

Group Report Template

Group: Social Science Working Group

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Time Period: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015

List of active board/committee members: Meredith Gore (President, Michigan State University), Tara Teel (Past President, Colorado State University), Ashwini Chhatre, (At-Large, Bharti Institute of Policy), Kate Cristen (Liaison to SCB Board of Governors, Smithsonian Institution), Doug Clark (At-Large, University of Saskatchewan), Rebecca Garvoille (At-Large, Denver Zoo), Kathy Halvorsen (Sociology, Michigan Technological University), Christie Lam (Anthropology, Osaka University), Dan Miller (Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Jessica Musengezi (Economics, The Nature Conservancy), Robin Roth (Geography, University of Guelph), Rina Hauptfeld (At-Large Student, Colorado State)

Overview of past activities for (time period): 1/1/15-12/31/15

- Welcomed new board members
- Updated website and Facebook page with refreshed content
- Updated 5 year strategic plan (2015-2020)
- International Congress for Conservation of Biology: hosted business meeting, branded content, abstract review, hosted booth, submitted content for members meeting, sponsored social science short course, sponsored 5 symposia
- Created and distributed new SSWG postcards and factsheets at ICCB, advertising activities and ways to get involved
- North American Congress for Conservation of Biology: conference planning and logistics assistance, advertising social science content
- Contributed comments on DRAFT IUCN Guidelines for the Management of Confiscated Species
- Liaised with SCB Diversity sub-committee (via SSWG board member Robin Roth), commented on revised mandate

Planned activities for the next (time period): 1/1/16-12/31/16

- Revise and update bylaws (1st quarter)
- North American Congress for Conservation of Biology (July 2016): branded streams of social science content and short courses, abstract review, conference planning/logistics, host student social mixer, host general SSWG social
- International Association for Society and Natural Resources Conference (June 2016): abstract review
- Plan and Implement Board Retreat at NACCB (with facilitator, discuss working group vision, engagement within and across society)
- SSWG membership survey (2nd-4th quarter)
- Engage LOC for ICCB 2017 (TBD)

Summary of meetings held:

- SSWG business meeting, 8/15
- ~Bimonthly board conference calls (except during summer months)

Discussion or decision needed by Board of Governors: