



Student Chapter Progress Report – Guidelines

Complete this form and email to the Student Representative on Council, Marianthi Ioannidis (ioannidis.marianthi@gmail.com), before May 1st 2020. This report will be made available on the WDA website, thus it is also your chapter's business card.

- 1) Complete your report according to the guidelines below
- 2) Make sure to list the current officers and their details in this report.
- 3) If possible, please attach a group shot of the current chapter officers for 2020 to be added to the website.
- 4) Chapter that are not sending back a progress report will not be considered active anymore.



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Chapter Name:

Wildlife Disease Association Chapter of University of Pennsylvania

Established in (if known):

2017

Mission:

We do not have a mission statement at this time.

Number of chapter members:

We have about 240 members. At Penn, every SAVMA member is a member of every club.

Number of chapter members that are WDA members:

As far as I know, we do not have any current members.

Faculty Advisor

Name: Erica Miller

Position: Adjunct Professor

Email: Erica@jfrink.com

Current board members

Please include country of the officers when your chapter represents multiple countries. Also, please include country representatives here (this only applies to regional, not university- based chapters).

President:

Name: Sarah Weinberg

Email: siwein@vet.upenn.edu

Vice President

Name: Emmakate Womack

Email address: ekwomack@vet.upenn.edu



Other Officers (e.g. treasurer, secretary etc.)

Incl. position, name and email address

Treasurer

Name: Tom Hollway

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Secretary

Name: Matt Boulanger

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Events Coordinator

Name: Lindsay Martin

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Wildlife Rehabilitation chairs

Name: Jill Wallace

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Name: Alicia Amundson

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Fundraising chairs

Name: Leah Marks

Email: leahma@vet.upenn.edu

Name: Vickie Zhou

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First Year Liaisons

Name: Olivia Rozanski

Email: orozan@vet.upenn.edu

Name: Lauren Miller

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How frequently does your chapter hold elections?
We hold elections annually.

Board members 2020-2021

If nothing changes, please report this. If changes are scheduled for later in 2020, please provide the planned time frame for board and/or country representative changes. **Always make sure to update the Student Representative on Officer changes!**

Given the current unknown state of our fall semester, we have not elected a board yet. Assuming that students will be meeting in person in the fall, we plan to elect a board in July. Our current first year liaisons will be on the board, along with new electees.

Description of Chapter Activities

PR & Fundraising

PR:

Online presence:

- **Chapter website (if applicable):** Not applicable
- **Chapter facebook page (if applicable):** Not applicable
- **Other chapter online or social media presence (i.e. youtube, twitter):** Not applicable
- **Does your chapter have a newsletter?** No

Member recruitment & Club outreach

- **How does your chapter announce and advertises your events?**
We email school list serves an advertise on student Facebook groups.

Collaboration:

- **Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with?**
- We collaborated with the One Health club this past year. We planned to collaborate with them for a second event as well but that event was cancelled.
- **If your chapter collaborates, what does the chapter do together with the other organization?**

It usually means hosting an event together. Our role varies depending on the event. We could be involved in planning, financial support or other roles.



WDA-representation:

- **How did your chapter promote the WDA? (i.e. hand-out WDA flyers, announced at meetings what WDA mission is and how to become a member, coordinated travel to the WDA conference)**

We would share WDA announcements at our and related student events.

Fundraising:

- **Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees?**
 - Every student pays \$40 to join SAVMA. As a club, we get \$250 in the fall semester and \$125 in the spring semester.
- **Did your chapter host a fundraiser (i.e. cookie sale, gear sale)?**
 - We sold pencil cases in the fall. In the spring, we were going to do a T shirt sale, but that was cancelled given quarantine.
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- **Did your chapter apply for grants and awards (i.e. WDA student chapter grants, university support)?**

This past year we did not.
- **Any other way the chapter's financial health is maintained (i.e. sponsorships)?**

This past year we did not.

EVENTS

We hosted two events in the fall. We co-hosted an event with our One Health club with Dr. Ellis. She spoke about wildlife disease plans in Pennsylvania. We also hosted an eagle necropsy. In the spring we hosted a BBQ fundraiser for an organization assisting Australia during the wildfires. We also planned to have a turtle necropsy and a wellness event later in the spring, but those were cancelled.

(Bi)Annual events (if applicable):

Please provide a brief description of the activity, include at least the date(s), speaker/host/goal and approximate attendance. If you have pictures, please include them.

Annually, we work with a local wildlife rehabilitation center that is overcrowded. They let student rehab turtles that are in good health and release them come spring. Within this program, there are multiple education programs on reptile health and husbandry.



Weekly or monthly events (if applicable):

Please provide a brief description of the activity, include at least the date(s), speaker/host/goal and approximate attendance. If you have pictures, please include them.

This is not currently applicable.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please share anything else you would like to share about your chapter.

!!!Regarding the WDA conference in 2021, Wisconsin

In order to organize the next student event prior the annual meeting we decided to ask the student chapter officers:

What would you like to have as a main topic/red line?

What would you like to see during this event in terms of lectures, workshops,...?

There are a few topics students in my club were interested in. One was the effects of COVID-19 quarantine on wildlife. We also talked about hosting an informal opportunity to share wildlife stories (potentially as an evening activity). Another topic was the effects of COVID-19 on animal markets.