Student Chapter Progress Report – Guidelines

Complete this form and email to the Student Representative on Council, Catharina Vendl (Catharinavendl@gmail.com), before April 30th 2018. This report will be made available on the WDA website, thus it is also your chapter’s business card.

**For the first time, we will have a drawing of cash prizes for Progress Reports!**

To be entered in the drawing for cash prices (3 x $100 prices will be given out):

1) Send your report in on time: deadline April 30th 2018
2) Complete your report according to the guidelines below
3) Make sure to list the current officers and their details in this report.
4) If possible, please attach a group shot of the current chapter officers for 2018 to be added to the website.
5) Be aware that the quality of your report will be considered as one of the criteria for the student chapter grant.
Student Chapter Progress Report

Chapter Name: Michigan State Student Chapter of the Wildlife Disease Association

Established in (if known): September 2015

Mission: The mission of this organization will be in support of the national Wildlife Disease Association to “acquire, disseminate, and apply knowledge to the health and disease of wild animals in relation to their biology, conservation, and interaction with humans and domestic animals.”

Number of chapter members: ~50 students on our email list. About 10 people regularly show up to events and meetings.

Number of chapter members that are WDA members: 8

Faculty Advisor
Name: Jennifer Owen
Position: Associate Professor
Email: owenj@msu.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).
United States of America

President:
Name: Amanda Dolinski
Email: adolinski09@gmail.com
Vice President
Name: Kim Fake
Email address: fakekimb@msu.edu

Other Officers
Incl. position, name and email address

Secretary
Name: vacant

Treasurer
Name: Rebecca Egbert
Email: egbertr1@msu.edu

Animal Science Liaison
Name: Nate Vankley
Email: vankleyw@msu.edu

Vet Med Liaison
Name: Matt Kulpa
Email: kulpa@msu.edu

FW Department Liaison
Name: Marni Gutman
Email: gutmanma@msu.edu

Events Chair
Name: Nate Vankley
Email: vankleyw@msu.edu

How frequently does your chapter hold elections?
   Every year in May

Board members 2018-2019
If nothing changes, please report this. If changes are scheduled for later in 2018, please provide the planned time frame for board and/or country representative changes. Always make sure to update the Student Representative on Officer changes!

I will notify you of the changes in May
Description of Chapter Activities

PR & Fundraising

PR:
Online presence:
- Chapter website (if applicable): none
- Chapter facebook page (if applicable): https://www.facebook.com/MSUWildlifeDiseaseAssociation/
  We don’t update it as much as we should. It was the job of the secretary, and she didn’t do her job, so she was dropped from our roster.
- Other chapter online or social media presence (i.e. youtube, twitter): None
- Does your chapter have a newsletter? No

Member recruitment & Club outreach
- How does your chapter announce and advertises your events?
  - We advertise mainly with our email list. We sometimes put fliers up in departments we have liaisons for.

Collaboration:
- Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with?
  - We have tried to collaborate with the vet school’s wildlife clinic and one health club, but they haven’t been very cooperative.
- If your chapter collaborates, what does the chapter do together with the other organization?

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 send department wide emails in the beginning of the school year to the Vet School, Fisheries and Wildlife, I-Bio, and Animal Sciences Departments. We also put up fliers in these buildings.
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- Our treasurer was supposed to get us registered as a Registered Student Organization, but I haven’t been able to get a hold of her in awhile.

Fundraising:
- Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees? No, we encourage members to join WDA as a student member instead of taking dues.
- Did your chapter host a fundraiser (i.e. cookie sale, gear sale)? No
- Did your chapter apply for grants and awards (i.e. WDA student chapter grants, university support)? No
- Any other way the chapter’s financially health is maintained (i.e. sponsorships)? We have never had any money

EVENTS
Please share the activities your chapter organized or co-organized between April 30th 2017 and April 30th 2018. 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.

- We scheduled Burke Lake Banding Station events in May and October 2017, where members of the group came to help the station band birds.

(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.

   None
- Symposium?
- Public outreach events?
- Field trips?
- Workshops?

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.

- Seminars/Paper Discussions: We host a happy hour once per month. Sometimes we discuss a paper over drinks. Other times we talk about current events in One Health.
- Monthly Meetings
  - We hold meetings and host guest speakers almost every month depending on availability of our guest speakers.
  - Meetings and speakers this academic year:
    - September: Intro meeting – no guest speaker, filled vacant officer positions
    - October Meeting: Dr. Jennifer Sidge, DVM, PHD, and MSU alum
      - Medical Ecologist for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
      - Talked about a disease outbreak in pet rats and lyme disease prevalence in Michigan
    - November Meeting: Dr. Kelly Straka, Michigan’s wildlife veterinarian
      - Casual conversation which included the expansion of CWD in Michigan
    - No January Meeting
    - February Meeting
      - Watched the movie Contagion as a group
    - March meeting (in early April)
      - Dinner with the Huffs (Andrew and Emily Huff, faculty at MSU doing One Health research, had us over to their home to discuss their research and career paths).
    - April Meeting: Dr. Dalen Agnew, wildlife pathologist
      - Reproductive diseases in wild animals
      - Extra hour included a hands on lab to look at reproductive tracts of wildlife and some pathology

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

- We have a small group, but we are consistent with getting together. Our happy hours always have awesome disease discussion. We have had a little trouble with some board members sticking to their commitments, but overall, I think we had a successful year!
- We will try to be better about taking photos next year.
Reminder: If you received a Student Chapter Grant in 2017, don't forget to submit a Financial Report before April 30th!