

**Western Field Ornithologists Board of Directors
Annual Board Meeting
Billings, MT, Thursday, June 11, 2015**

Minutes prepared by Liga Auzins, *Rec. Sec'y.*

Board Members present: David Quady, *Pres.*; Tom Blackman, *Vice Pres.*; Suzanne Carota, *Treas./ Membership Sec'y*; Liga Auzins, *Rec. Sec'y.*; Ed Pandolfino, *Past Pres.*; Jon Dunn, Kimball L. Garrett, Daniel D. Gibson, Susan Kelly, Ed Harper, Kurt Leuschner, Joyce Meyer, Frances Oliver, Steve Rottenborn, Raymond VanBuskirk, Catherine Waters

Guests: Phil Unitt, *Editor WB*; Ginger Johnson, *Graphics Manager WB*; Larry Modesitt, *Colorado Field Ornithologists*

Absent: Robert Gill, Jr.

MINUTES

11:00am Meeting called to order, welcome, roll call, lunch

11:30am **Minutes from March 18, 2015 conference call passed unanimously via motion to approve by Cat and seconded by Susan.**

Next BOD Meetings: October 7, 2015 at 1pm PDT and December 9, 2015 at 1pm PST.

11:35pm **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Financial Report:

We are doing very nicely for the first five months of 2015, with the two big items being publishing *Western Birds (WB)* and the Billings conference. We are on budget in publishing *WB*, with the second issue of Vol. 46 coming out shortly.

The May 31 financial reports were sent out to all Board members via email, along with the 2015 budget that was approved in March. I recently noticed that I failed to reduce the scholarship fund for the relevant costs incurred in San Diego, so this year the Scholarship Fund will be reduced by \$800 for 2014 as well as for the cost of the 2015 conference scholarships.

Our current membership is about 1,150. That is a little higher than the number who have actually paid their 2015 dues, because there are about 25 people from last year that I've kept on the member list hoping that they will still renew. I did not include them in the distribution of *WB* issue 2. Most of the members who did not renew in 2015 are those who joined at prior conferences.

Billings, MT Conference

Report: With some 97% of the projected conference revenue in, but not all of the expenses, we are doing great. Income was from the 226 people registered and the field trips and workshops. Between the cost of food for non-banquet items, the van costs, and the mileage we will probably make a little over \$2,000. We only put in a \$1,000 in the budget for profit so we did well. We exceeded our goal because we had more registrants than expected. We did sell all of the shirts.

Discussion: The McCown's Longspur design is so well done, perhaps we could use it in the future for something. We typically pay \$200-300 for use of the image but we do not own it.

ACTION ITEM: Frances will ask Andrew Guttenburg's permission to reuse the image, but we don't have an identified need yet.

February 2015 financials cash position

Report: Upon Suzanne's recommendation we have now put another \$30,000 of our free cash (which now totals \$204,000) into laddered CDs. So, instead of \$90,000 in CDs we now have \$120,000 in CDs, leaving about \$80,000 in operating cash; that's two full years of operating expenses. \$40,000 worth of the \$120,000 in CDs will mature every June, providing additional cash should we need it.

Review of WFO's honoraria

Report: In 2012 we resolved that every three years we would look at the honoraria we pay (currently, to Suzanne, Dan, Phil, Ginger and Peter) and evaluate whether the amounts are appropriate. Ed P. and Suzanne will consider three criteria: inflation over the past three years (especially as it affects us); have the jobs changed in scope; and have they increased or decreased in responsibility (to the extent we can judge that from positions with similar jobs in other organizations). They will look at those factors and present recommendations at our October meeting for decisions which we can incorporate in the 2016 budget.

ACTION ITEM: Ed P. and Suzanne will lead a review of WFO's honoraria as described above.

Note: Dave Q will send new Board members a primer of introductory materials, e.g. the directory, the by-laws, Dan Singer's financial review from a few years ago, and financial procedures that we have established over the last year or so.

11:50am PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

eWestern Birds (eWB):

Report: We have gotten nothing but good feedback from people who have looked at **eWB**. Cat worked on it for a long time and Tim set it up beautifully. At least 110 members have opted to receive only the electronic version, which saves us money. To make sure that people don't miss an issue, Ed P. in the WFO News continues to send a message to all members when each **eWB** issue comes out, letting them know that there is a new issue and giving them a taste of its contents.

Discussion: We need to put all of the back issues on our website but must get a cost estimate from Tim before we go forward. So far Tim has posted only the most recent four volumes; that is because earlier volumes can be found on SORA. Phil has downloaded everything from SORA, as insurance if SORA becomes non-functional in the future.

ACTION ITEM: Ed P. will obtain a volume-by-volume cost estimate from Tim.

ACTION ITEM: The Pubs and Finance committees will make a recommendation at our October meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Tim will change (simplify) the password access to **eWB** from what is it now.

Also on the website there is a box where people can join **WB** which doesn't say anything about **eWB** so it is a good time to change the wording of that join box to tell people they can receive **eWB** only if they wish. Suzanne is reminding new members about this option.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne will work with Tim to figure out the best way to set up the website for the various options, e.g., opt out, without overwhelming the website.

Note: It's great to see an idea that has long been in the works so well executed. Congratulations to everybody who was involved.

Sometime in the future we ought to look at the accessibility of **eWB** on various types of smart phones as this is a very popular avenue of access. Currently it is not Android compatible.

Also, we ought to look at what kinds of things we can do to make **eWB** pop up high on the list of searches, i.e., Google Scholar or other academic searches of the literature. Many things show up on Google Scholar that do not show up on the academic searchers, e.g., BIOSYS.

12:05pm **Western Birds (WB)**

Status: 46(2) is in the mail now and on the website. For 46(3) we have 9 papers scheduled (about 80 pages) which are being typeset and copy edited. Beyond that we have another 6 manuscripts that have been reviewed and returned to the authors, although 3 or 4 of those are probably dead. There are another 10 manuscripts currently in review. For 2015 so far we have received 16 manuscripts; 15 are in process and one has been rejected. That pace exceeds 2014 as of this date. In 2014 we received 40 manuscripts total. We are pretty much maxing out our capability, which is 96 pages per issue.

As to bird records committee reports, 46(3) will have Doug Faulkner's report from Colorado; it is a synopsis of additions to the Colorado list over the last 30 years. That is the only such report in process right now. The Washington report is in the review process right now, and the CBRC is aiming for 46(4).

Note: A special thanks to everyone involved with getting **WB** out, especially Dan Gibson and Phil Unitt.

12:10pm **Page Charges for WB**

Background: On acceptance of a manuscript authors are asked to contribute \$25 per page to defray the cost of publication. They are also reassured that acceptance is not dependent on payment. Bird record committee (BRC) reports tend to run very long and are published on a regular basis, and we are not receiving page charges proportionate to the number of pages, or even at all. As a whole we have been recouping some page charges. Jon and Kimball drafted a letter to BRC Chairs that have published or are in the process of publishing in **WB**, reiterating the importance of the page charges and suggesting ways of raising money. This letter is essentially ready to go. The \$25/page fee was instituted in the mid-nineties. This amount never covered the full cost of the page. In 1997 it covered 42% of actual cost whereas in 2014 it covered 30% of actual costs. Another way of looking at it is if you look at the cost per printed page in 1997 it was \$60/page and in 2014 it was \$84/page. So there has been a 39% increase in cost per page. Maybe by increasing page costs we will get even less money. This is something the Board needs to consider. Dan contributed the full page costs for his paper, as did the Washington Ornithological Society, who did it because it was cheaper to publish their BRC report in **WB** than in their own journal.

Discussion: Maybe we could increase the rates incrementally, i.e., increasing page charges in 5 years to \$30, and then \$35 in 5 years until we get to \$40.

ACTION ITEM: The finance committee and publications committee will come up with a recommendation for the Oct. meeting.

12:20pm *Avifaunal Change Volume*

Report: Dave Shuford's report stated that there are 13 papers now in review. They expected more than that at this point. The editors have set a second deadline for submission: the 31st of July. We already know what the cover looks like as we have done the basic outline, i.e. the drawing that will go on the cover of the book. The Board decided it would be a softbound book as opposed to a hardbound book. We would also like to have this available as an e-book.

ACTION ITEM: Cat will forward Dave's report to the entire Board; some did not receive it.

We are looking for a total of 23-24 papers with a minimum of 20. We are some time away from constructing a meaningful budget. Cat sent out a budget based on 400 pages, but we will not have a hard page count until we see how long these papers are. After we have sold every copy of the book we will probably publish online. The way people look for articles is a pdf of an individual contribution so that might be a good thing to do somewhere down the road. It will be decided by all of us how *Avifaunal Change* will be distributed and how many copies get printed. In October we should have some estimate of the size of the book and the future of the remaining 9 papers, and the approximate total page count.

ACTION ITEM: Estimate size of *Avifaunal* book for Oct. meeting

12:33pm *Rare Birds of California online (eRBC):*

REPORT: After Joe was re-elected Chairman of the CBRC Dave Q. met with him to discuss their differences of opinion on how to proceed with **eRBC**. The general philosophy to be followed -- consistent with what the Board directed a year ago -- is to correct the book. We are not going to try to update it; we are not going to try to improve it. If future errors in the book come to light the plan is that the CBRC will bundle up all the needed corrections and approve them at their annual meeting (typically held early in the year), and then the Publications Committee will look at it and, if deemed appropriate, update the website. We will make changes only once a year.

A comprehensive list of all the corrections and amplifications made to the book will be online, accessible when you go to look at **eRBC** online. Corrections will be made on an annual basis and discussed by both committees. It shouldn't take long to agree and then make the corrections; once done, the corrections and amplifications log would read that the version then online has all the corrections through (for example) Dec. 31, 2015 versus the current date of April 30, 2015. We thought we would do it in a straight forward way infrequently and in batches.

Dave Q. received a vote of confidence to go forward with this plan.

12:45pm **MEETINGS COMMITTEE**

Fortuna CA, September 28 to October 2, 2016

Report: Tom and Susan have selected as the venue, the River Lodge in Fortuna, CA. They had two candidate venues with a minimal cost difference between them. The River Lodge is a meeting and banquet facility 10 miles south of Eureka, adjacent to four hotels that have ample rooms and are within walking distance of River Lodge. Susan has negotiated with the facility to be open for all four days of our meetings. It has plenty of room for launching field trips. It has a large hall with a drop down screen. We have a couple caterers in mind and shortly we will pick one. They are familiar with the facility and its commercial kitchen. They can cook for us and make lunches and other things that need to be done. As the timeline progresses we are going to start to look at keynote speakers and we could use some help in finding a keynote speaker.

ACTION ITEM: All: consider possibilities for a keynote speaker, and contact Tom or Susan.

Discussion: A contract should be signed as soon as possible with the dates locked down. We also need to get rooms blocked out at the various hotels for a projected two hundred participants. All the available area hotels are in the same quality range. Two problems with transportation are 1) getting people there and 2) how to transport them on field trips. The latter is really problematic because you need a special license. We might be limited to carpools. Automobile rental agencies should be able to bring more cars to their Humboldt agency as there will probably be more requests than normal. Since it is a 34 mile trip in a taxi maybe we can arrange a van for pick-ups at the McKinleyville airport. We will not use vans for field trips as California requires a Class C driver's license. Maybe we can contract with a van guy, someone who has a license. Some of the local festivals, i.e., Godwit Days, do use vans so Rob Fowler can probably refer us to the proper source.

Steve Rottenborn will help with the science sessions and papers, workshops and the timeline. Nathan and Ed H. have already been approached about doing their sound and bird ID sessions.

There is one issue with the number of workshops. The facility can handle 3 workshops simultaneously very nicely but simultaneously providing enough 'walk around meet with your buddies' space is something we need to look at. We might be limited to having two concurrent workshops. We could do outside workshops, i.e., field photography.

Registration can begin only 4 months before the event; we must figure out the exact date so that credit cards remain active throughout the conference.

There are no commercial boats there big enough for pelagic trips but there may be an opportunity to get a research boat from Humboldt State; it might hold 25 passengers. The probability of cancellation due to rough seas is pretty high.

1:00pm Colorado 2017 Conference

Update: 2017 will be out of state and it seems natural to have a conference in Colorado because we have not been there since 2006 and we have a partnership with Colorado Field Ornithologists (CFO). There has been some discussion with Larry Modesitt about whether to combine our conference with CFO's.

Report: Larry discussed the feasibility of combining conferences at a CFO Board meeting. The biggest challenge is size, considering 200 people from WFO and 200 people from CFO would make a huge conference. CFO has been meeting in small towns and this would require a big town, e.g. Fort Collins or Colorado Springs -- in other words, the Front Range. It would be very difficult to get enough field trip leaders. CFO has not paid leaders other than giving them a T-shirt. We can use vans in Colorado so that would be no problem. It would be an overwhelming amount of work, however. One possibility we talked about was having two conferences: a WFO conference assisted by CFO, and then the regular CFO conference. One of the differences between the two organizations is that CFO very seldom has conferences in the fall. They prefer early May because of migration. Since CFO is less involved with research WFO doesn't have the same problem. It looks like it would work to have a CFO conference in May and WFO probably in September. WFO would be handling the workshops and science papers section and then CFO could provide many good leaders and locations for the birding.

Discussion: It appears that most CFO members would attend the May conference and then we would have the WFO conference in September or October . . . would these CFO members attend both conferences, or would ours be just a regular WFO conference with some assistance from CFO? There is no answer to this question. WFO had almost the identical situation with WOS a few

years ago. The WOS Board also agreed to have two conferences, spring and fall and they would help us with field trip leaders, etc. The WOS Board said they didn't expect many WOS members to attend but in fact we had a lot of participants from WOS members because they saw our conference as something different, with speakers and our science sessions. If we take that as a model, we can make that work.

Having two conferences in CO has the potential of being a bigger success than our meeting with WOS. A partnership was never really established with WOS. In this case there is a formal partnership, especially if we both talk up that relationship. Even though there is a May event, the fall event would be an additional opportunity for a slightly different perspective. People are looking for additional opportunities to be involved in an event. Look how quickly our field trips fill up. It would still be a CFO/WFO event even though WFO takes the majority of the responsibilities. CFO will have Board members there so our members will feel comfortable with that organization. It will also be fall migration. The WOS arrangement was a gamble and it worked; this is a gamble but we think this has a better chance of working.

The date might be late August or early September in the Front Range, e.g., Fort Collins. CFO will be meeting in Lamar, in extreme southeast CO, in the spring so that's geographically different enough from what WFO would be doing.

ACTION ITEM: Appoint someone from the Meetings Committee to be a special liaison with Larry to further investigate the idea of a CO conference in early fall 2017.

1:20pm AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Announcement: We have Certificates of Appreciation for Nathan Pieplow and Peter LaTourrette for everyone to sign. We will give a framed and signed certificate to Nathan on Friday. Since Pete was unable to attend Dave Q. will deliver the award to him. We will announce these awards along with all others at the banquet. To review, in the March meeting we agreed to send certificates to Pierre Devillers and Jean Craig Terschuren. We are currently working on the wording and will finalize that and the President will sign these, the Craig Award and the Swarth Award.

Swarth Award:

Announcement: Nine days after we agreed to bestow the Swarth Award on Bob Dickerman he suffered a stroke and subsequently passed away about a month later without knowing he had received the award. At Dan's suggestion we decided to send his commemorative plaque to his sons with the suggestion that it be permanently displayed in the Bird Division of the Museum of Southwestern Biology at the University of New Mexico.

Craig Award:

Announcement: The Board decided to bestow the Craig Award on Guy McCaskie. We will present it on Saturday evening at the banquet.

Some time ago the Board voted to have Tom Schultz paint a Sabine's Gull, from which we would make prints to bestow on recipients of the Craig and Swarth Awards. The amount of money negotiated was \$500. He has done a sketch, but the painting will not be ready for this year's Craig Award. We will work with Tom to have him provide prints as they are needed for future recipients.

Note: Four outgoing Board members, Joyce, Ed H., Kimball and Bob will receive our traditional two inscribed wine glasses in thanks and appreciation for their service.

1:23pm NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Report: All of the officers agreed to continue in their positions: President, Dave Quady; Vice President, Tom Blackman; Treasurer/Membership Secretary, Suzanne Carota; and Recording Secretary, Liga Auzins. We have the task of replacing four outgoing directors. We have two issues. We have an election. We have 5 candidates for 4 director positions. We have traditionally had competitive elections over many election cycles and we wanted to continue that as well. We have a second issue which is we will elect 4 new directors to the Board. Two of them will technically be eligible for only one term because they are replacing outgoing directors who are retiring after one term. We have a few recommendations to bring to the Board.

BOARD MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Guests leave room.

1:30pm

Motion to

move into executive session made by Kimball and seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.

Motion to move out of executive session made by Dave Q. and seconded Ray by and passed unanimously.

BOARD MOVES TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Guests rejoin Board meeting

BREAK

3:05pm

Review of

Results of Executive Session Actions:

To recap the results of the elections, Homer Hansen and Larry Modesitt were each elected to a three year term with the possibility of being elected for a second consecutive three year term before they are termed out. Diane Rose and Dave Shuford were each elected to a three year term; they will be termed out at the end of that term and must sit off for a year before they can be re-elected.

3:06pm

Committee

Chairmanships:

Ken is currently the Chair of the Awards Committee and we need to find a replacement for him, Kimball is currently the Chair of Conservation and Science Policy. The President will appoint Steve Rottenborn to succeed Kimball as Chair of the Conservation and Science Policy Committee. Ed Harper is one of the Co-chairs of the meetings Committee and the President will appoint Susan Kelly to serve with Frances Oliver and Tom Blackman. Kimball is Chair of the Nominating Committee and the President will appoint Tom as the Chair. Joyce is Chair of the Scholarships Committee and we need to find a replacement for her. The President's appointments of committee Chairs are subject to the Board's approval. Members of committees do not have to be on the Board but they do have to be a member of the organization. People don't have to be on the Board to be a Chair but we think it's a good practice. The Nominating Committee is open to suggestions from any member.

3:07pm

FIELD TRIPS

COMMITTEE

Cuba Trips: We have two trips to Cuba. The one in November with Kimball is filled and is simply waiting for the flights to be finalized. The second trip to Cuba will be March 13-25th 2016 with Jon. We need to figure out how we want to advertise that because we are going to give the wait-listed

people a chance and then we may fill up the rest with Life Members. (See Life Members Status below.)

Rosy-Finch Field Trip: We are going to push that off another year to January 2017. Dave Krueper and Raymond prefer that. They will pick the dates and submit information to the Finance Committee.

The Central Sierra Trip will be a year from now. The itinerary is pretty much laid out. Lena Hayashi is helping with the reservations. We will stay in Auburn, Markleeville and Truckee. We will put in the full description when we announce it.

The Shorebird Workshop will be two days in the summer of 2016, with a classroom one day and a field trip the next.

The Field Trips Committee is always open to new ideas, especially from the Board members. Half the funds you raise go to the general operating budget; the trip leaders can direct the balance to whatever committee or fund they choose.

Remember that these field trips and the conferences are what fill the gap from membership fees.

What about a trip to the Palm Desert area, like Joshua Tree and the North End of the Salton Sea? Kurt already leads many educational type outings over a weekend through UC Riverside. Maybe we can open it up to WFO members also and they could register and get credit for the class. It would be a way we could have those people join us for weekends and still raise a little money for WFO. It's an ongoing trip twice a year. We can put it in the newsletter.

3:18pm

Zzyzx Desert

Studies Center 9-11 October 2015

Kurt has arranged for us to stay at the Desert Studies Center in Zzyzx. Please RSVP even if you are not going. Kurt apprised new Board members so that they have the opportunity. This is a mini-retreat, an opportunity to get together. There is no agenda, but one of the reasons was that we have almost a year and a half between conferences and this would help bridge the gap. It is a place Kurt has access to and it seems like a good place to gather. There is birding and Las Vegas is 100 miles away if you are flying in. We will not formally conduct business there. We have a conference call scheduled for the previous Wednesday, Oct. 7th of that week, which we don't want to move. At Zzyzx we can go birding and talk about things in general. We can discuss things such as Susan raised which we have not had time to discuss i.e., What is WFO for? ... What do we want to do with the money we have raised? Useful but unstructured discussions. Meals are all included and you have 40 beds in a dormitory type facility. It is a unique opportunity to stay a couple nights. We might want to invite potential candidates for next year's elections to the Board. Cat and Kurt will decide how many more and who will be able to attend.

3:23pm

Partnership

with Colorado Field Ornithologists (CFO)

Status and Plans: We thought it would be an excellent idea for more of our Board members to attend CFO events and likewise CFO members attending our events including inviting them to our Board meetings. When Jon went to the CFO event they had a nice welcoming barbeque. It is a benefit to see how other organizations conduct business. We are encouraging Board members to attend their events and maybe help with outreach to get other members to come. Last time Jon gave programs and field trips. There are more things we can do on our websites. We announced

the partnership. We should announce the Colorado events in **WB**. Jon needs to get this type of information for the journal. We should also put it in the newsletter and perhaps send out an e-mail to all our members. We could also do better with the communication between editors, Phil Unitt and Peter Burke and Dan Gibson. In regards to potential articles that need peer review, perhaps we can help find reviewers for CFO. As to joint members, maybe there is a way to formally recognize these members, that they are members of both WFO and CFO. We can emphasize the reduced rate to join CFO to our members.

ACTION ITEM: Jon pass on pertinent information to be printed in **WB**, the newsletter, and e-mail.

The last agenda point is that it is still possible to do field trips, i.e., have a CFO members lead a group of WFO members and vice versa and both organizations would share the revenues equally. CFO has no Life Membership category although one can sign up for membership for 3 years. Ted Floyd is in charge of most publicity for CFO, and another person does Facebook (which has been growing rapidly). WFO mentions CFO on their Facebook page.

3:33pm

Life Members

Status and Implications Thereof

Background: A year or two ago we gave Life and Patron Members an the opportunity to sign up for things in advance of regular members, knowing full well that it was the right thing to do to serve those that were at a higher level membership, and yet we worried about the possibility that they might fill all the slots on any one trip. The fall Cuba trip came close to that with 9 Life Members signing up for the 14 slots. The question arose that we have a lot of Life Members, 186, and 5 Patrons out of a roughly an 1100 membership. The practice has been to accord someone Life Member status for purposes of early sign up as soon as they make their first down payment on the payment schedule available. A few of those who signed up for the Cuba trip were in that situation: they had begun to pay for Life Member status but were not fully paid up. It seems appropriate to grandfather the ones currently in this situation but going forward not let someone sign up as a Life Member for all events until they made their *last* payment and *not* their first. There is a general consensus on that point.

Discussion: We should limit half the slots to Life Members and Patrons and once that portion is full we guarantee 50% of those slots to everybody on a first come first serve basis.

Dan was our first Patron in 1999. We will ask the Finance Committee to look at this issue of early access for sign-ups and dissolving the installment plan for Life Members or adopting the rule that you aren't one until you make the final payment.

ACTION ITEM: Finance Committee to look into early access for trip sign-ups for all members.

We want to decide how to handle sign-ups for the second Cuba Trip. We have approximately 11 people on the waiting list out of 14 slots. The question is how should be handle sign-ups for that second Cuba trip.

Proposal: We would like to offer the first slots to the people on the wait list and whatever slots are left over, as we normally do, offer it to Life Members and if that does not fill, open up to the regular membership.

Do you want to do the same thing for the conference? Consensus: NO

New Policy: Motion not needed but it is agreed by general consensus that half the slots on trips will go to Life Members and the other half to the general members on a first come first serve basis.

3:53pm

OUTREACH

COMMITTEE

Report: The Outreach Committee this year was occupied with the partnership with CFO where Jon pretty much filled the role. We got the website up and running to make sure that we have link to CFO. After the conference is over, Outreach will have more time to discuss with Larry how we can extend our partnership further. We did a lot of outreach to other western states' Audubon Societies. We now have a record that we can use whenever we want to extend our outreach to them.

3:57pm

WFO Archives:

Report: We now have an established archive at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology (WFVZ) in Camarillo, CA which is our official address. If you have correspondence that you want archived, we will update the archive once or twice a year. Kurt Rademaker is turning over his copies of *Euphonia* to complete the ones that are missing in our archives. WFO takes up a vast amount space (25 linear feet of files); most of it given over to CBRC records. These records come in giant piles at the end of every year. Linnea is going to need new filing cabinets soon or get permission from us to store in boxes on shelves. If any other organization becomes a part of WFO, we will figure out a way to keep their archives there. The CBRC is submitting both gold DVDs and paper records at this time. We gave WFVZ a gift last year. There is no complaint coming from them. They consider themselves a repository for anything vertebrate.

Other business:

We should have an official western state representative on the Board. We want to hear what is going on in the other western states. Why can't we somehow officially appoint a liaison in each state to be our official liaison or state representative? We actually tried that in the past with no success. We are looking for someone who can respond every three months. Someone from the Board would e-mail this group and ask them what is going on in your state in the next three months.

ACTION ITEM: Possibility of having western state representatives by Frances.

4:00pm **Motion made to adjourn by Cat, seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.**