

**Midwest Bat Working Group Board of Directors Meeting
May 6, 2010 at Indiana State University during the 2nd Annual MWBWG Meeting**

Attendees: Rob Mies (RM), Dave Redell (DR), Gerda Nordquist (GN), John Whitaker (JW), Brianne Walters (BW), Amy Halsall (AH), Katrina Schultes (KS), Bree McMurray (BM), Tim Carter (TC), Al Kurta (AK)

- RM, President, introduced himself and made a statement regarding his leadership style.
- TC will continue with running the listserv.
- Laura Hohman will continue to be webmaster.
- Items that should be done soon:
 - We need 1-2 regional projects up on the website for people to see that the group is doing something.
 - We need to establish and finalize a mission statement.
 - We need to present opportunities for members to get involved. We can do this by putting the opportunities up on the website and notify the group via the listsev.
 - There should be a mechanism for approval to post on the website.
 - We should post priority projects on the website (with Board approval).
 - We need a committee for web content and organization.
 - We need to create by-laws and could take examples from other groups to get started.
- It was noted that the MWBWG currently has nonprofit status under Indiana State University.
- A suggestion from a member was to look to consultants for money to sponsor activities like the dinner.
- Tim answered a question regarding SBDN's awards. They give awards at their meetings to recognize students, lifetime achievement, etc.
- JW said he would like to see a regional project funded.

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Actions: 1 - RM will send a working mission statement to the Board for comments, finalize the statement within a couple of weeks, and send for comment to the membership. Deadline is June 1, 2010.

2 – KS with the assistance of TC will create the by-laws. The by-laws should be sent to the Board for review in November then the revised version should go to the members in January 2011 to be voted on at the meeting in February 2011.

3 – BM will get the state report summaries together by May 21, 2010, which will be posted on the website.

4 – DR will recommend projects that will promote interest and involvement.

5 – AK will create and submit a Board approved announcement of the MWBWG to Bat Research News for the next issue.

Minutes:

- RM found a working mission statement and will e-mail to Board for comments. The Board should finalize this in a couple of weeks and send out the membership for completion by June 1.
- We should post the Board members pictures and maybe a short bio on the website.
- DR suggested we post projects on the website to keep people active and interested. We need a committee for determining project priorities.
- KS will take the lead on the by-laws and TC will assist her. KS will be responsible for finding a member to coordinate this. KS will need the mission statement to help form the by-laws.
 - The by-laws must be voted on in person. They should be sent out ahead of time with a board to review the by-laws in November. Then they can be sent to the members in January 2011 with enough time before the next meeting in February.
- GN suggested that we may need to do conference calls to accomplish some tasks.
- We should look for other locations to hold the MWBWG meeting. Some suggestions were Madison, WI; Springfield, IL, and Bloomfield Hills, MI.
- BM suggested the Board meet at NASBR if possible. However many members of the Board do not attend that meeting. After this year, the next several years' meetings will be at international destinations.

- We need summaries or bulleted items from each state report/presentation. BM said she would coordinate this and have the summaries together by May 21, 2010.
- We should get the MWBWG website link up on other sites such as DR's page.
- The acronym that the group is currently using is MBWG which is also Michigan Bat Working Group's acronym. This should be changed so there is no confusion. Also, the website is mwbwg.org which is inconsistent with the current acronym. The Board agreed to propose a vote to the members to change to MWBWG from MBWG.
- AK said he would create an announcement that the MWBWG is official and submit to Bat Research News for the next issue.