

**Agenda for UOS General Membership Meeting  
Saturday, September 13, 2008 – Weber State University**

1. Call to order – Steve Carr, UOS President
2. Read last year's minutes into the record – Pomera Fronce, Secretary
3. Results of bird photo quiz – Bob Bradley, VP
4. Membership report – Pomera Fronce
5. Financial report – Tony Jones, Treasurer
6. **Change in focus of field trips** – Who? – This from our board meeting of 6/9/08 – We decided to eliminate quick chases and to put a new spin on the other one or two trips we sponsor each year. Rather than visiting places that birding clubs might be inclined to include on their trip schedules, we will explore the more under-birded areas of the state. Colby Neuman agreed to serve as Field Trip Coordinator and to address this change when he speaks at the fall conference this coming September.
7. **Update on journal** – Steve – We still have enough written material for at least 2, probably 3, more journals – November 2008, November 2008, May 2009, and probably November 2009. Not sure after than but, hopefully, we would generate more for 2010.
8. **Topics of discussion** – Steve
  - **What do members see the UOS doing**, as a quasi-academic birding organization that tries to bridge the gap between professional ornithologists and amateur birds and field ornithologists? On 7/28/08, shortly after becoming president, Steve asked all the ornithology professors in the state for suggestions on directions for the UOS– Still have received no replies. Maybe they're waiting till summer is over; or maybe they don't care. Would be a good idea to hear from rank and file members, as well.
  - What should be our response to the possible opportunity of working with WSU and the **American Field Ornithologists' convention in Ogden in 2010?** The lack of response to this UOS meeting, until the very last moment, would not work. We can't say we'll do whatever the AFO wants us to do, or what come of us may feel like doing the help out, without the help of a lot of the membership.
  - **Where to hold the 2009 conference meeting** – commitments from whomever. Univ. of Utah or Westminster would be likely choice. Could consider SLVCC if they have a Biology/Zoology Dept. Commitments are going to be the question. Who in Salt Lake will be willing to commit their group to be chair, etc? Jen Hajj might commit, and I'm planning to have her speak next year, besides.
  - **Should we change the format?** Condense the conference into 2 days. This from Carol Gwynn on 8/29/08 – Perhaps the response would be more positive if in the future the UOS changed the conference format so that more people could be included. Those of us who work Fridays and worship Sundays are essentially locked out. I would like to see the UOS split the papers into two sections and run some field trips on Saturday morning of the conference. They could then do some papers later in the day. Just a thought.
  - **How to increase attendance.** Discussion.
  - **Should we bypass next year** in deference to the AFO meeting? If we have a dismal turnout, should we bypass next year (2009) and start holding them every other year? We considered that if we get involved with the AFO, and UOS members would be allowed to attend the sessions free of charge, that that would constitute our meeting for 2010.
9. Other business – Steve
10. Adjourn – Steve
11. Minutes of General UOS meeting prepared by Pomera Fronce, Secretary.