

## **WRNC General Meeting 1/28/12 (held during Symposium Banquet)**

**Present:** Linda Bergman (Pres), Linda Woodruff (Trea), Toni O'Neil (Sec), Jean Chamberlain, Ann Rogers, Christina Hildreth, Halley Buckanoff, Laurie Degernes, David Scott, Carla Johnson (VP), Kathy Lillard, Nicki Dardinger

**Excused:** Mary Weiss, Savannah Trantham, Leslie Martin

The meeting was conducted by outgoing President Linda Bergman, who thanked everyone for making the symposium a success.

Dr. Laurie Degernes spoke about the role the vet students played in the symposium, and reminded everyone that they were there to help set up the labs, provide support where needed, and assist with a few procedures. Their primary role was to learn and attend lectures, just like the other symposium attendees. WRNC appreciates all the help they provide throughout the entire symposium, and their valuable service actually helps keep the cost of the symposium down. In all, there were about 30 students from all levels who participated.

Linda B. reminded everyone that teaching opportunities are there for all, from the beginning rehabilitator to the more experienced, as well as learning opportunities. She mentioned that while she did not have the actual figures at hand, she did notice a growth in the attendance numbers this year.

Four incumbent board members were up for re-election this year (Linda Bergman, Carla Johnson, Ann Rogers, and Mary Weiss). All the members who were present at the banquet dinner voted. Ballots were tallied by Toni O'Neil and Linda Woodruff, who announced that the quorum was met and that all four incumbents were re-elected. Toni mentioned that there were 3 write-in names, and those people would be contacted to see if they would be interested in running for the board next year.

Everyone was reminded to complete their symposium evaluations and drop them off the next day at the WRNC Sales Table before they left. At that time they would be able to pick up their Certificate of Attendance.

The beautiful sheet cake commemorating that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium for WRNC was cut and distributed as dessert.

The meeting was adjourned, and the Guest Speaker, Dr. Javier Benito gave a wonderful presentation on wildlife rehabilitation in his native country (Spain), with a focus on raptor rehabilitation.

Dinner music was provided by Deb Ramsey.