



Science & Policy Committee
Face to Face Meeting, Monday, July 30th, 2018

Call to Order at 12:30 noon (CST) by Committee Chair, Andrew Sharpley sharples@uark.edu

Fourteen Committee members were able to attend the meeting at the International SWCS Meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

- The idea of “*Blue Ribbon Panels*” was raised to address pressing issues that could be initiated by this Committee and would encourage broader collaboration and cooperation among various groups, societies, and disciplines.
- One *Panel* that was suggested was a discourse the appropriate selection and use of models in conservation planning and assessment.
- Subcommittees will likely be formed to address specific topics, rather than have detailed discussions at the whole S&PC level. Such subcommittees would focus on the “*Conservation Principles*” book and the ongoing “*Flood Impacts, Mitigation, and Conservation*” discussions.
- We will review the S&PC charter and revise as appropriate to reflect current efforts.
- It was unanimously agreed that at least one Graduate student be included on the S&PC, a couple of names were suggested but names and ideas are welcomed.
- Several Committee members felt that timing of the monthly conference call should be revisited, to better accommodate member’ schedules. A “Monkey Survey” will be sent to all Committee members to gauge the best time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm (CST).

Depending on input from the group, the next conference call for the S&P Committee is scheduled for September 4th, the day after Labor Day.