



Student Association Guidelines

1. Student Associations are established upon approval of the SWS Board. The Secretary General shall make the motion for consideration of the Board after assuring that the group has met the requirements to be an official club of the affiliated university and the minimum number of members as described below.
2. Student Associations shall acknowledge their relationship to SWS in their name, e.g., University of Florida Wetland Club affiliated with the Society of Wetland Scientists.
3. Students Associations shall be affiliated with their regional SWS chapter, e.g., the University of Florida Wetland Club associates with the South Atlantic Chapter of SWS.
4. Student Associations can be comprised of a group of students from several universities in a larger region, e.g., all of the universities in New Orleans could be one Student Association.
5. Students Associations should have official club status and a faculty advisor from one or more of their affiliated universities. As official clubs of the affiliated university, Student Associations shall abide by the rules of their affiliated university, including guidance on financial management and reporting.
6. Student Associations should have at least 3 student members at all times who are both enrolled at their respective universities and are student members of SWS.
7. Students shall be free to organize activities with other Student Associations as well as their regional SWS chapter as long as the activities meet the approval of the affiliated chapter president which may include internet list serves, field trips, student symposia and webcasts, as long as the activities meet the approval of the affiliated chapter president.
8. Each Student Association shall have a faculty or organization advisor who is an SWS member. The advisor will serve as the primary liaison between SWS headquarters and the Student Association.
9. Student Associations shall draft by-laws similar to SWS chapter bylaws, or can use the same by-laws as the affiliated chapter.
10. The objectives of the Student Association will be the same as the SWS objectives, except not "operate independently."
11. The Student Association can request financial and other support for approved activities from the Executive Board of their affiliated regional chapter.
12. The Student Association has permission to use the SWS logo in accordance with the Society's logo guidelines.
13. The Secretary General or his/her designee should track the activity of the Student Associations. If there is a period of more than three years of inactivity and no response to queries about the status of the organization through the affiliated university, the Secretary General shall present a motion to the Board recommending dissolution of the affiliation with SWS. Upon approval of the motion, the Secretary General shall notify the appropriate unit of the university that the affiliation of the club with SWS has been terminated.