

SCB Education and Student Affairs Work Plan (2016-2017)

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- The dates covered by this plan are January, 2016 through June 2017
- Names of committee members: Jacqueline Grant (appointed co-chair July 30, 2015), Jacqueline McLaughlin (appointed co-chair July 30, 2015), Sadie Ryan (standing since 2006), Jessa Madosky (joined July 30, 2015), Ana Porzecanski (standing since 2006), other membership still in flux
- The main activities your committee intends to undertake, and the target dates for concluding each activity. This can be a bulleted list, with activities such as “draft policies for fiscal management of Congresses, with Board discussion at the May 2016 meeting, and a Board vote in July 2016”
 - NACCB workshops on education (accepted January 2016)
 - NACCB symposium Improving Conservation Education In and Out of the Classroom (accepted January 2016)
 - Splitting of the Education and Student Affairs Committees into two separate committees (Education Committee and Student Affairs Committee) with Board discussion at the February 2016 meeting, and a Board vote in June 2016
 - Supporting student awards
 - Supporting student travel
- A list of potential activities that are being deferred to a future work plan:
 - Identifying the policies SCB can implement to improve student interest in the Society (both in terms of increasing student membership overall, and increasing active participation)
 - Mentoring student abstracts submitted to the global meetings for students for whom English is a second language
 - Organizing student oral and poster presentation awards at the global meetings
 - Implementing Annual Meeting activities for students including Symposia/workshops and Career Advancement activities
 - Creating a "Spotlight on Student Research" that will profile selected student research in SCB's media
 - Establishing a Mentoring Program: Professionals to students; Students to students (particularly among the Sections) and coordinate this activity with the Executive Office
 - Developing online resources for students of conservation biology such as grant and scholarship databases and information on conferences,

courses, and events of interest for students and early career researchers in conservation biology. Visit scb-students.wikispaces.com

- Facilitate coordination of student affairs among Sections,
- Encourage student participation in meetings
- Create opportunities for interaction among students and professionals, and administer the Student Awards Program and Best Student Paper