



Avian Scientific Advisory Group

ACTION PLAN 2014 - 2017

GOAL ONE

Provide technical support and guidance on avian policies and practices.

Objectives	Point Person
Provide support to program leaders requesting assistance in developing Animal Care Manuals.	TAG Chairs and program leaders
Develop guidelines on issues that affect avian management. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avian egg euthanasia guidelines• Finalize wild bird acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Susie Kasielke, Sara Hallager, Jennifer Evans, Debbie Zombeck,• Steve Sarro
Organize three taxa or topic related avian workshops at annual ASAG meeting.	ASAG Chair and Vice Chair

GOAL ONE

Provide technical support and guidance on avian policies and practices.

Objectives

Complete species fact sheets for all program species. Post on the ASAG website.

Compile Annual AZA Avian Population reports. Post on the ASAG website.

Develop guidelines for grants that support avian husbandry or avian conservation programs. Award grants annually starting in 2015.

Point Person

Kelly Vineyard,
Stephanie Costelow,
Sherry Branch.

Robert Webster

Carolyn Atherton,
Jennifer Evans, Sunny
Nelson

GOAL TWO

Facilitate communication within the avian community.

Objectives	Point Person
Hold annual open ASAG meeting at AZA Mid-Year conference.	ASAG Chair
Maintain a membership listserv for ASAG Steering Committee and IRs, and a general avian site.	ASAG Secretary Chris Brown AIG lists.
Organize TAG and SSP informational sessions at annual ASAG meeting.	ASAG Vice-Chair

GOAL TWO

Facilitate communication within the avian community.

Objectives

Point Person

Manage ASAG website.

Kevin Graham

Continue building relationships with other regions.

TAG Chairs

- Attend AZA/EAZA Joint Meeting
- Attend annual EAZA workshops and invite EAZA representatives to ASAG meetings

GOAL TWO

Facilitate communication within the avian community.

Objectives

Provide three annual grants Keeper Travel Grants.

Point Person

Tom Schneider

Provide annual grant for avian presentation at AAZK Annual Conference.

Diane Olsen

Encourage all AZA institutions to assign an ASAG Institutional Representative.

ASAG Steering Committee members.

Post ASAG workshop and Keeper Travel Grant awards presentations on website.

ASAG Chair

GOAL THREE

Support long term avian sustainability of zoo populations.

Objectives	Point Person
Develop cooperative programs with program leaders in other regions.	TAG Chairs
Identify private aviculturists for cooperative programs.	John Azua
Develop informational list of AZA institutions with off-exhibit facilities.	John Azua and Tom Schneider

GOAL THREE

Support long term avian sustainability of zoo populations.

Objectives

Point Person

Explore small scale sustainable collection of non-threatened passerines through local zoological/government partnerships in select countries.

Roger Sweeney

Maintain a list of rehab facilities for North American and international species.

Steve Sarro

GOAL THREE

Support long term avian sustainability of zoo populations.

Objectives

Explore methods of acquiring individuals from introduced populations in US states and territories.

Develop guidelines for egg collecting

Develop protocols for TAGs to consider feasibility of utilizing scientific collection and depredation permits for acquisition of North American species

Point Person

Sherry Branch

GOAL FOUR

Encourage and promote avian programs in zoos and aquariums

Objectives	Point Person
Write articles for the AZA Connect outlining ASAG programs and accomplishments.	ASAG Steering Committee Members, TAG Chairs and program managers.
Provide three annual Plume Awards to recognizing long-term propagation Programs, noteworthy achievement in avian husbandry and exceptional individual achievements.	Steve Sarro

GOAL FIVE

Fundraise to support ASAG programs.

Objectives

Continue sponsorships for ASAG Workshops, Wine and Cheese, Website and Plume Awards. Investigate a sponsorship for Keeper Grant Presentations.

Continue with Wine and Cheese event at National until 2015 as 25th Annual and then start hosting them at Mid-Year meeting.

Encourage institutional and individual donations to support ASAG Workshops

Develop another fund-raising event

Point Person

Finance Chair

Wine and Cheese Coordinator

Finance Chair

Diane Olsen, James Mejeur, Aliza Baltz