WDA business and council meetings since 1976, the last time our Constitution was updated. All council and membership votes directly related to the WDA Constitution and Bylaws were noted and the wording of the documents revised accordingly with one exception. The Constitution clearly states that any constitutional changes must be voted on by membership, whereas changes to the Bylaws can be voted and decided on by Council. In 1981, Council voted to eliminate the retired membership category, which is defined in the Constitution, but no supporting vote by membership was found, so we did not change the Constitution. Where appropriate, all revisions the committee made to the documents were referenced to the published minutes. We also made minor word and spelling changes and ensured the documents were gender-neutral by changing all pronouns to he/she or his/her.

Committee recommendations are as follows: (1) Other than minor word changes, all updates to the Constitution and Bylaws made by this ad hoc committee were simply a reflection of earlier votes by Council and/or membership and we recommend that Council accept the updated Constitution as written. (2) The first line of Article V, Section 2 of the Bylaws reads "The editor(s) shall *ex officio* be voting members of Council and the Budget Committee." We recommend the wording of this sentence be changed to clearly include the Editor of the JWD Supplement, so that interpretation of "editors" will not be questioned further. (3) In our current Bylaws, no committee guidelines were found for the Budget and Audit committee and it is our understanding that currently only the treasurer is serving on this committee. We recommend that several WDA members be assigned to serve on this committee and write a set of guidelines for the Bylaws. The committee should be chaired by the current treasurer and consist of several past WDA treasurers.

ers and others as requested by the current treasurer. (4) A process for updating the Constitution and Bylaws annually should be clearly defined in the Bylaws. We recommend that Duties of the Secretary should include a line such as: "The Secretary shall update the Constitution and Bylaws after each council meeting as necessary."

A motion was made by C. Quist to accept the updated version of the Constitution. L. Uhazy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. J. Sikarski made a motion to change the first line of Article V, Section 2 of the Bylaws and the first line of the Duties of the Editors to "All Council appointed editors shall, . . ." in place of "The editor(s) shall, . . ." The motion was seconded by W. Lance and passed unanimously. In regards to the lack of Budget and Audit Committee guidelines, C. Quist made a motion to form a committee to develop guidelines for this committee. The motion was seconded by S. Wright and passed unanimously. D. Pence made a motion to make the secretary of the WDA responsible for updating the Constitution and Bylaws after the annual meeting. The motion was seconded by M. Spalding and passed unanimously. T. Roche moved to have the Constitution and Bylaws printed in the Directory and to have this responsibility added to the duties of the Secretary to see that it gets done. The motion was seconded by P. Barrows and passed unanimously.

Sustaining Memberships

In reviewing the category of sustaining memberships, it is clear that a few years ago, several organizations were recruited at a one-time \$1,000.00 fee instead of a yearly fee as originally proposed for this category. For this fee, their names and addresses are listed in the Journal, but currently none of them receive the journal. In order to avoid causing further problems, I propose we leave the current sustaining membership category as is at the one-time \$1,000.00 fee and create a new category for groups that contribute \$1,000.00 per year as per D. Jessup's recommendation. We can invite current sustaining members to join this group if they wish.

J. Sikarski made a motion to establish a category for past supporters and a new category for yearly paying supporters. L. Uhazy seconded the motion. All present voted yes with one abstention.

Non-profit status

A petition was prepared and filed with the U.S. Post Office requesting that the WDA re-

TABLE 3. WDA membership status from WDA Business Office.

Type	Time period	
	1/99 to 8/99	Final 1998
Regular	733	818
Student	130	126
Emeritus	9	8
Sustaining Member	0	0
Complimentary	3	2
Institutional	440	438
Final	1,315	1,392

ceive the Standard A Non-profit postal rates to reduce our costs of mailing brochures, etc. Unfortunately, our petition was denied because our non-profit status is listed as a business league instead of a scientific organization. Our non-profit license should be renewed as a scientific organization so that we can benefit from lower postal rates.

Change of Register

B. McLean talked to R. Kerley of Allen Press about changing the register from Illinois to Kansas.

Administrative Review

This was tabled until next year.

New Business

Allen Press Representation

Whether to have a member of Allen Press present at next year's meeting generated discussion. T. Roche made a motion to attempt to bring R. Kerley to the 2000 meeting in Jackson Hole at shared cost and with WDA making the plane reservation. L. Uhazy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Business Office Report

The following Business Office Report was submitted by R. Kerley, Association Manager, but not read at the meeting. This report summarizes the activities of the Business Office of the WDA this year to date.

As of 2 August 1999 following member types are paid through December 1999, as compared to the 1998 statistics (Table 3). Please note, this is a count of active members only, including those with bad addresses.

Attached to the report were two sets of statistics that were current breakdowns of WDA members and subscribers of the Journal of

Wildlife Diseases. The largest difference is in non-North American members: 139 so far this year, as opposed to 208 at the end of last year.

The WDA is still managed within Team 1 for all inquiries and transactions. Most of the same members have comprised this team since around August, including some very experienced long-time Allen Press employees. We have one new Processing Specialist who replaces an employee who has been promoted to new position on another team. We also have a new Association Manager, S. Mowry. She is learning the ropes for some of my societies so that I can devote more time to AM&M special projects and to the WDA. She will also serve as my backup when I'm out of the office.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. Best wishes for an outstanding annual meeting.

Budget and Audit Committee

The Budget and Audit Committee will draw up guidelines for the committee. It was proposed to have the committee develop the proposed budget. The committee will consist of the Treasurer L. Uhazy, C. Van Riper, I. Barker, B. Adrian, both editors, and President T. Rocke. The proposed budget should be finished by the first week of October and approved by the new year.

Adjournment

W. Lance made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 P.M. The motion was seconded by J. Sikarski and passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,
Elizabeth W. Howerth
Secretary