



Wild Sheep Foundation

Professional Resource Advisory Board (PRAB) Charter & Governance

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Introduction

Persons serving on PRAB are appointed by the WSF Board for terms determined by the Board. The WSF Board Chair or his/her designee will serve as Chair of PRAB; appointment of the PRAB Chair will occur during the spring WSF Board meeting.

PRAB will meet at least annually, with their primary meeting conducted during the annual WSF convention. The WSF Conservation Director will serve as the PRAB Administrator, charged with ensuring productive communications and effective and timely follow-through on PRAB activities, action items, programs and directives. A recommended timeframe for a second PRAB meeting each year is immediately prior to the combined summer WSF Board meeting and WSF Chapter & Affiliates Summit, typically held in June each year.

Purpose

PRAB is to serve as a consultative body to the WSF Board of Directors through the WSF Conservation Committee, providing scientific, wildlife and habitat management, land use and other specialized expertise to assist in decisions concerning policy, Grant-In-Aid (GIA) funding, establishment of priorities, planning, and long-term strategies for achieving the WSF mission and priority goals identified in the North American and International **Conservation Vision 2020** documents. PRAB will work with the WSF staff and Board to continue to refine and improve the WSF Grant-In-Aid solicitation and review process to ensure that it serves the WSF mission, consistent with the WSF budget.

Roles and Responsibilities

PRAB will serve as the primary GIA review body of WSF for Conservation and Education mission programs. GIA funding recommendations will be provided to the WSF Conservation Committee Chair, who will advance those recommendations to the WSF Board. The WSF Board will establish a Conservation & Education GIA expenditure budget annually, and will be approved in August/September of each year. Funding for Conservation and Education projects reviewed by PRAB is subject to the amount specified in the WSF annual budget. As WSF fiduciary, the WSF Board has final decision authority on GIA funding recommended by PRAB. PRAB may also serve as a review body at the request of WSF Chapters and Affiliates on funding questions and/or technical issues.

Reporting Requirements

PRAB will report to the WSF Conservation Committee Chair. Either the PRAB Chair or the PRAB Administrator may report jointly with the WSF Conservation Committee Chair to the WSF Board of Directors. At the request of the WSF Board Chair or the WSF Conservation Committee Chair, PRAB may report to the WSF Chapter & Affiliate or Membership meeting(s), or other forums.

PRAB Collaboration/Communication

PRAB is strongly encouraged to seek outside expertise and input from WSF Chapters and Affiliates, state, federal, and tribal agency partners as needed, to assist PRAB in their efforts and duties. PRAB is encouraged to communicate with WSF Chapters and Affiliates that may have local or regional knowledge of proposed GIA projects.

Administrative Budget

PRAB will be provided an annual travel expense budget approved by the WSF Board as an expense item within the WSF Operations Budget. PRAB Travel Expenses (including airfare, 2 nights lodging, + complimentary single convention registration, + support to attend the summer PRAB meeting) and reimbursement shall comply with the expense reimbursement policies and procedures as outlined in the WSF Policy Manual.

Membership

PRAB will consist of no more than twelve members, all WSF members in good standing, approved by the Board of Directors annually. The Board Chair, President/CEO, and Conservation Committee Chair are ex-officio members. In appointing PRAB members, the Board shall strive to select a committee that, in total, has the requisite skills and experience needed to identify and address wild sheep issues.

PRAB Members (April 2016 – April 2017)

1. Marc Hansen (PA), Chairman of the Board
2. Gray N. Thornton (WY), President & CEO
3. Jack Atcheson, Jr. (MT), WSF Conservation Committee Chair
4. Vern Bleich (ND), PRAB Chair
5. Kevin Hurley (MT) WSF Conservation Director/PRAB Administrator
6. Sierra Amundson, WSF Board Intern (non-voting member)
7. Clay Brewer (TX) WAFWA WSWG Chair
8. Anna Fontana (BC)
9. Karen Gordon (AK)
10. Tricia Hosch-Hebdon (ID)
11. Tim Schommer (ID)
12. Melanie Woolever (CO)