

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.

Student Chapter Progress Report

Chapter Name: Wildlife Disease Association, University of Tennessee Student Chapter

Established in (if known): 2011/2012

Mission: As a student organization, we would like to bring students into the world of wildlife health by providing networking opportunities and experience the field.



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Number of chapter members: 14

Number of chapter members that are WDA members: 2

*The number of student WDA members within the chapter is one of the election criteria in the Student Chapter Grant Selection process. Make sure that you advertise the advantages of WDA membership to your chapter members (discount on conference fees, student awards at conferences, WDA newsletter, mentoring program etc.). If you are unsure about the number of WDA members among your chapter members, feel free to attach your chapter's membership list. We can easily check how many people are WDA members.

Faculty Advisor

Name: Lisa Muller

Position: Advisor

Email: lmuller@utk.edu

Faculty Advisor

Name: Debra Miller

Position: Advisor

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Faculty Advisor

Name: Richard Gerhold

Position: Advisor

Email: rwgerhold@utk.edu

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: Raven Schuman

Email: raveschu@vols.utk.edu

Vice President

Name: Alex Viere

Email address: aviere@vols.utk.edu

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

Treasurer

Name: Katie Riese

Email address: kriese@vols.utk.edu

Secretary

Name: Jessica Pearson

Email address: jesspear@vols.utk.edu

How frequently does your chapter hold elections?

Elections are held once a year in April.

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!**

President:

Name: Ana Towe

Email: atowe@vols.utk.edu

Vice President

Name: Cody Ritter (fall semester) and Megan Cox (spring semester)

Email address: critter@vols.utk.edu ; mcox67@vols.utk.edu

Other Officers

Treasurer

Name: Jessica Pearson (fall) and Kyra Hokkanen (spring)

Email address: jesspear@vols.utk.edu ; khokkane@vols.utk.edu

Secretary

Name: Leah Crowley

Email address: lcrowle2@vols.utk.edu

Description of Chapter Activities**PR & Fundraising**

PR: Online presence:

- Chapter website (if applicable): <https://utkwda.wordpress.com/>
- Chapter facebook page (if applicable): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165973580272717/>

Member recruitment & Club outreach

- How does your chapter announce and advertises your events?
-flyers, emails, and GroupMe announcements

Collaboration:

- Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with?
-UT Chapter of the Wildlife and Fisheries Society
- If your chapter collaborates, what does the chapter do together with the other organization?
-Deer Check Stations at Oak Ridge

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)
-handed out flyers at the beginning of the year at student organization fairs
-announced at the first meeting what the WDA mission is and how to become a member

Fundraising:

- Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees?
-\$5 per semester
- Did your chapter host a fundraiser (i.e. cookie sale, gear sale)?
-We were going to have a gear sale, but we were unable to due to classes being moved to online.
- Did your chapter apply for grants and awards (i.e. WDA student chapter grants, university support)?
We did not.
- Any other way the chapter's financially health is maintained (i.e. sponsorships)?

EVENTS

Please share the activities your chapter organized or co-organized between April 30th 2019 and May 1st 2020. It is ok to overlap if you mentioned some of the events above. In addition, if you have exciting end of semester / summer plans please share those too. We love to know how you keep members engaged when school is not in session.

(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.

- Necropsy Lab
 - Necropsy of specimens at the veterinary school
 - Planned for April, but was cancelled due to classes being moved to online

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.

- -Bi-weekly meetings
- September 9th, 2019
 - Club Introduction
 - 25 people
- September 23rd, 2019
 - Dr. Richard Gerhold: Chronic Wasting Disease
 - 20 members
- October 7th, 2019
 - Dr. Lisa Muller: Tennessee Elk Project
 - 8 members
- November 4th, 2019
 - WDA Study Day
 - Club had snacks and encouraged members to come and study together
 - 6 members
- November 18th, 2019
 - Dr. Emma Wilcox: White-nose Syndrome
 - Lindsay Phillips: Tennessee Turkey Project
 - 8 members
- January 27th, 2020
 - Dr. Deb Miller: Pathways of a Career in Wildlife Health
 - 7 members
- February 10th, 2020
 - Dr. Dian Dewi: Wildlife Disease and Health in Indonesia
 - 6 members

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? One Health Importance During Pandemics

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