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Minutes of the Society for Conservation Biology
General Members Meeting
Held during the Conservation Asia 2016
National University of Singapore
1 July 2016, 8:00 - 9:30 PM SGT (GMT+8)

Call to order: A General Members Meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) was held in person on 1 July 2016 with 46 people in attendance. A quorum being established, consisting of SCB Board of Governors (BoG) members and meeting participants from the general membership of SCB, the meeting convened at 8:03 pm SGT (Singapore Time), SCB President James Watson presiding, Lauren Krizel, acting Secretary.

Part I: Conduct SCB Business

Introductions: Mike Mascia, President Elect

- Mike Mascia welcomes members, board members.
- Explains rationale for annual Members' Meeting

Review and Modify Agenda As Needed: James Watson, President

- No changes to agenda were proposed

Approval of Minutes: James Watson, President

- Motion was made by James Watson, and seconded by Carlos Carroll, to approve the minutes of the 6 August 2015 General Members Meeting held in Montpellier, France. Vote: 12 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Message from SCB President: James Watson, President

- James thanks outgoing board and staff members
- James talks about the international scope of SCB citing 5 section conferences in 2016
- James talks about the journals of SCB – *Conservation Biology* and *Conservation Letters*
- James recognizes desire for members to be involved in policy and that this means different things for each Section
- James talks about diversity being key to SCB and the work of the Diversity Committee

Financial Report: Warren Sander, Finance Director

- SCB's financial situation is stable, consistent, predictable.
- One extraordinary event – sold office building in DC in 2015 (\$900k of additional liquidity, this equals options)
- Bottom line is in deficit of \$94,000 but \$60,000 was budgeted loss

Part II: Discussion and Engagement

Structure and Goals of SCB: James Watson, President

- James explains history of SCB, missions, vision, etc.
- Overview of organization chart and structure
- Overview of Sections, Working Groups, Chapters, and Committees – very easy to be active in SCB
- Next Board of Governors election starting in Sept. 2016

Spotlight on Asia Section / Conservation in Asia: Ahimsa Campos-Arceiz, Asia Section President

- Introduce members to Asia Section Board
- Membership data – 400 in Asia Section, 4,100 in Society – we are underrepresented
- Attendance is growing at Asia Section conferences
- Global awards can be given by Asia Section
- Policy engagement growing

ICCB 2017: Insights for Sustaining Life of Earth: Mike Mascia, President Elect & Conference Committee Chair

- Mike gives an overview of the plans for ICCB 2017 in Colombia
- Members can suggest people for plenary speakers
- Olivier Chassot is the chair of the meeting
- Searching for a new Executive Director – members can submit ideas for qualities an ED should display

Open Discussion: Mike Mascia, President Elect

- Mike introduce board members and takes questions on policy, regional journals, getting involved

New Business: Mike Mascia, President Elect

- No new business

Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm SGT: Mike Mascia moved and was seconded.