Student Chapter Progress Report – Guidelines

Complete this form and email to the Student Representative on Council, Catharina Vendl (Catharinavendl@gmail.com), before April 30\textsuperscript{th} 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 30\textsuperscript{th} 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: WiscWDA

Established in (if known): 2014, Madison, WI

Mission: “Increase awareness of the health and diseases of wild animals in relation to their biology, conservation and ecology, among current and future wildlife health ambassadors.”

Number of chapter members: 20

Number of chapter members that are WDA members: While we advertise WDA membership advantages at every WiscWDA meeting, we do not know exactly how many of our members are also WDA members. We know there are at least 6, since our current board members are all WDA members. We will attach a list of our current members for your review.

Faculty Advisor
Name: Michael Samuel
Position: Professor of Wildlife Ecology
Email: mdsamuel@wisc.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: Katherine Mary Barnett
Email: kmbarnett100@gmail.com
Vice President
Name: Stephanie Kurth
Email address: skurth@wisc.edu

Other Officers (e.g. treasurer, secretary etc.)
Incl. position, name and email address
Secretary: Danielle Writz
Email: dwritz@wisc.edu
Treasurer: Kaylyn Goertz
Email: kgoertz@wisc.edu
Veterinary Student Representative: Kelsey Rayment
E-mail: rayment@wisc.edu
Undergraduate Student Representative: Erin Wing
E-mail: wing2@wisc.edu

How frequently does your chapter hold elections? **We hold elections every April.**

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!

President:
Name: Sam Gieger
Email: gieger@wisc.edu

Vice President
Name: Kelsey Rayment
Email address: rayment@wisc.edu

Other Officers: The other officer positions are still being decided. Changes will be made by fall of 2018.
Description of Chapter Activities

PR & Fundraising

PR:

Online presence:
- Chapter website (if applicable): https://wiscwda.org
- Chapter facebook page (if applicable): https://www.facebook.com/pg/wiscwda/posts/

Member recruitment & Club outreach
- How does your chapter announce and advertises your events? We make flyers for our events that we post throughout campus buildings and send out through e-mail lists, facebook posts, and website updates. We also announce our events and our club in classes such as Parasitology, Introduction to Global Health, Diseases of Wildlife, Introduction to Entomology, and Medical Entomology. For our larger club events, such as the symposium, we advertise through the Global Health newsletter and One Health newsletter. We also advertise member recruitment at the Fall Student Organization Fair on campus. We will also advertise for our events via The Wildlife Society, WEZAM (Wildlife, Exotics, Zoo Animal Medicine club), and the UW-Madison Pre-Veterinary Club e-mail lists.

Collaboration:
- Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with? The Wildlife Society, WEZAM (Wildlife, Exotics, Zoo Animal Medicine club), and the UW-Madison Pre-Veterinary Club
- If your chapter collaborates, what does the chapter do together with the other organization? We often collaborate with the above organizations for member recruitment and event advertising, as well as for planning a combined field trip, such as visiting to the International Crane Foundation, or using shared resources to plan events, such as WEZAM’s specimen collections for wet labs during our symposium.

WDA-representation:
- How did your chapter promote the WDA? Our chapter promoted the WDA by recommending all club members join at the beginning of every meeting, helping all interested club attendees to navigate the process of becoming a member, and through
giving discounts for events for official WDA members. We discuss the purpose of the WDA at every meeting. We also re-post news about the WDA on our WiscWDA facebook page.

Fundraising:
- Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees? Yes, our membership fee is $10 per year. We also charge for certain events such as most fieldtrips and our annual symposium, however, seminar speaker events are always free of charge.
- Did your chapter apply for grants and awards? We received $500 from the WDA Student Grant in 2017 and university support from the Associated Students of Madison for $150 for printing and $50 for supplies.

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.

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.
- Symposium: This year, our annual Wildlife Health Symposium, hosted on April 7th, 2018, was focused on Emerging Zoonotic Diseases and Public Health. We had four speakers (Dr. Hon Ip, Dr. John Orrock, Andrew Bennett, and Dr. Christina Carlson) discussing the role wildlife plays in avian influenza, Sin Nombre virus in wild mice, drivers of viral infections in bat roosts, and the risk of Chronic Wasting Disease to public health. We also had a wet lab where we learned to conduct a necropsy on various types of wild birds, from barn owls, to cardinals and woodpeckers! Approximately, 25 people attended.
- Public outreach events: Our club presented to children and community members about diseases of herptiles at the Wisconsin Science Festival on November 5th, 2018. We discussed the risk of contracting salmonella from wild turtles, as well as the threat of Snake Fungal Disease and
- Chytrid Fungus. We also had a make-your-own-turtle craft project for the children to bring home, as well as educational flyers for the parents. Approximately 8 club members volunteered at the event.
- Field trips? We had a field trip planned to go to the International Crane Foundation on April 15th, 2018 but because of inclement weather (snow and ice), the trip was canceled. It has been rescheduled for the fall so as to avoid low attendance numbers during the weekends before finals week.

**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: About every month, we have a seminar speaker come in to talk to the club, or we have a discussion about pressing wildlife health issues. At each event we have approximately 10-15 students come.
- February 8th, 2018, we had a passionate discussion about controversial environmental topics such as ecotourism and marine mammal captivity and trophy hunting for conservation.
- November 30th, we heard Dr. Erik Hofmeister discuss neonicitinoid insecticides and their effects on wildlife and the environment. During the same meeting, we also heard about the importance of statistical modeling in wildlife disease research from Dr. Robin Russell.
- On November 16th, we listened to Dr. David Blehert, the Branch Chief of the Wildlife Disease Diagnostic Laboratories at the National Wildlife Health Center, talk on the investigative processes involved in monitoring White-Nose Syndrome, Snake Fungal Disease, and Chytridiomycosis.
- On October 19th, we gathered to hear Dr. Kurt Sladky discuss his research on how pesticides impact sloths in Costa Rica.
- September 28th, we met to hear from several students, Bieneke Bron, Julia Poje, Kelsey Rayment and Danielle Writz, discuss their route to studying wildlife disease at UW-Madison. Encompassing veterinary school, masters students, DVM/PhD, and undergraduate experiences, we sought to show the many ways wildlife health can be approached from an academic angle.