

DRAFT MINUTES
PSG EXCO 2006 SUMMER CONFERENCE CALL
Thursday, September 7, 2006
Katie O'Reilly, Chair

[FROM EXCO MTG AGENDA FOR II.07; WHAT WAS APPROVED??]

Present

Officers: Katie O'Reilly, Verena Gill, Bob Day, Craig Harrison, Ron Ydenberg, Ron LeValley
Representatives: Shiway Wang, Esther Burkett, Linda Elliott, Don Lyons, Ken Morgan, Dan Robinette, Jo Smith
Local Committee: Jim Harvey, Hannah Nevins

Proxies

Katie O'Reilly held Mark Tasker's proxy.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Katie O'Reilly welcomed EXCO members to the conference call at 1400 h PST.

2. Approval of Minutes from 2006 Annual Meeting (minutes are attached)

Minutes of the 2006 EXCO meeting were approved with several minor corrections. The final version is attached.

MOTION

That the Minutes of the 2006 EXCO meeting be accepted as attached.

Moved by Craig Harrison

Seconded by Dan Robinette

The motion was passed unanimously

3. Report from 2006 Girdwood meeting

Verena Gill commented on the Budget and Budget summary reports for the 2006 Annual Meeting in Girdwood. These were previously circulated. EXCO received these gratefully and thanked Verena once again for an outstandingly successful meeting.

4. Confirmation of awards recipients

The Awards Committee nominated Michael Harris for The Lifetime Achievement Award and Edward Melvin for The Special Achievement Award.

MOTION

That Michael Harris be offered The Lifetime Achievement Award.

Moved by Bob Day for The Awards Committee

Seconded by Craig Harrison

The motion was passed unanimously

MOTION

That Edward Melvin be offered The Special Achievement Award.

Moved by Bob Day for The Awards Committee

Seconded by Craig Harrison

The motion was passed unanimously

5. Asilomar meeting 2007

Jim Harvey reported on plans for the Asilomar meeting, to be held February 7 – 11 2007. His report is attached. EXCO discussed various aspects of the planning. Discussion centered on space, budgeting, and setting a cap to meeting attendance. In contrast to all previous meetings, there was concern about over-attendance. Based on the feedback provided, Jim Harvey will revise the budget and send it to the Chair for approval and to EXCO for feedback.

6. Travel awards

This is an Action Item (under Minutes #31) from the 2005 EXCO meeting.

ACTION ITEM

Prepare a clear preamble to explain the issues and prepare a clear simple motion for EXCO's midyear conference call that will resolve this issue.

Shiway Wang has prepared a document, which is attached.

MOTION

To approve all 7 parts of the motion detailed in the attached document.

Moved by Shiway Wang

Seconded by Ron LeValley

The motion was passed unanimously.

This means that the Asilomar LOC has to add \$2000 to their budget to cover Fund #3.

7. Conservation Small-grant Program

MOTION

That EXCO hereby establishes the Conservation Small-grant Program Fund

Moved by Craig Harrison

Seconded by Ken Morgan

The motion was passed unanimously

EXCO decided that the description and details of fund administration will be worked out in future and will be discussed further at the Asilomar annual EXCO meeting.

8. Endorsement of petition to delist the Brown Pelican

EXCO discussed the issue of delisting of the Brown Pelican at the 2006 EXCO meeting in Girdwood and decided to vote on endorsement of the petition to delist the Brown Pelican at its midyear conference call (2006 Minutes Item #16).

MOTION

The Pacific Seabird Group (PSG) endorses the petitions to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game by the Endangered Species Recovery Council to remove the California Brown Pelican from the list of species deemed to be endangered or threatened. PSG may file appropriate comments reflecting this decision during any administrative proceedings associated with these petitions.

Moved by Craig Harrison

Seconded by Ron LeValley

In favor 8 Against 0 Abstentions 4

9. Seabird Congress in Taiwan

The Taiwanese government has asked that we re-submit the proposal for the 2006 meeting for 2007. EXCO indicated its support for this idea, and Ron Ydenberg will follow up.

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1550h. EXCO thanks Ron LeValley for organizing the conference call procedure, which again worked very smoothly.