

Saturday Night Banquet/ General Meeting - January 26th, 2013

Dinner started at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Degernes introduced our guest speaker Walt Sturgeon. His presentation was "Operation Migration". It was a wonderful presentation and enjoyed by all.

After the presentation President, Toni O'Neil called the general meeting to order. She welcomed everyone for braving the winter weather and coming.

Toni explained that the general meeting is where board members are voted on each year. If current board members terms are expiring they can run again. Two current board members declined to run again and three elected to re-run. Newly nominated members are also added to the ballot. We have 5 seats and six nominees: Jean Chamberlain, Sue Heritage, Kathy Lillard, Toni O'Neil, Michelle Ray, Michelle Richards.

Toni explained that Sue apologized for her absence - she was not here due to her daughter's wedding.

Ballots were handed out and voting took place. They were collected and while they were being counted by Carla Johnson and Linda Woodruff, Toni explained that as she was running she would exclude herself from counting the votes.

Toni reminded everyone about their breakfast tickets, to wear their name badges and turn them in on Sunday afternoon, and to fill out their evaluation forms and turn them in.

Toni ask what for an informal feel of what people liked, learned new or made them feel good about the symposium so far. Some answers were:

- 1) learned something new
- 2) Mary Ellen's presentation on pelicans was good
- 3) Key note speaker
- 4) All instructors were good
- 5) Good vet interaction with the symposium
- 6) Toni's squirrel class
- 7) Liked song bird-critical class
- 8) Classes are getting so much better that it is hard to decide which ones to take.

The furthest participant came from Missouri this year. We had over 200 registrants this year.

Toni announced the following people Jean Chamberlain, Sue Heritage, Kathy Lillard, Toni O'Neil, and Michelle Ray were elected to the board. She told members if they were interested in being on the board that they need to let board members know around the summer time frame as that's when we start look for nominations.

The meeting was adjourned, and everyone was invited to stay, finish eating or enjoy seconds, and mingle.

Submitted by Kathy Lillard: 2/2/13