

## **CMPS Annual Business Meeting Minutes, 1954-2016**

### **1954**

February 20: Colorado A & M College, Ft. Collins, Colorado. As Part of the Foresters' Days Program, Lee Yeager, Regional Representative, Region IV, called a meeting at 2:00 p.m. to discuss The Wildlife Society and its objectives. After remarks on Society news and activities, discussion was opened on the question "Should we organize a Section or other formal body of Wildlife Society members for all or a part of Region IV?" Taking part in this discussion were Lee Yeager, J. V. K. Wagar, Art Eustis, Dr. Sooter, Dr. E. Kalmbach, Johnson Neff, Ralph Hill, Jim Grasse, Reed Fautin, John Scott, Richard Beidleman, Harold Steinhoff, and C. E. Till. Smoky Till moved that "we form a definite organization for Region IV with a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer to perfect the organization." Twenty-three voted for and 1 voted against this motion. Society members thus formally approved the Central Mountains and Plains Section. Harold Steinhoff was acting Secretary.

October 28: Lee Yeager, Region IV Representative, in an annual report to TWS members in the region, mentioned that "Region IV is too big...we are in the process of organizing a Section composed of the Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming membership," and that "other Sections in the region might be beneficial to the Society and our profession." During the fall of the year, an election of officers was held.

### **1955**

January 26: One hundred six (106) votes were counted for the election of officers and the results were reported to the Regional Representative.

February 1: The first officers of the "Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society" were announced. They included: President, Wayne Sandfort; Vice-President, C. E. "Smoky" Till; and Secretary/Treasurer, Jack R. Grieb.

February 19: Colorado A & M College, Ft. Collins, Colorado. The CMPS (Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming) met in conjunction with the Foresters' Days Program. Victor B. Scheffer believed that CMPS should work to promote better public understanding of what good wildlife management is. To accomplish this, he advanced the idea that the Section sponsors the writing of a manual for use by anyone working in the wildlife field.

February 22: Eighteen members paid the \$0.50 dues.

March 20: A formal petition was sent to The Wildlife Society for approval of a Charter for the Central Mountains and Plains Section.

April 25: Denver, Colorado. A brief business meeting was held in conjunction with a Colorado big game meeting. Lee Yeager announced, "CMPS has been accepted by The Wildlife Society and is now official." During this first official business meeting, Gilbert N. Hunter, Colorado, recommended that the Section sponsor an annual convention "for the purpose of giving papers and carrying on other Section business". President Sandfort appointed Gil Hunter chairman of a committee to study this proposal. He also appointed a Research Council Committee including Ralph Hill, C. E. Till, Harold Steinhoff and Paul Gilbert to stimulate coordinated research and management of all resources related to forest, range, watershed, wetlands, and water associated therewith.

This committee was to work with The Wildlife Society, Society of American Foresters, and the American Society for Range Management. It was suggested that the Presidents of each Society appoint 2-3 men from his organization to work on this joint project. A committee composed of Claude White, Vic Scheffer, Con Tolman, Howard Tanner, and Art Eustis presented a preliminary plan for a publication of "Principles of Wildlife Management" with each of the following 4 Sections to reflect the standards and creed of The Wildlife Society. This publication was to be used both as a policy guide for the Section and an information pamphlet for public distribution. It was primarily intended to present the ideals of modern wildlife management: administration, research, education, and management. Lee Yeager reported on his committee of 1. He asked that he be permitted to submit a Constitution and Bylaws to the membership and that these be voted upon by the members at the next meeting. By the date of this meeting, 39 members had paid \$0.50 in dues; total expenditures were \$14.19, with an operating balance of \$5.81 (Someone donated an extra \$0.50).

## 1956

February 25: Colorado A & M College, Ft. Collins, Colorado. Business meeting in conjunction with Foresters' Days. Eighteen paid members; Treasurer's report (balance of \$2.22).

April 26: Denver, Colorado. Primarily a business meeting associated with the Colorado big game management meeting wherein Colorado hunting seasons were discussed.

August 13–14: 1st CMPS Summer Conference. Cameron Pass 4-H Camp, Gould, Colorado.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Lee Yeager, Colorado.

*President:* Ralph Hill, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Harold W. Steinhoff, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Jack R. Grieb, Colorado

*Board: Past President:* Wayne W. Sandfort

Colorado: Lawrence E. Riordan

Kansas: Marvin Schwilling

Nebraska: Harvey Miller

Wyoming: Reed Fautin

*Program:* J. V. K. Wagar, Colorado

*Transactions:* H. Steinhoff, R. Fautin, and L. Yeager

*Total Members:* 85. Colorado - 62, Wyoming - 10, Nebraska - 8, Kansas - 2, and others - 3

*Dues:* \$1.00/year

**Board Business:** This was the first year for a CMPS Executive Board and the President appointed to the Board 1 member from each State plus the Past-President. The full text of each paper presented was printed in an 8½" x 11" Transactions. Twenty-nine individual session papers on current national and western wildlife problems were presented by outstanding national authorities. Six papers were given in fish technical sessions, 5 in small game technical sessions, and 6 on big game. Three papers on field men, sportsmen, and the press in wildlife conservation were also presented. An evening panel discussion by Thomas L. Kimball, A. F. C. "Pete" Green, and other administrators on "How Wildlife Managers Should be Recruited, Trained, and Advanced" closed out the technical sessions. The Treasurer started a bank account for the Section. Membership cards were purchased and issued — to act as paid receipts and to identify members. A committee was appointed to work with the parent Society. Transactions

cost \$2.00 for nonmembers and \$0.50 for members with one free copy to be sent to a college or university library in each state. Colorado A & M Forestry School; Zoology Department at Kansas State University; University of Wyoming, and University of Nebraska received copies.

## **1957**

February 22: Colorado A & M College, Ft. Collins, Colorado. At this annual business meeting in conjunction with Foresters' Days and the Colorado Beaver Research Council, the Section asked if South Dakota TWS members present were interested in affiliating. It was decided to study this proposal further. It was found beneficial to amend Article 1, Section 4 and Article 4, Section 1 of the bylaws to conform to parent Society bylaws. At this joint session of The Wildlife Society, Society of American Foresters, and the American Society for Range Management, a panel presented papers on "Multiple Use in Wildlife Management." A lively discussion followed. The status of college students in TWS was brought up and it was decided that wildlife students and the Society would both benefit if a reduced membership rate was established and if student chapters were formed. A resolution passed for the President to make this known to the parent Society.

February 25: Wildlife policy committee at work. President Steinhoff wrote to the Executive Secretary of TWS, Daniel L. Leedy, "...be it then resolved, that CMPS of The Wildlife Society recommends a student membership be established at a reduced rate and that consideration be given to the establishment of student chapters."

April 23: Ninety (90) members reported by mail ballot and Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws were passed unanimously.

April 29: Denver, Colorado. Dinner meeting after Colorado Game and Fish big game management meeting. Illustrated program by Don Spencer, Colorado, "Game Range Improvement and Reforestation Through Chemical Aids."

June 20: Little Hills Experiment Station near Meeker, Colorado. Following the 37th Western Association of Game and Fish Commissioners meeting at Glenwood Springs, the Section put on a tour of Colorado's big game range experimental pastures and also had a display at the meeting. During the summer, the first letterhead stationery and envelopes were printed. Also written and distributed were "Instructions for Preparing Manuscripts for CMPS, TWS."

August 26–28: 2nd CMPS Summer Conference. Chadron State Park, Chadron, Nebraska.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Lee E. Yeager

*President:* Harold W. Steinhoff, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Robert M. Ballou, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Harvey W. Miller, Nebraska

*Board: Past President:* Ralph Hill, Colorado

Colorado Jack Grieb

Kansas: Oliver Gasswint

Nebraska: Phil Agee

Wyoming Charles Ward

*Program:* Lee E. Yeager, Colorado

*Transactions:* Harvey W. Miller and Dr. E. R. Kalmbach

*Special Events:* Buffalo barbeque put on by Nebraska members.

*Field Trips:* (1) Pine Ridge Area; (2) Shell Lake Area; (3) Fort Niobrara Big Game Refuge; and (4)

Valentine National Wildlife Refuge.

*Dues:* \$1.00/year

**Board Business:** Lee Yeager reported on TWS and that National Council had set standards for Section transactions. The question, "Do we want to publish?" brought considerable discussion. A motion to publish transactions passed unanimously with cost of transactions to be \$0.50 for members, \$2.00 for nonmembers. Motion passed also to have Colorado A & M publish these whenever possible due to low cost and good quality. A 6" x 9" format was chosen. Full text of papers were then printed — 1 on range and habitat improvement through chemical aids; 3 on big game; 20 on game birds, and waterfowl; 4 on fisheries, research, and management; and 4 dealing with the theme of the conference — "Fish, Wildlife, Soil, and Water of the CMPS Region.

## **1958**

February 22: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado. Annual business meeting and programs as part of Foresters' Days. The suggested student membership rates for TWS were again discussed and the regional representative advised he would continue to urge the parent Society to adopt a special student rate. There was discussion on the lack of inter-agency coordination, and a committee to work on this was appointed. The Publication Committee reported they were processing the papers on the 5 principal fields of wildlife management. A board was appointed to review work that had been accomplished so far and the board was instructed to make recommendations as to whether or not to continue work on the publication, "Principles of Wildlife Management." The Fish and Wildlife Technical Session of Foresters' Days on "Wildlife and Range Analysis" brought considerable discussion. The 6 papers were on effects of sub-alpine timber cutting on wildlife, trends in fisheries education, a review of literature on the use of aerial photos in big game management, and aerial photo use in determining waterfowl habitat.

May 27: Denver, Colorado. A brief business meeting following the Colorado Game and Fish game management meeting. Lee Yeager reported on the success of the Section and what the parent Society had been doing during recent months. Walt Larson, a Colorado big game hunter and conservationist, gave an interesting and informative slide lecture on New Zealand game animals; game management problems were emphasized.

August 24–26: 3rd CMPS Summer Conference. Camp Lakeside, Scott County State Park, Kansas.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Lee Yeager

*President:* Jack Grieb, Colorado

*Vice-President:* George W. Reynolds,

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Harvey W. Miller, Nebraska

*Board: Past President:* Harold W. Steinhoff

Colorado Dick Denney

Kansas Dave Coleman

Nebraska Howard L. Wiegars

Wyoming Don Johnson

*Program:* Phil Agee

*Transactions:* Keith G. Hay

*Special Events:* Watermelon feed put on by Kansa members.

*Field Trips:* Chalk Bluffs — a fossil rich area.

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** During this business meeting, the status of South Dakota was discussed and President Grieb formally invited that State to become a CMPS member. A committee was appointed to develop standards for professional and non-professional awards for outstanding contributions in the field of wildlife conservation within the Section area. The Wildlife Standards Committee continued to work on a series of papers stating the principles and objectives of this Section toward various phases of management. Members discussed taking stands on vital issues in wildlife management, however, no action was taken. A Transactions Committee was appointed to study costs of printing, etc., and were to recommend printing full texts or abstracts. The 91 members and guests listened to 4 general subject papers – 1 on big game, 5 on small game and waterfowl, and 4 on fisheries. There were 4 field demonstrations including the use of Avertin, handling prairie chickens, the cannon net technique for capturing waterfowl, and the dart gun for capturing deer. A few papers were missing in the last full text Transactions covering 83 pages. The 6" x 9" Transaction's cover showed a deer, pheasant, bass, and beaver. (Cost: Nonmembers--\$2.00; Members \$0.50). Ninety-one attended the conference.

## 1959

February 21: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado, Foresters' Days. During the business meeting, by unanimous action, E. R. Kalmbach was awarded an honorary lifetime membership in CMPS. South Dakota requested to be included in the Section and efforts continued toward this affiliation. Reorganization of TWS was discussed. Lee Yeager advised that Council has taken student membership proposals under advisement. The Section asked Dr. Yeager to continue to stress this proposal. A standing wildlife research committee was discussed and appointed and it was decided to take this up again in the fall. Members present voted to discontinue the Section's wildlife standards papers, "Principles of Wildlife Management," since methods used and ideas in game management were changing so fast that once the publication came out, it would be outdated. The American Fisheries Society members in this region were invited to join the Section at Pingree Park for a joint meeting. The committee for Standardization of Abstracts and Transactions moved to use abstracts rather than full papers.

May 18: Denver, Colorado. Banquet meeting in conjunction with the Colorado Game and Fish big game management meeting. Short business meeting followed by lecture and slide talk by Jack Putnam of Denver Museum of Natural History. He presented the highlights of the museum's 1958-59 winter Antarctic collection trip.

August 24-26: 4th CMPS Summer Conference. Pingree Park, Forestry School Summer Camp, Colorado.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Lee E. Yeager

*President:* Harvey W. Miller, Nebraska

*Vice-President:* David C. Coleman, Kansas

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Glenn E. Rogers, Colorado

(Although Harvey Miller was elected president, Dave Coleman is shown as president in the transactions due to Harvey's resignation on May 21 and his June move to Wisconsin.)

*Board: Past President:* Jack Grieb

Colorado: Jerry Besser

Kansas: Otto Tiemeier

Nebraska: John Mathisen

Wyoming: Don Johnson

*Program:* Ted Baker, Wyoming

*Transactions:* Larry E. Riordan, Colorado

*Special Events:* Slide Show - "Wildlife in the S. C. S. Plan", an archery demonstration, and a range techniques demonstration.

*Field Trip:* To a 700 acre burn, led by Harold Steinhoff.

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** Awards Standards Committee prepared and distributed awards standards and moved that nominations for 1960 and in the future should come from the membership and were to be for achievements in conservation. The guide for abstract preparation compiled by the Transactions Committee was distributed to all members. The papers within the 1959 Transactions were somewhat briefer than actually presented at the meeting. Also, a number of presentations were not included, as the authors apparently did not send them to the Abstracting Committee. Included are 4 general papers, 5 on big game, papers from a range techniques and developments panel, write-up of 2 fisheries demonstrations, 1 on trapping, and 3 on small game. Transactions were \$2.00 for nonmembers and \$0.50 for members. Ninety-seven persons attended this conference.

## 1960

February 20: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado, Foresters' Days. CMPS assisted in presenting 4 papers and discussion on "Wildlife Training Needs at the College Level." During the business meeting, Lee Yeager reported that 3 Sections, including CMPS, had requested a student membership grade with reduced dues and that this was on the agenda for the regional representative to present our desires on this subject. The members accepted the deer-pheasant-bass-beaver cover designed by Keith Hay and used in 1959 as the annual standard Transactions cover. Members were asked to submit nominations for achievement awards. Dr. Yeager reported on reorganization and improvements in TWS. CMPS supported this reorganization as outlined in a letter from Jack Berryman, vice-president of TWS.

May 30: Denver, Colorado. A dinner meeting following the annual Colorado Game and Fish big game management meeting. CMPS, under Program Chairman Harold Steinhoff, arranged for a panel of 9 speakers and a discussion leader from 10 state and federal agencies. Abstracts of these presentations on "Phreatophyte Control and Its Possible Effects on Wildlife" are presented in the 1960 Transactions. No business meeting.

August 29-31: 5th CMPS Summer Conference. University of Wyoming Recreation Camp, Centennial, Wyoming.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Lee E. Yeager

*President:* Ted C. Baker, Wyoming

*Vice-President:* Jerome F. Besser, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Mitchell G. "Red" Sheldon, Colorado

*Board: Past President:* David Coleman

Colorado: William Rutherford

Kansas: Fred C. Warders

Nebraska: Orty Orr

Wyoming: George Wrakestraw

*Program:* Jack F. Welch, Colorado

*Transactions:* Keith G. Hay, Colorado

*Special Events:* "Status of the Whooping Crane," wildlife movies, and 4 discussion groups—big game, waterfowl, upland game birds, and fisheries.

*Field Trips:* (1) Wyoming's Sybille Big Game Research Station; and (2) The Wildlife Disease Laboratory at the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** TWS Vice-President Jack Berryman was honored guest at the conference and brought members up-to-date on national affairs and Society reorganization. Wyoming members proposed letterhead stationery be adopted and this was approved and soon accomplished.

John D. Hart, Assistant Director, Colorado Game and Fish Department was voted to receive the Honor Award Plaque. Dr. Yeager had prepared a statement of objectives for the Section and distributed it to the membership for comments and consideration. An Honor Award Committee was suggested and then appointed.

The main item of discussion was the proposed program and reorganization of TWS. Members again voted to support the parent Society in this reorganization. Approximately 60 members participated in this conference. There were panel discussions on mule deer research, pheasant research needs, Canada goose research, and effects of land management practices on fisheries plus 10 other papers. "Research" was the general conference theme.

## 1961

February 25: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado, Foresters' Days. Dr. Ron Ryder arranged for a program on "Natural Resources Protection" at which Harry Figge, A. F. C. Green, and several students presented various discussion items. John D. Hart accepted the Honor Plaque awarded in the fall of 1960. A. Loren Ward was awarded a Scroll for his nomination for the 1960 Professional Award. During the business meeting, it was decided to discontinue the Research Advisory Committee. It was also tentatively decided to hold the annual business meeting at the Summer Conference instead of during the Section Meeting on Foresters' Days as was done in the past.

August 23-25: 6th CMPS Summer Conference, Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford, Nebraska.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Lee Yeager

*President:* Bill Bailey, Nebraska

*Vice-President:* Mitchell G. "Red" Sheldon, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* William Rutherford, Colorado

*Board: Past President:* Ted C. Baker

Colorado: L. Jack Lyon

Kansas: Roy Schoonover

Nebraska: Phil Agee

Wyoming: John Newman

*Program:* Orty Orr

*Transactions:* Keith Hay, Colorado

*Special Events:* Free evening barbeque sponsored by Nebraska.

*Field Trips:* Tour of Cook Museum of National History, visits to wild turkey release site, and Nebraska deer range.

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** During the business meeting, members present voted to change the annual business meeting from February to August and that Section officers would carry through from August to August. The Section sent a letter supporting a full-time Executive Secretary and a dues increase proposed by the parent Society (TWS membership fees: Pre-1954 - \$5.00; 1954-61 - \$6.00; 1962 - \$10.00).

The status of South Dakota being a member state was still questionable, yet a number of people from that state paid dues to CMPS and participated in meetings. The Executive Board and members are again on record as encouraging State Chapters to be formed. Jack Welch sold 16 memberships in the Section during the year. Honor award specifications were rewritten and it was decided to award Honor Scrolls to Ed Kalmbach and Mr. Anderson. The Abstract Revision Committee was instructed to revise instructions for Transactions. The Board decided that Transactions from previous years were to be sold at actual cost and that new Transactions were to be sold at cost plus \$0.25 to members and \$0.50 to nonmembers. A committee was appointed to study the Bylaws and possibly get changes in order to present to members in 1962. The Board reported that the Section was in financial difficulties due to excessive printing costs in 1960 and that it might be necessary to make an assessment to make up the deficit (On October 23, a letter was sent to all CMPS members asking for a \$2.00 contribution. This special assessment netted \$148.50, enabling the Section to remain solvent).

The theme of this Conference was "Environmental Changes". Panels presented information on (1) wild turkey, and (2) Environmental changes in streams and their influence on fisheries. Brief transaction abstracts included 4 general papers, 4 on small game, and 5 each on fish and big game.

## **1962**

February 24: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado, Foresters' Days. During this annual business meeting, Dr. Lee Yeager reported that TWS Council was working on a Code of Ethics for all wildlife workers as well as revisions of regional boundaries. Harold Steinhoff was appointed Chairman of an Abstract Instruction Revision Committee. Formation of a Colorado Chapter was discussed, however, no action was taken. Dr. Kalmbach, a TWS Charter Member completed a history of TWS. Dr. Yeager accepted a position in Washington, D. C. Dr. R. L. Eng of Montana was elected representative of Region IV.

March: North American Wildlife Conference, Denver, Colorado. An informal Council meeting.

July: Another informal CMPS Council meeting.

August 26-28: 7th CMPS Summer Conference. Forestry Camp, Pingree Park, Colorado.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Robert L. Eng, Montana

*President:* Bill Bailey, Nebraska

*Vice-President:* Mitchell G. "Red" Sheldon, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* William Rutherford, Colorado

*Board: Past-President:* Ted Baker (1960 President)

Colorado: Jack Lyon and Dale Jones (Lyon left state.)

Kansas: Roy Schoonover

Nebraska: Phil Agee

Wyoming: John Newman

*Program:* Dwight R. Smith, Colorado

*Transactions:* Keith Hay and Wayne Sandfort, Colorado

*Special Events:* Les Robinette presented an excellent slide talk on "African Wildlife."

*Field Demonstration:* (1) Purpose and operation of weather instruments; (2) Use of Japanese mist nets for capturing birds; and (3) Determination of beaver habitat carrying capacity.

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** Vice-President Sheldon conducted annual meeting. During both the Board and Member Business Meetings, pros and cons of State Chapters were discussed in great detail. CMPS moved to formally encourage each State in the Section to apply for a Chapter. Kansas members reported that the director of the Kansas Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission felt they should associate with the Midwest Section and that they would have to drop out of CMPS. Kansas' withdrawal was not formally accepted or acted on as all CMPS members regretted this decision.

South Dakota was accepted as a member by vote of membership on August 28. Awards in the form of a plaque were awarded to Mel O. Steen, Nebraska, for achievement in wildlife administration; Charles R. "Pete" Bryant, Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, for achievement in wildlife management; and Cliff A. Moser, Colorado, for achievement in wildlife research.

Award instructions were rewritten and presented during this meeting.

The Conference theme was "The Human Side of Wildlife Management" and sub-themes were: (1) potential biological surveys; (2) management of the hunter; (3) habitat improvement; (4) pesticide-wildlife problems and (5) animal damage control. One hundred forty people attended this conference.

## **1963**

February 25: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado, Foresters' Days. Harold Steinhoff reported that C.S.U. and University of Wyoming were interested in starting Student Chapters. Transactions were \$2.50 to nonmembers and \$1.50 to members.

August 25-27: 8th CMPS Summer Conference. Blue Bell Lodge, Custer State Park, South Dakota.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* W. Leslie Robinette, Colorado

*President:* Mitchell "Red" Sheldon, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Dale R. Bree, Nebraska

*Board: Past President:* Bill Bailey

Colorado: Bill Rutherford

Nebraska: Karl Menzel

South Dakota: Douglas West

Wyoming: Don Johnson

*Program:* Ray Hart, South Dakota

*Arrangement:* Fred Priewert, South Dakota

*Transactions:* Ray Hart, South Dakota

*Special Events:* Fred Priewert, South Dakota

*Field Demonstration:* Radio tracking equipment.

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** There were 14 abstracts presented in the Transactions — 4 general, 3 on big game, 2 on fisheries, and 6 on small game. Panel discussions included: (1) Quality wildlife habitat is being reduced each year — why and what can be done and (2) More wildlife.

A short business meeting was called to order by President Sheldon. Reading of the minutes of the August 1962 meeting and financial report were dispensed with.

New officers for the 1963-64 fiscal year were announced: President - Dale Bree, Nebraska; Vice-President - Bob Tully, Colorado; Secretary/Treasurer - Clarence Newton, Nebraska. Dale Bree announced names of those persons who will serve on the Section's Executive Board for 1963-64: Bill Rutherford, Colorado; Don Johnson, Wyoming; Karl Menzel, Nebraska; and Douglas West, South Dakota.

W. Les Robinette, Region IV Representative, discussed current events in the Society and asked conference delegates to join in a united effort to increase membership.

Availability of Transactions of the 1962 Summer Conference was announced.

Sheldon asked the Nebraska contingent about their plans to host the Summer Conference next year. Bree conveyed the message that Nebraska would be able to host the 1964 meeting.

One Kansas member was present and reported that travel authorization for Forestry, Fish and Game Commission employees was very restrictive.

September 24: University of Wyoming Wildlife Club met to organize into a Society Student Chapter.

December: Formation of Colorado State University Student Chapter, TWS. A Christmas greeting was also sent to all CMPS members.

## **1964**

February 22: Ft. Collins, Colorado, Foresters' Days. First meeting of the Colorado State University Student Chapter. The Chapter Charter was approved by TWS in December 1963.

Approximately 60 people attended the technical session at which 4 papers presented information on big game and turkey distribution and movement. There was a special display of radio telemetry equipment. The Student Chapter took over the wildlife portion of the Foresters' Days program previously handled by CMPS.

May 29: Nebraska sent out a questionnaire to 32 TWS members asking about the formation of a State Chapter.

August 21-22: 9th CMPS Summer Conference. Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford, Nebraska.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* W. Leslie Robinette, Colorado

*President:* Dale R. Bree, Nebraska

*Vice-President:* Robert J. Tully, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Clarence E. Newton, Nebraska

*Board: Past President:* "Red" Sheldon

Colorado William Rutherford

Nebraska Karl Menzel

South Dakota: Don Johnson

*Program:* Ken Johnson, Nebraska

*Transactions:* Larry Morris, Nebraska

*Special Events:* Evening barbeque.

*Field Trips:* (1) Fort Robinson State Park; (2) Nebraska's Pine Ridge Country and Big Game Range; (3) Badlands and Toadstool Parks; and (4) Agate Park and the Fossil Beds of Niobrara River Valley.

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** During the summer, members had voted to establish the State Representative Position. Bylaws were then changed to include these men and their duties. Also, letterhead stationery was changed adding South Dakota and deleting Kansas. The Board reduced the price of all 1 year or older Transactions to \$0.50 each. It was decided by the Board that a metal plaque was to be given for a Nonprofessional Award and that the Professional Award would be a paper certificate.

Dr. Ed Ostermeyer, a Crawford, Nebraska farmer, received a Nonprofessional Award for his efforts in helping to establish a hunting season on deer and turkey in the Pine Ridge area. He was also recognized for his work in trapping, transplanting, and stocking turkeys and soliciting landowners for conservation work. Generally, he contributed to the overall success in establishing turkeys and obtaining Nebraska's first turkey season (1962).

Honored guest was Fred Evenden, Executive Secretary, TWS, and he spoke on "What's Ahead in The Wildlife Society Program". Twenty-two papers were presented and abstracted; 12 of these were on small game and waterfowl, 1 on fisheries, 6 on big game, and 3 on general topics. Transactions cover was white with a sage grouse drawing, rather than standard green with drawing of bass, beaver, pheasant, and deer.

The University of Wyoming Student Chapter was approved early in 1964. The Section sent out a Christmas letter and greeting in early December.

## **1965**

April 22-23: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado. C. S. U. Student Chapter hosted the Western States Students' Wildlife Conclave. Dr. A. Starker Leopold spoke on "The Future of Wildlife Management".

August 8-10: 10th CMPS Summer Conference. University of Wyoming Summer Camp, Centennial, Wyoming.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* W. Les Robinette (Left the United States and Charles M. Loveless was appointed Acting Representative)

*President:* Robert J. Tully, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Don A. Johnson, Wyoming

*Secretary/Treasurer:* F. Robert Henderson, South Dakota

*Board: Past President:* Dale Bree, Nebraska

Colorado: Fred Klenschnitz

Nebraska: Lawrence Blus

South Dakota: Keith Evans

Wyoming: Allen Morton

*Program:* Don Johnson, Wyoming

*Transactions:* Wm. Rutherford and Fred Glover, Colorado

*Special Events:* Buffalo for evening meal.

*Special Films:* Dick Denny narrated film on the use of Cap-chur gun for tranquilizing elk, elk tagging, and neck banding by jumping from helicopter. Wyoming Game and Fish presented a new film on goose flock establishment and restoration.

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** During the year, the Section sold over 80 Wildlife Society pins. Regional Representative Robinette presented a new charter to CMPS on August 9. The North Dakota Chapter and Kansas State University Student Chapter also received charters from the parent Society. The Nonprofessional Award went to Dr. N. R. Whitney for his work on "Birds of the Black Hills", co-authored by Dr. O. S. Pettingill, Jr. This award was given to him on October 19 during the Black Hills Audubon Society meeting. The annual Professional Award was awarded to Wilbur Foss, Walter Larsen, Maurice Anderson, and Ray Hart (posthumously) of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks on September 24, "For individual initiative and leadership in adopting the ammonium nitrate blasting technique to create or improve waterfowl habitat".

The Business Meeting discussion dealt with the aims and values of the Section and what we should and could do for the wildlife profession and ourselves. The Secretary was instructed to contact all Universities in member states and suggest that all those dealing with wildlife be sent to "Wildlife Review" for reporting. Members approved the Bylaws change, adding the State Representatives and their duties. A State Representative could be a Board Member, but did not have to be. One of the Representatives' duties would be to see that 1 nomination for awards be received from each State. Transactions included: 4 general papers, 6 on big game, 4 on small game, 3 on fisheries, 1 on waterfowl, and an abstract of Dr. Paul Springer's presentation and film on the black-footed ferret study.

In early December, a Christmas message and greeting was sent to all members.

## 1966

February 18-19: Huron, South Dakota. Approximately 100 people met to discuss the formation of a state chapter. Fred Evendon reported on TWS. Fifty-six Society members voted to adopt Bylaws and form a South Dakota Chapter. Maurice Anderson was elected the first President.

February: Ft. Collins, Colorado. Colorado State University Student Chapter meeting.

August 14-16: 11th CMPS Summer Conference. Colorado State University Science Camp, Pingree Park, Colorado.

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Dr. Paul Springer, South Dakota.

*Regional Representative, Region VII:* Dr. Harold Steinhoff, Colorado.

(TWS regional boundaries were changed during the year. Region IV (Great Plains) included Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, and Saskatchewan. Region VII (Inter-Mountain) included Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.)

*President:* Robert B. Dahlgren, South Dakota

*Vice-President:* Lowell McEwen, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Dwight R. Smith, Colorado

*Board: Past President:* Robert Tully

Colorado: Fred Klenschnitz

Nebraska: Lawrence Blus

South Dakota: Keith Evans

Wyoming: Allen Morton

Chapter Representatives:

Colorado: Ralph Hill

Nebraska: Ken Johnson

South Dakota: Paul Springer

Wyoming: Kenneth Diem

*Program:* Howard Wiegars, Colorado

*Transactions:* Howard Wiegars, Colorado

*Special Events:* Dr. Horace F. Quick, University of Colorado, narrated an excellent film on "Uganda Elephant Study".

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** Fred Evenden, Executive Secretary, TWS, spoke on "Your Society". Edwin Kalmbach of Boulder, Colorado, (honorary member of TWS from Colorado) and former Director, Denver Research Lab, USF&WS reminisced about the early days of the Biological Survey.

The Game, Fish, and Parks Department held a staff meeting in conjunction with the Conference. There were 17 papers presented on a variety of subjects and all were abstracted in the Transactions (9 general papers, 4 on big game, 2 on small game, and 2 on waterfowl).

Approximately 38 door and special prizes were donated by various sporting goods companies and stores and were given out to those 91 persons registered.

Bob Tully received prizes for enlisting the most CMPS members during the year and for attending 10 of the past 11 conferences.

During the Annual Business Meeting, members discussed Bylaws. It was decided that no major revisions were necessary. Nebraska reported they were attempting to form a State Chapter. It was suggested that each organization in each State develop a bulletin board and display concerning Society functions and items of professional accomplishment. A motion passed authorizing the President to appoint a "Blue Ribbon" Committee, 1 member from each State, to select an appropriate candidate for each of the award categories and that these would be presented at the Annual Meeting. Recipients of the Professional and Nonprofessional Awards for achievements in their wildlife work were Dean Medin and Andy Christianson, both of Colorado.

## 1967

August 20-22: **12th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** School of Mines Campus, Rapid City, South Dakota. *Regional Representative, Region IV:* Dr. Harold Steinhoff, Colorado

*Regional Representative, Region VII:* Dr. Paul Springer, South Dakota

*President:* Charles Loveless, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Dale Jones, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Keith Evans, South Dakota

*Board: Past President:* Robert Dahlgren

Colorado: Ray Boyd

Nebraska: Karl Menzel

South Dakota: Doug West

Wyoming: Don Johnson

Chapter Representatives:

Colorado: Ralph Hill

Nebraska: Carl Wolfe

South Dakota: F. Robert Henderson

Wyoming: James June

*Program:* Don Progulske, South Dakota

*Transactions:* Don Progulske, South Dakota

*Special Events:* Lyle Petersen, South Dakota

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** President Charles Loveless called the meeting to order at Surbeck Center, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Campus, Rapid City, South Dakota. Fifty-eight members attended. Mr. Loveless reminded the Section that last year's Merit Awards went to Dean Medin and A. J. Christianson, both of Colorado. Mr. Ralph Hill helped with arrangements for presenting the awards at the Annual Governor's Conservation Banquet in Denver, Colorado. The event received good publicity.

President Loveless reported on the Board Meeting held on November 3, 1966 at the Manitou Experimental Forest in Colorado. The following were in attendance: Charles Loveless, Keith Evans, Harold Steinhoff, and Larry Riorden. Suggestions for Committee Chairmen and members of the Committees were made and the matter of Section boundaries was discussed at length. Loveless acknowledged attendance to the 12th Annual Summer Conference of the following people: Fred Evenden, Executive Secretary, The Wildlife Society; Ed Komarek, Tall Timbers Research Station, Tallahassee, Florida; Ed Kozicky, Director of Conservation, Division of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, East Alton, Illinois; Harold Steinhoff, Regional Representative from Region VII; and Paul Springer, Regional Representative from Region IV. The following States and Provinces were represented at the meeting: Manitoba, Canada, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Guests were present from Florida, Illinois, Washington, D. C., and Wisconsin.

Bob Tully announced that a History of the Section was available, free of charge. Fred Evenden announced that this was the second Section to complete a history and congratulated the group. Paul Springer, filling in for Ted Baker on the Awards Committee, announced that only 2 nominations for awards had been made and the Awards Committee felt this did not represent sufficient nominations for a fair award presentation. Recommendations for the activities of the Awards Committee and a standard nomination form were presented.

Ray Boyd, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of nominations for office: President – Maurice E. Anderson, Lowell McEwen, Harold Swope, Howard Wiegars; Vice-President — F. Robert Henderson, Robert J. Tully; Secretary/Treasurer — Lyle Petersen. Nominations were opened from the floor. Bob Tully nominated Ray Boyd for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. The Section was reminded that the Bylaws state that officers must be elected by mail ballot. President Loveless stated that he would arrange for mailing of the ballots, tabulating the results, and announcing the new officers as soon as possible. Bob Dahlgren moved that nomination forms for merit awards be mailed to all members to give everyone an opportunity to nominate a deserving person for an award. A motion was also made and passed to amend the bylaws so as to provide for election of a President-Elect and a Secretary/Treasurer each year. Under this system, a President, President-Elect, and Secretary-

Treasurer would be elected the first year. The next year only a President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer would be elected, as the President-Elect automatically becomes President. This motion passed.

The new President was charged with the duty of selecting a Committee to revise the Section Bylaws and that the Committee's actions should include the following activities: (1) Refer to the parent Society's model Bylaws and conform wherever possible; (2) Change Article IV to conform with the President-Elect system as passed in previous motion; (3) Reprint the revised Bylaws and include on each copy the date of revision. A Publicity Committee was established as a standing committee. Nebraska was chosen as the meeting site for 1968. Bob Tully suggested that we actively invite fisheries biologists and conservation officers to join the Section, and that we spell out the accomplishments and advantages of the Section.

## **1968**

August 25-27: **13th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** State 4-H Camp, Halsey, Nebraska

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Dr. Paul F. Springer, South Dakota.

*Regional Representative, Region VII:* Dr. Harold W. Steinhoff, Colorado.

*President:* Harold M. Swope, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Robert J. Tully, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Raymond J Boyd, Colorado

*Past President:* Charles M. Loveless, Colorado

*Chapter Representatives:*

Nebraska: C. Phillip Agee

Colorado: Ralph Hill

South Dakota: Robert B. Dahlgren

Wyoming: Rex M. Corsi

*Program:* Carl Wolfe, Nebraska

*Arrangements:* Lee E. Yeager, Nebraska

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** Several mandates were given the 1968 Section Executive Board by the 1967 membership. These were: (a) Changing the area of organization to include all of Regions IV and VII, with invitations to join the Sections going to all potential members; (b) Replacing the office of Vice-President with a President-Elect who would serve as vice-president for 1 year, then automatically become President; (c) Appointing Board Representatives to replace State Representatives and defining the duties of these new positions; and (d) Establishing a systems for improving the Section's public relations efforts. To implement these directives, it was necessary to change the Section Constitution and revisions were approved by the membership. Lists of duties and responsibilities of all Section officers were compiled to guide future elections.

Robert Dahlgren, Brookings, South Dakota, and Mildred Hedrick, Englewood, Colorado, were presented the Professional and Nonprofessional Section Awards for outstanding accomplishments in the fields of natural resource conservation.

## 1969

August 24-27: **14th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Fremont County Youth Camp, Lander, Wyoming

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Dr. Paul F. Springer, South Dakota

*Regional Representative, Region VII:* Dr. Harold W. Steinhoff, Colorado

*President:* Dr. Raymond L. Linder, South Dakota

*President-Elect:* Raymond J. Boyd, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Dr. Donald Progulske, South Dakota

*Past President:* Harold M. Swope, Colorado

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Don Horak

Kansas: R. E. McWhorter

Nebraska: Larry Witt

South Dakota: Lyle Petersen

Wyoming: Neal Blair

*Program:* Mac Black, Wyoming

*Arrangements:* Bill Crump, Wyoming

*Publicity:* Neal Blair, Wyoming

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** This summer meeting was held in the Wind River Mountains near Lander, Wyoming. Edward Kozicky, President of The Wildlife Society, presented an interesting discussion entitled, "The Wildlife Society and You". The program included 17 technical papers on August 25 and 26. A steak fry on the shores of Worthern Reservoir was enjoyed by the members and many families. An interesting and educational field trip was taken through Red Canyon and South Pass the afternoon of the 26th. Most discussion at the Business Meeting centered around the necessity of broadening the membership of The Wildlife Society and becoming involved and active in environmental problems. Another action of the membership was to award a plaque to each outgoing president for recognition of his services. Recipients of the annual awards were Carl G. Trautman, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, and H. F. McClellan, Mobridge, South Dakota.

## 1970

August 16-19: **15th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Pingree Park, Colorado

*Region Representative, Region IV:* Dr. Paul F. Springer, North Dakota

*Region Representative, Region VII:* Wayne W. Sandfort, Colorado.

*President:* Raymond J. Boyd, Colorado

*President-Elect:* Carl W. Wolfe, Nebraska

*Secretary/Treasurer:* James C. Cruse, Colorado

*Past President:* Dr. Raymond L. Linder, South Dakota

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Harvey Donoho

Kansas: M. Gary Heskett

Nebraska: Wilbur Dasenbrock

South Dakota: Tom Kuck

Wyoming: Roger Wilson

*Program:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*Arrangements:* Don Horak, Colorado

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** The 15th Annual Summer Conference was well attended, with a total of 24 papers given at the technical and general sessions. One interesting item came up during this year in that CMPS was asked to submit a resolution to the Colorado State Board of Agriculture asking for reinstatement of the budget request for the Wildlife Extension Program at Colorado State University. The money was eventually returned to the budget and the program is going strong.

## **1971**

August 22-25: **16th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Bob Marshall Camp, Custer, South Dakota

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Dr. Paul F. Springer, North Dakota

*Regional Representative, Region VII:* Wayne W. Sandfort, Colorado

*President:* Carl Wolfe, Nebraska

*President-Elect:* Art Richardson, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Jack Sinn, Nebraska

*Past President:* Raymond J. Boyd, Colorado

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Dr. Ron Ryder

Kansas: Steve Capel

Nebraska: Wilbur Dasenbrock

South Dakota: Tom Kuck

Wyoming: Roger Wilson

*Program:* Tom Kuck, South Dakota

*Arrangements:* Don Forte Berry, South Dakota

*Dues:* \$1.00

**Board Business:** CMPS sponsored the 1st Sectional Workshop during 1971. The Canada Goose Workshop at Jamestown, North Dakota, provided a method of needed information exchange on captive and wild flocks. Forrest Lee, USF&WS and Bud Dasenbrock, Nebraska Game and Parks, served as coordinators for the session. The general format of the Summer Conference was changed to recognize information, education, law enforcement, and habitat management. This change provided a broader spectrum of interest for those working in the wildlife field. The Section was proud to serve as the vehicle for presenting the American Motors Corporation Award to Ralph Hill at the Annual Summer Conference in the Black Hills. The Professional Award, given annually by the Section, was presented to William Bailey of Nebraska and the Nonprofessional Award to Dr. James Shaeffer of South Dakota.

## **1972**

August 20-23: **17th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Halsey 4-H Camp, Halsey, Nebraska

*Regional Representative, Section IV:* Wayne Sandfort, Colorado

*President:* Art Richardson, South Dakota

*President-Elect:* Neal Blair, Wyoming  
*Secretary/Treasurer:* Lyle Petersen, South Dakota  
*Past President:* Carl W. Wolfe, Jr., Nebraska  
*Chapter Representatives:*  
Colorado: Robert J. Tully  
Kansas: Steven Capel  
Nebraska: William L. Baxter  
South Dakota: Tom Kuck  
Wyoming: Roger W. Wilson  
*Program:* William L. Baxter, Nebraska  
*Arrangements:* Larry Witt, Nebraska  
*Dues:* \$2.00

**Board Business:** The CMPS Bylaws were revised to conform to TWS Bylaws. Annual dues were increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00. CMPS sponsored the 1st Prairie Deer Workshop in Rapid City. Eight states and 3 Canadian provinces were represented with approximately 60-75 people in attendance. The reception was good with suggestions for another workshop in 3 years. CMPS and the Society for Range Management co-sponsored a Foothills Shrub Ecology and Management Symposium, Bates Hole Area, Casper, Wyoming. There were approximately 40 in attendance on a 1-day field trip through deer and elk winter range.

### **1973**

August 12-15: **18th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** University of Wyoming Science Camp, Centennial, Wyoming  
*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Wayne W. Sandfort, Colorado  
*President:* Neal Blair, Wyoming  
*President-Elect:* Bob McWhorter, Kansas  
*Secretary/Treasurer:* Rex S. ZoBell, Wyoming  
*Past President:* Art Richardson, South Dakota  
*Board Members:* Roger Wilson (WY), Ray Linder (SD)  
*Chapter Representatives:*  
Colorado: Dick Denney  
Kansas: Steve Capel  
Nebraska: Joe Hyland  
South Dakota: Ron Fowler  
North Dakota: Robert Fields  
Utah: Dr. John Nagel  
Wyoming: George Dern  
Manitoba: Eugene Bossenmaier  
Saskatchewan: Dr. George Mitchell  
*Meeting Chairman:* Roger Wilson, Wyoming  
*Program:* Tim Britt, Wyoming  
*Arrangements:* Al Morton, Wyoming  
*Dues:* \$2.00

**Board Business:** President Neal Blair conducted the Business Meeting held August 15th. In Old Business, it was reported that Gil Hunter was nominated for the Wild Horse Board. Workshops sponsored by CMPS were the Turkey Workshop held at Chadron, Nebraska, May 12, and the Shrub Ecology Workshop held in Pinedale, Wyoming, May 21-22, 1973.

The Wildlife Society's new field director, John Spinks, attended. He emphasized the need for better communications between the membership and the Washington office and lauded The Wildlife Society Bulletin for being management oriented.

Floyd Blunt, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, was recipient of the Section's Professional Award while Bob Milek, also from Wyoming and a free-lance outdoor writer, outfitter, and wildlifer, received the Nonprofessional Award.

## **1974**

August 18-21: **19th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Lake Metigoshe Lutheran Camp, Bottineau, North Dakota

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Lee Queal, Kansas

*President:* Bob McWhorter, Kansas

*President-Elect:* Dick Denney, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Steve Capel, Kansas

*Past President:* Neal Blair, Wyoming

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: A. F. C. (Pete) Greene

Kansas: Marvin Schwilling

Nebraska: Karl Menzel

South Dakota: Art Richardson

North Dakota: Leo Kirsch

Utah: Jim Kimball

Wyoming: Tim Britt

Manitoba: A. Brian Ransom

*Program:* Bob Fowler, North Dakota

*Arrangements:* Bob Fields, North Dakota

*Dues:* \$2.00

**Board Business:** The Business Meeting was called to order by President McWhorter on August 20. Old business included the recognition of 2 new Wildlife Society Chapters in Manitoba and Wyoming.

The Professional Award of the Section went to Richard D. Wettersten, Director of the Kansas Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission, while the Nonprofessional Award recipient was Ernest Zahn, Velva, North Dakota.

Section Representative Lee Queal reviewed his recent activities as representative and strongly encouraged more input to him from field personnel and State Chapters to assist in guiding his actions at Council Meetings.

Executive Director Fred Evenden summarized the diverse activities of the Society, including the building fund, publications, and professional certification.

National legislation for which support was urged included the amended Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the BLM Organic Act, and a strip-mine reclamation bill (if no major changes

were made in committee).

Eight resolutions and public statements were presented to the membership and included: (1) Fences on Public Lands; (2) Sale of Public Lands; (3) Rights and Responsibilities; (4) National Land Use for Grain Production; (5) Management of Furbearers; (6) Forest and Rangeland Management; (7) Conservation of Natural Resources and Energy; and (8) Wetlands Acquisition. Only the Fences on Public Land resolution gained sufficient support to be adopted by the membership and be dispersed for use. A motion was passed that the Section go on record as being opposed to the transfer of public lands to private ownership until such time as the State Fish and Game Departments were involved and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had determined that such transfers have no negative impacts on wildlife.

## **1975**

August 17-19: **20th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado  
*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Ray Linder, South Dakota

*President:* Dick Denney, Colorado

*President-Elect:* Roger Wilson, Wyoming

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Dick Kerr, Colorado

*Past President:* Bob McWhorter, Kansas

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Harold Swope

Kansas: Steve Capel

Nebraska: Dick Gersik

South Dakota: Art Richardson

North Dakota: George Enyeart

Utah: Mitchell Sheldon

Wyoming: Charles Gibson

Manitoba: Bob Jones

Saskatchewan: Joe Hnatiuk

*Program:* John Schmidt, Colorado

*Arrangements:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*Dues:* \$2.00

**Board Business:** The business meeting was conducted by President-Elect Roger Wilson because Dick Denney could not attend due to pressing and urgent business.

The Professional Award was received by Allen E. Anderson, researcher for the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The Nonprofessional Award was presented to Carl E. Strutz of Jamestown, North Dakota, for his contributions to the establishment of greater Canada geese.

The Section sponsored the Grasslands Workshop held in Kansas and the Shrub Ecology Workshop held in Jackson, Wyoming, during 1975. The Section voted to provide limited financial support to a Hungarian Partridge Workshop to be held in North Dakota in 1976.

Old Business included a report by Council Representative Ray Linder on the Council action to support the "Threatened Species" classification for the grizzly bear. Dissatisfaction was expressed in the Council's procedures relative to the grizzly bear action, but not with Ray Linder's representation of the Section.

Concern for lack of communication within the Section was expressed by the Utah representative. Complaints were reported concerning the lack of information as to whom rejected Wildlife Society Bulletin articles and why articles were rejected. A motion to donate \$100.00 to the TWS Building Fund failed to pass.

Field trips took wildlifers to elk summer range, alpine and ptarmigan habitat, and to the peregrine falcon facilities at Ft. Collins.

## **1976**

August 5-8: **21st CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Rock Springs Ranch, Junction City, Kansas

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Ray Linder, South Dakota

*President:* Roger Wilson, Wyoming

*President-Elect:* Clair Huff, Utah

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Tim Britt, Wyoming

*Past President:* Dick Denney, Colorado

*Board Members:* L. Kirsch (ND), R. Oetting (MB)

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Dr. Dale Hein

Kansas: Steve Capel

Nebraska: Dick Gersik

South Dakota: Art Richardson

North Dakota: Larry Kruckenberg

Utah: "Red" Sheldon

Wyoming: Charles Gibson

Manitoba: Brian Ranson

Saskatchewan: Joseph Hnatiuk

*Program:* Steve Capel, Kansas

*Arrangements:* Bob McWhorter, Kansas

*Dues:* \$2.00

**Board Business:** During the business meeting, a contribution of \$50 was voted for the Paul L. Errington Memorial at Volga, South Dakota. An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed with Clait Braun as Chairman to develop guidelines for handling Section resolutions and public statements. The committee must submit its report to the Executive Board by January 31, 1977. Dr. Douglas L. Gilbert, Colorado, was recipient of the Section's Outstanding Professional Award. No award for the outstanding nonprofessional contributing to wildlife was presented by the Section in 1976.

A special plaque was presented to Leo Kirsch, North Dakota, for his long service and contributions to the Section.

During the year, the Canvasback Workshop was sponsored by the Section and the North Dakota Chapter. The meeting Chairman was Dr. David Trauger and was held April 6 and 7 at Jamestown, North Dakota.

## 1977

August 14-17: **22nd CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Flaming Gorge Lodge, Dutch John, Utah  
*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Ray Linder, South Dakota

*President:* Clair Huff, Utah

*President-Elect:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Joyce Gebhart, Utah

*Past President:* Roger Wilson, Wyoming

*Board members:* L. Kirsch (ND), R. Oetting (MB), R. Fowler (SD), W. Peabody (KS)

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Dale Hein

Kansas: Steve Capel

Nebraska: Dick Gersik

North Dakota: Larry Kruckenberg

South Dakota: Art Richardson

Utah: Michael Wolfe

Wyoming: Dave Lockman

Manitoba: Robert E. Jones

Saskatchewan: Joseph M. Hnatiuk

*Program:* Herb Troester, Utah

*Arrangements:* Dave Peterson, Jim Zumbo, John Comb, Allen Shippe, Clair Huff, Utah

*Dues:* \$2.00

**Board Business:** Accommodations were provided at the Flaming Gorge Lodge and adjacent campground facilities of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Special events included an informal campfire gathering and presentation of the history of the Flaming Gorge area; mountain men, and muzzleloader program of history, authentic weapons and dress; field trips to Flaming Gorge Dam and surrounding area, Clay Basin, and Antelope Flats. Opportunities were provided for rubber raft flat trips down the Green River.

The CMPS Executive Council met on the 14th and discussed the parent Society membership reorganization, Bylaws changes, Certification status, building fund, Field Director, and general operations of the Section and parent Society. During the Business Meeting of the Section, it was the consensus of those at the Conference that the proposed membership classification of "Nonvoting" was too negative and charged the Section Representative to recommend "Associate Member" to TWS Council.

To reduce the apparent misunderstandings about Certification, it was suggested the Section prepare a 1 page explanation to answer questions in the minds of many members.

During the year, CMPS President Huff represented the Section at the 42nd North America Wildlife Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. While there, he attended the TWS Council meeting.

Huff also attended the Colorado Chapter meeting held in February and initiated preparation of operation guidelines to aid Section Officers in accomplishing their duties.

During the year, the first woman officer of the Section, Joyce Gebhart, ably handled the duties of Secretary/Treasurer.

Recipients of the Section awards were Charles Schroeder, North Dakota, for outstanding professionalism, and Lois Webster, Colorado, for outstanding citizen contributions to wildlife.

Perdix I was sponsored by the Section and held in Minot, North Dakota, with Jerry Kobriger, Program Chairman. Two hundred dollars was contributed by the Section toward expenses of this workshop.

## **1978**

August 27-30: **23rd CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Riding Mountain National Park, Wasagaming, Manitoba

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Harvey Miller, Colorado

*President:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*President-Elect:* George Enyeart, North Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Del Benson, Colorado

*Past President:* Clair Huff, Utah

*Board Members:* L. Kirsch (ND), R. Oetting (MB), R. Fowler (SD), W. Peabody (KS)

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Dick Pillmore

Kansas: Steve Capel

Nebraska: Ben Schole

North Dakota: Wilbur Boldt

South Dakota: W. Alan Wentz

Utah: Rodney John

Wyoming: Dave Lockman

Manitoba: Robert E. Jones

Saskatchewan: Joseph M. Hnatiuk

*Program:* Merlin Shoesmith, Manitoba

*Arrangements:* Barry Briscoe, Bill Dolan, Bruce Batt, Manitoba

*Dues:* \$2.00

**Board Business:** The Business Meeting was conducted by President Clait Braun. The membership voted unanimously to support TWS Building Fund. It was also agreed to co-sponsor a Bison Workshop to be held in Kansas during 1979.

It was announced that Proceedings of both the Canvasback and Perdix I Workshops held in North Dakota and sponsored by the Section are available.

Dr. Gustav Swanson, Professor and Department Head Emeritus from Colorado State University was presented in absentia the Professional Award for 1978. Dr. Ray Linder, out-going Section Representative to the Wildlife Society Council was given a special award in recognition of his service on our behalf.

## **1979**

August 19-22: **24th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Custer State Park, South Dakota

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Harvey Miller, Colorado

*President:* George Enyeart, North Dakota

*President-Elect:* Merlin Shoesmith, Manitoba

*Secretary/Treasurer:* David Trauger, North Dakota

*Past President:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*Board Members:* Ronald Fowler (SD), William C. Peabody (KS), Barry Briscoe (MB), Steve Capel (KS)

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Dick Pillmore

Kansas: Steve Capel

Nebraska: Ben Schole

North Dakota: Wilbur Boldt

South Dakota: Dr. W. Alan Wentz

Utah: Rodney John

Wyoming: Dave Lockman

Manitoba: Robert El Jones

Saskatchewan: John H. Hnatiuk

*Program and Arrangements:* Al Wentz, John Ratti, Ray Linder, Con Hillman, Les Flake, Nic Grkovic, and Warren Jackson, South Dakota.

*Dues:* \$2.00

**Board Business:** Approximately 75 wildlifers registered for the 4 day Summer Conference held at Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, and Badlands National Monument. Vegetation management in short, mixed, and tall-grass prairies was discussed, and different objectives and approaches to management of forests dominated by ponderosa pine were reviewed. Pronghorn and bison were common sights, but mule deer and white-tailed deer are also found in that part of South Dakota.

The excellent technical session included papers on waterfowl and wetlands, upland game bird habitat and management, bison and elk mortality, mule deer and white-tailed deer, and predation by coyotes.

A Bison Management Workshop was held at Salina, Kansas, April 10-12, 1979. The Workshop was co-sponsored by the Kansas-Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management, Central Mountains and Plains Section, TWS, Kansas Chapter of TWS, and the Kansas Fish and Game Commission. Proceedings were available from Steve Sorensen, Box 489, Concordia, Kansas 66901 for \$2.00

Wildlife Society members are working on the Second Hungarian Partridge Workshop, Perdix II, to be held at the University of Idaho, Moscow, March 18-20, 1980.

Al Lovaas agreed to continue during 1979-80 as Membership Chairman.

Section and Chapter involvement in local wildlife-related environmental issues continues to increase. Communications with Student Chapters at Kansas State and Colorado State Universities were opened up within the Section.

## **1980**

August 17-20: **25th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Ak-sar-ben Aquarium, Schramm Park, Gretna, Nebraska

*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Harvey Miller, Colorado

*President:* Merlin Shoesmith, Manitoba

*President-Elect:* W. Alan Wentz, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Barry W. Briscoe, Manitoba, and Barry Verbiwski, Manitoba

*Newsletter Editor:* Bill Koonz, Manitoba

*Past President:* George Enyeart, North Dakota

*Board Members:* Del Benson, Colorado, Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota, Stephen Capel, Kansas, Gene Collins, Manitoba

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Len Carpenter

Kansas: Steve Capel

Nebraska: Fred Deines

North Dakota: Jerry Serie

South Dakota: Ray Linder

Utah: Paul Shields

Wyoming: Bob Oakleaf

Manitoba: Robert Jones

Saskatchewan: Joe Hnatiuk

*Program:* Dr. Ron Johnson, Nebraska

*Arrangements:* Fred Deines, Ben Schole, Nebraska

*Dues:* \$2.00

**Board Business:** The 25th Annual Conference theme was "Wildlife in the 1980s: Present Problems and Future Solutions". More than 75 wildlifers from 7 States and 2 Provinces attended the Nebraska-hosted gathering. The Business Meeting was highlighted by the presentation of the CMPS 1980 Professional Award to Leo M. Kirsch of North Dakota, installation of W. Alan Wentz as President, and the presentation of a plaque and gavel to outgoing President Merlin Shoesmith. Two resolutions were passed by CMPS at the Conference. First, the incoming President shall appoint a Special Projects Committee to immediately address the problem of funding support for the Furbearer Symposium, to determine details involved, establish funds. Further, CMPS will support the printing of the Symposium Proceedings by contributing up to \$3,000.00 with the understanding that this money and proportional share of any profits will be reimbursed to CMPS from monies received from sales of the Proceedings. The second resolution passed resolved that CMPS respectfully request that Council of The Wildlife Society immediately issue a statement of support for mourning dove hunting to the South Dakota Chapter for release. Technical papers relating to birds, mammals, habitat, humane organizations, the wildlife profession during the 1980s, trappers as a data source, agriculture and wildlife, and public relations were given. Field trips included the DeSoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge, an organic farm, a native seed farm, Fortenelle Forest, and a Missouri River boat trip. A wildlife articles auction conducted during the Conference netted \$768.54, which went to TWS Building Fund.

Perdix II was held March 18-20, 1980, at the University of Idaho. Current research information was presented and a continent-wide management/research plan for Hungarian partridge was reviewed and approved.

Bylaws changes approved by CMPS membership included a dues raise to \$5.00 per year effective January 1, 1981. The Section Secretary/Treasurer will be appointed by the President, and the President will serve a 2 year term to begin with Al Wentz from August 1980 to August 1982.

Barry Briscoe, Manitoba, Section Treasurer, resigned his position effective May 27, 1980, as he accepted a promotion to Head of Resource Studies in Parks, Canada, and moved to Ottawa.

Barry Verbiwski acted as interim Secretary/Treasurer and Bill Koonz assisted as Newsletter Editor.

## **1981**

August 2-4: **26th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming  
*Regional Representative, Region IV:* Harvey Miller, Colorado

*President:* W. Alan Wentz, South Dakota

*Vice-President:* Del Benson, Colorado]

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Raymond L. Linder, South Dakota

*Past President:* Merlin Shoesmith, Manitoba

*Board Members:* Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota, Del Benson, Colorado, Ben Schole, Nebraska, Barry Verbiwski, Saskatchewan

*Chapter Representatives:*

Colorado: Len Carpenter

Kansas: Steve Capel

Nebraska: Fred Deines

North Dakota: Jerry Serie

South Dakota: Spencer Vaa

Utah: Paul Shields

Wyoming: Bob Oakleaf

Manitoba: Robert Jones

Saskatchewan: Joseph Hnatiuk

*Program and Arrangements:* Art Reese and Cathy Purves, Wyoming

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** Del Benson opened the meeting at 8:00 A.M. The resignation of W. Alan Wentz as President, because of his move to Washington, D. C. with the National Wildlife Federation, necessitated Benson's ascendancy to the presidency. Benson expressed appreciation to Bob Davison for his effort in designing and preparing the new-look Newsletter in 1981.

Since the location of the President has changed from South Dakota to Colorado, Benson appointed Libby Barstow to replace Secretary/Treasurer Linder and Newsletter Editor Davison. A resolution for extension of the Wetlands Loan Act and continuation of the Small Wetlands Acquisition Program was presented and passed. Benson invited members to have input as to where the resolution should be sent.

A letter was sent by Wentz (as President) to TWS President Bookout in appreciation of support for the mourning dove season in South Dakota.

Davison, Chairman of Nominations and Election Committee, reported that candidates for office were: Len Carpenter and John Lokemoen for President-Elect and Joe Gabig, Con Hillman, Art Reese, and Paul Shields for Executive Board. Len Carpenter, Con Hillman, and Paul Shields were elected.

Benson thanked Bylaws Committee for their fine efforts. Chairman George Enyeart and member Clait Braun were in attendance.

Furbearer Symposium. Chairman Neil Johnson reported that everything was ready for the symposium except for funds. Benson reported action of the Executive Board (from their meeting the previous day) that up to \$1,000.00 be taken from CMPS funds to support the

Symposium. Members concurred. The CMPS President was also directed to contact Chapter Presidents to help raise funds.

TWS Executive Secretary Richard Denney reported all was going well and they are moved into new quarters. He discussed expansion and organization at the new headquarters and the close proximity of sister organizations. Denney discussed involvement of TWS concerning some proposed Presidential appointments. TWS and many organizations are opposing the potential appointment as Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. These organizations all submitted objections to the White House and asked that the nomination not be made to the Senate because of the lack of legal qualifications of the candidate. Denney also discussed problems of pork barrel appointments to federal agencies.

Denney discussed litigation actions and problems with such actions. He also discussed incorporation of Sections and Chapters. The Building Fund now is \$210,000.00. This amount is \$90,000.00 short of the goal set by Council to be reached by next Council meeting (1982). This goal is self-imposed.

There was considerable discussion concerning many problems in the field of conservation, e.g., new grazing regulations, appointments to key positions, use of 1080, etc. TWS is expressing its concerns and Denney encouraged members to also express their concerns.

Clait Braun, Editor, JWM reported. Braun invited visitors to his office in Ft. Collins. Manuscript submission increased 200 by about 1 June 1981, 300 in all 1980. He discussed the process for manuscripts and thanked referees. He invited anyone interested in refereeing papers to contact him. Dual publication is a problem and its ethics was discussed (and cussed). Braun reported a positive change in attitude of the profession in that hypotheses are being tested much more frequently. Nongame papers are improving and increasing in number. Four rules-of-thumb for JWM papers: (1) Science; (2) Repeatable; (3) Readable and (4) Some Management Implications. He does not agree with expanding the number of pages for JWM. Difference between Bulletin and JWM papers—if paper is “immediately applicable to management” it should be in Bulletin. He reported that more enforcement papers are needed.

The 1982 Conference site will be in North Dakota.

The proposed Workshop, “Management of Public Lands in The Northern Great Plains Region”, was discussed by Enyeart. He is tentatively planning for an on-campus meeting in February-March 1983.

Dave Lockman was called to the podium to present a report on USFS operation. He was introducing his subject when President Benson interrupted to present him a special award from CMPS in recognition of professional ability and dedication.

A highlight of the meeting was a Swift Fox Symposium with 8 papers on swift fox status, distribution, management strategies, ecology, and reintroduction techniques. The regular technical session was composed of 14 papers on a variety of topics ranging from energy development, big game, and raptors to ecology of gray partridge.

## 1982

August 8-11: **27th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau, North Dakota

*Section Representative:* Harvey W. Miller, Colorado

*President:* Del E. Benson, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Steve Capel, Kansas *Secretary/Treasurer:* Libby Barstow, Colorado

*President-Elect:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*Past President:* Vacant

*Board Members:* Ben Schole, Nebraska, Barry Verbiwski, Manitoba, Con Hillman, North Dakota, Paul Shields, Utah

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Ken Higgins, South Dakota

*Program:* John Lokemoen, Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*Arrangements:* Fred Giese, Al Aufforth, John Schulz, North Dakota

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** President Del Benson called the annual business meeting to order with forty to fifty members in attendance. Del Benson reported that he, Clait Braun, and Len Carpenter had finished sorting the President's files and still have to do the Secretary's files. A permanent file will be set up with the Conservation Library at the Denver Public Library to preserve the Section's history.

Neil Johnson reported on the Furbearer Symposium held in December 1981 in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. All but one of the papers are now ready for the printer and as soon as printing bids are received, the Kansas Chapter will set a price on the Proceedings and advertise them. The Indiana Chapter will handle storage and sales. It is anticipated that copies will be available by December. Based on 250 manuscript pages, Johnson thought it could be priced at \$5.00-\$7.00

Ben Schole, Awards Committee chairman, informed Benson that he had received no nominations.

Harvey Miller, Section Representative, asked members to join him in a tribute to Dick Denney as part of CMPS. Miller reported that Harry Hodgdon was chosen as Executive Director out of 30 applicants and that TWS is now looking for a Field Representative to replace Hodgdon.

Miller stated his concern with the relationship between wildlife and habitat programs on private land when production of wildlife is in competition with what private landowners need to produce.

He encouraged CMPS members to become TWS members. In response to a question, Miller estimated that 22% of Section members are TWS members. The Secretary raised the question of the lag time in processing members' dues that are sent to TWS to be distributed to Sections and Chapters. President-Elect Len Carpenter and former Secretary Ray Linder agreed that it was a problem. Miller was asked to try to speed up the process. He mentioned that a new computer system is to be used that may solve the problem.

Benson opened a discussion of fund raising to contribute to CMPS projects. He proposed an art sale and show in 1983 with the winning print to be a limited edition with proceeds from sales to be used by the section. After considerable discussion, no decision was reached on an art show.

Benson reported that he had requested funding proposals and had received one. George Enyeart, on behalf of the North Dakota Chapter, requested and received a \$200.00 advance

from CMPS for a Symposium on Management of Public Lands to be held 14-17 March 1983 at the Kirkwood Motor Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota. There was discussion as to whether proceedings or abstracts should be published. The Chapter's intention has been to publish proceedings. Clait Braun urged them to publish abstracts so publication in JWM or other peer-review journals would not be precluded. Benson stated that if a profit was made on the Symposium, it should come back to CMPS.

Mike Johnson said that the North Dakota Chapter requested and received \$200.00 from CMPS for the Goose Symposium. Johnson also received \$100.00 for publication of the abstracts and question/answer session of the Goose Symposium.

Colorado was chosen as the 1983 CMPS Annual Meeting site. There was consensus that a place combining camping and motel facilities was good and that it should not be in Denver.

CMPS donated \$140.00 to the TWS Building Fund (2 sq. ft.) as a memorial to Dick Denney.

Election results were: Steve Capel, Vice-President and Larry Bidlake and Carl Wolfe as Board Members.

A resolution was adopted stating that profits or losses accruing from the CMPS Annual Meeting will be shared 50:50 between CMPS and the organizing State or Provincial Chapter. There was consensus that the resolution would take effect in 1982 and any profit or loss would be split with the North Dakota Chapter. In addition, profits from any other fundraiser would go entirely to the Section. The technical session was divided into 2 portions, a Breeding Waterfowl Symposium (9 papers) and forest game-enforcement (9 papers). A field trip to J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge was followed by an elk barbeque after which North Dakota successfully defended their volleyball championship. Wendell Cushing followed with a slide talk on polar bears. A second field trip to the International Peace Garden was followed by a fish fry at Lake Metigoshe. The Annual Section Auction completed the evening's activities.

### **1983**

August 7-10: **28th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado  
*Section Representative:* Harvey W. Miller, Colorado

*President:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Steve Capel, Kansas

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Libby Barstow, Colorado

*President-Elect:* Vacant

*Past President:* Del Benson, Colorado

*Board Members:* Con Hillman, North Dakota, Paul Shields, Utah, Larry Bidlake, Manitoba, Carl Wolfe, Nebraska

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Richard Hoffman, Colorado

*Program:* Richard Hoffman, Colorado

*Arrangements:* Kathy Fagerstone, Jim Houston, Geoff Tischbein, Fred Hall, Colorado

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** Three wildlife papers were presented the first morning on wildlife management in South Africa, bighorn sheep in Colorado, and red fox harvest. The afternoon was filled with a field trip to Curecanti Recreation Area and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument. A bighorn sheep barbeque was followed by a black bear presentation by Tom Beck.

Seven papers the next morning were followed by a field trip to Crested Butte-Gothic Area and a tour of the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory. An elk barbeque that evening was followed by the Annual Auction and raffle. Jim Houston gave a presentation on the natural history of the Gunnison area. The Meeting concluded with 6 papers the next morning dealing with mallards, owls, and upland game.

President Len Carpenter called the Annual Business Meeting to order with about 45 members in attendance and a quorum was declared. Carpenter welcomed members and guests, including Tom Franklin, Field Director of the Wildlife Society.

Carpenter pointed out that the Section is in good financial shape and that Past President Del Benson started the fund raising. Money is now available for Chapter projects. President Carpenter gave the following brief summary of 1982-83 activities: TWS Building Fund was completed; the Furbearer Symposium Proceedings were published and are now available; the North Dakota Chapter hosted the symposium on Management of Public Lands, and CMPS received a file copy of the abstracts. The South Dakota State University Student Chapter was approved by CMPS and TWS and will receive its Charter at TWS meeting in Boston in 1984. Six people were nominated for CMPS representative to TWS board. The CMPS Executive Board selected Clait Braun and John Mumma as candidates and Braun was elected. There is a problem knowing who a Chapter's voting representative on the CMPS Executive Board is at a given time. This has caused delays in transmitting information such as that on the candidates for Representative to TWS. Steve Capel mentioned that the Student Chapters have no voice in the Section and this is also a problem. Barstow reported election results. Out of 285 ballots mailed out, 105 (37%) were returned. Steve Capel was elected President-Elect. Kathleen Fagerstone and Stan Kohn were elected to 2-year terms on the Executive Board. Carpenter stated that the Executive Board would appoint a replacement for Steve Capel as Vice-President, the position he currently holds.

Steve Capel discussed the ramifications of SB 663, introduced by Senator Bill Armstrong of Colorado. It is known as the Sodbuster Bill. Capel read a resolution on "Plowing Fragile Grasslands" adopted by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies as altered to reflect a statement by CMPS. Carpenter will send the resolution to Graham Smith for distribution to congressional delegations. It was suggested that it also be sent to management agencies and other groups (those mentioned were SCS, Extension Services, Soil Conservation Society of America, and National Association of Conservation Districts).

Len Carpenter read a position statement adopted by the Wyoming Chapter and submitted to him by Dave Moody. This statement would be rewritten with CMPS in place of Wyoming Chapter and would be sent to Graham Smith for transmittal.

Len Carpenter discussed the proposal in the May-June Wildlifer for a change in TWS membership structure, including an alternative of mandatory membership in the parent Society, a Section, and a Chapter. Carpenter asked that comments be sent to him, to Chapter Presidents, and to TWS President Dale Jones. Carpenter will respond on behalf of CMPS. Harvey Miller reported on the problems leading TWS board to propose restructuring membership. For instance, the problem caused when an individual makes statements on behalf of TWS but is only a member of a Chapter. Carpenter indicated that it was the responsibility of Chapter Officers to permit or refuse people the right to make statements.

Steve Capel issued an invitation to meet in Kansas in 1984 and the invitation was accepted. Harvey Miller gave the Section Representative's report. He compared the Representative's role to that of a "Maytag repairman" and thanked Section members for their help. He mentioned the stiff competition that had taken place for Field Representative and said that he was pleased Tom Franklin had been chosen and was at the CMPS meeting. Miller announced that the TWS Council would meet in Dillon, Colorado, on October 11-12 and that the meeting was open to all members. Agenda items will include private lands and wildlife, grizzly bears, and membership structure.

## **1984**

August 5-8: **29th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Barton County Community College, Great Bend, Kansas

*Section Representative:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*President:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Harvey Miller, Colorado

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Libby Barstow, Colorado

*President-Elect:* Steve Capel, Kansas

*Past President:* Vacant

*Board Members:* Larry Bidlake, Manitoba, Carl Wolfe, Nebraska, Stan Kohn, North Dakota, Kathy Fagerstone, Colorado

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Steve Capel, Kansas

*Program:* Carol Lange, Kansas

*Arrangements:* Charlie Swank, Mark Sexson, Kansas

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The Conference began with a presentation on Birds of The Cheyenne Bottoms by Ed Martinez. This was followed the next morning by a field trip to the Cheyenne Bottoms Waterfowl Management Area. After an afternoon of 5 papers on water and waterfowl, a buffalo barbeque followed at Camp Aldrich. Tom Witty then gave a presentation on Wildlife and The Plains Indian. The next morning field trip took members to the Arkansas River and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. An afternoon session was filled with 3 papers and a business meeting. That evening a steak fry at Camp Aldrich preceded the Annual CMPS Auction. The meeting concluded with 3 papers the following morning on Canada geese, otters, and guard dogs for control of sheep predation.

President Len Carpenter called the Annual Business Meeting of the Central Mountains and Plains Section to order with about 45 members present and a quorum was declared.

President Carpenter reported that the financial status is the best the Section has ever been in. As mentioned at earlier meetings, this is the result of former President Del Benson suggesting a fund-raising event each year. Now that the Section has the money, it should be used. Members should tell the Executive Board if there's a symposium to be sponsored.

Carpenter sent 50 letters to Governors and members of Congressional Delegations about the Sodbuster Bill. About 20 people responded, mostly positively. He is still pursuing a change in the mineral royalties on which a position statement was adopted at the 1983 annual meeting.

He reported to TWS Council the vote against unified dues structure taken by the CMPS Executive Board on 9 August 1983. A ballot on the dues structure will be in the October

Wildlifer, and he urged all members to vote.

A decision was made to reduce the price of the Furbearer Symposium Proceedings from \$7.00 to \$5.00 in order to expedite sales. About 500 had been sold by May 1984, and CMPS receives a pro-rated share of sales.

Carpenter reported for Graham Smith of Utah, Chairman of the Conservation Affairs Committee. He has been involved in position statements on grizzly bear in Wyoming, Sodbuster Bill, and mineral royalties problem.

Len Carpenter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Libby Barstow for serving 3 years as Secretary/Treasurer.

Awards Chairman Harvey Miller reported that there were 8 nominees for the Professional Award. The Professional Award was presented to Ray Linder of South Dakota for his outstanding contribution to the wildlife profession through his work at the South Dakota State University Co-op Wildlife Research Unit.

The Citizen's Award was presented to David Jackman, Jr., Kansas, for his wildlife habitat work on his farm and for his active involvement in improving wildlife management in Kansas.

Barry Verbiwski was elected Vice-President for 2 years. Bill Koonz and Carroll Lange were elected to the Executive Board for 2 years.

Leonard McDaniel reported that he and Bob Wood had audited the Secretary/Treasurer's books for 1 August 1982 to 6 August 1984 and found no discrepancies.

Capel appointed Bob Wood as Secretary/Treasurer for 1984-1985.

Nebraska and Kansas have developed resolutions on steel shot and TWS has a new position statement. Because CMPS territory covers a lot of the Central Flyway, a CMPS stand could be important. Joe Gabig suggested that CMPS could encourage the other Chapters in the Section to use the TWS statement as a model. Harvey Miller mentioned that the Central Flyway Council, with representation from the States, has supported going to steel shot by 1987, and that TWS's statement was used as a model by the Midwest Association of Game and Fish Agencies.

Capel may have to poll CMPS members to come up with a position statement on grizzly bear status and management. This is important in CMPS territory. Wyoming people want CMPS and TWS backing.

Clait Braun gave a report as CMPS representative to TWS. He thanked the members for their support and said he needs their help to represent them adequately and actively. The biggest issue is that of unified membership; he urged CMPS members to vote.

Braun read a letter from Jim Bailey at Colorado State University saying that CMPS was too large and too diverse and suggesting a division into Central Mountains (Colorado, Wyoming, Utah) and Plains (Saskatchewan, Manitoba, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas). After discussion indicated a lack of support for the proposal, Braun recommended that the Executive Board take no action. He and Capel can write to Bailey. Darrell Monte asked whether TWS is looking at Section boundaries. Tom Franklin said there is some restructuring currently going on; it takes TWS Council approval. Capel suggested looking into a different time of year for the CMPS Annual Meeting in order to get more members to attend.

Kent Whaley reported that at its March meeting, the Manitoba Chapter had voted unanimously to invite CMPS to Manitoba for the 1985 annual meeting. The invitation was accepted. Harvey Wittmeier issued an invitation from the South Dakota Chapter to hold the 1986 annual meeting in South Dakota. This invitation was also accepted.

Harvey Miller, on behalf of the North Dakota Chapter, announced the Mallard Symposium to be held in North Dakota 19-23 August 1985. CMPS will be a sponsor, with no monetary contribution.

Terry Riley reported that the South Dakota State University Student Chapter requests CMPS funding for a Student Conclave in the CMPS area and assistance in redrawing conclave boundaries.

## **1985**

August 11-14: **30th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba  
*Section Representative:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*President:* Steve Capel, Kansas

*Vice-President:* Barry Verbiwski, Manitoba

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Robert Wood, Kansas

*President-Elect:* Vacant

*Past President:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*Board Members:* Stan Kohn, North Dakota, Kathy Fagerstone, Colorado, Bill Koonz, Manitoba, Carroll Lange, Kansas

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Jack Dubois, Manitoba

*Program:* Jack Dubois, Manitoba

*Arrangements:* Rick Baydack, Kent Whaley, Larry Bidlake, Manitoba

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The business meeting of the 30th Annual Conference of the Central Mountains and Plains Section was called to order by President Steve Capel with 23 members present. President Capel asked Mike McEnroe to present a report from the Nominations and Elections Committee concerning election results. Forty-seven ballots were received. The new President-Elect is Jerry Kobriger from North Dakota. New Executive Board members are John Mulhern from Saskatchewan and Ted Schenck from South Dakota.

President Capel reported on the Wyoming University Student Chapter activities in sponsoring the Western Student's Conclave. CMPS provided the Wyoming University students a \$100.00 grant to assist in financing the conclave. The next conclave will be held in Colorado.

President Capel reported on CMPS position statement activity during the past year. The executive board took official positions on the 1985 U.S. Farm Bill, Garrison Project, USFS/BLM Lands Interchange, grizzly bear management, steel shot, and personnel reductions in the Canadian Wildlife Service.

President Capel discussed the problems he faced in formulating resolutions or positions. The Bylaws require a formal Resolutions Committee, but this is not always practical on given local issues. To alleviate the problem, the Executive Board will be drafting a Bylaws revision for member consideration.

President Capel reported that CMPS nominees were winners of the 1984 awards developed jointly by TWS and the Sand and Gravel Association. The awards recognize efforts by companies who are protecting wildlife during their sand and gravel operations. Local Chapters were encouraged to prepare nominations. Capel suggested TWS add strip mining to the awards. Harry Hodgdon stated TWS has an Ad Hoc Committee working on it now.

The 1986 CMPS Conference will be held in Spearfish, South Dakota. Invitations were requested for the 1987 Conference but none was received. Clait Braun stated he will confer with the Utah Chapter to see if they would be interested in hosting the conference.

There was a general discussion of CMPS support for symposia such as the one on mallards to be held later this week in Bismarck, North Dakota. President Capel encouraged members to let the Executive Board know of proposed symposia.

During a general discussion of how annual auction proceeds are used, Con Hillman asked if proceeds are earmarked for symposia. CMPS is not obligated to symposia and can use proceeds for any worthy project. C. Braun stated that Council has set aside a pool of \$5,000.00 to assist symposia.

Clait Braun suggested CMPS consider combining our Annual Meeting with a symposia to facilitate attendance at both. No action taken at this time. Merlin Shoesmith reported on plans to host an international symposium on northern forest owls in Manitoba. He anticipates requesting CMPS support.

Harvey Miller discussed governmental budget cuts in the United States at both State and Federal levels and their impacts on research efforts. Research biologists are being increasingly moved to more management-oriented efforts. CMPS should keep aware of such moves and address them whenever needed.

The technical session consisted of 3 papers dealing with Manitoba habitat programs with a field trip to Spruce Woods and Camp Shilo Military Range. Tour attendees dodged tanks and artillery while viewing sharp-tail dancing grounds. An excellent barbeque followed at Gibbs Barn Cookout. Papers on Manitoba ducks and wetlands projects were followed by a tour through the Minnedosa pothole country. The annual CMPS auction and raffle followed another excellent barbeque feed in Brandon. The final day of the meeting was filled by 3 papers on nongame, 3 papers on environmental issues, and an optional field trip to Delta Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Station. It was noted that the Brandon meeting was the wettest summer conference ever!

## **1986**

August 6-9: **31st CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Bob Marshall Camp, Custer State Park, South Dakota

*Section Representative:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*President:* Steve Capel, Kansas

*Vice-President:* Barry Verbiwski, Manitoba

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Robert Wood, Kansas

*President-Elect:* Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*Past President:* Vacant

*Board Members:* Bill Koonz, Manitoba, Carroll Lange, Kansas, John Mulhern, Saskatchewan, Ted Schenck, South Dakota

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** Approximately 70 members attended the 31st Annual Summer Conference of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society. The meeting was held at rustic Bob Marshall Camp in the heart of the Black Hills near Custer, South Dakota.

Sixteen technical papers were given during the general sessions, mostly following the theme of the meeting "Riparian Habitat—Nature's Thread of Life". A field trip to view riparian habitat below Pactola Reservoir was cut short due to heavy rainfall and impassible roads. Other excursions included a trip to Mt. Rushmore to view the lighting ceremony, a whirlwind tour of Custer State Park and Wind Cave National Park, and an optional field trip to Jewel Cave National Park. Conspicuous by its absence this year was a hike to Harney Peak.

An excellent barbeque on Tuesday preceded the Annual Section Auction and Raffle. Funds from the auction went to the host Chapter (South Dakota) while CMPS banked profits from the raffle. Committee appointments made following the meeting were: Membership — Karen Kreil; Ad Hoc — Joe Gabig; Nominations and Elections — Ted Schenck; Publicity — Pam Dryer; and Resolutions — Ken Giesen.

The Business Meeting was called to order by President Steve Capel with 41 members present. Carroll Lange, chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee reported 82 ballots were returned in the recent election to select a Vice-President and 2 Executive Board members. Ron Fowler (South Dakota) and Mike McEnroe (North Dakota) were elected to the Executive Board and Ardell Bjugstad (South Dakota) was elected as Vice-President.

Mike Wilhite (Kansas), Chairman of the Audit Committee, reported on the audit of the Section's financial records for the years 1984-1986. All records were in order and ready for transfer to the new Secretary/Treasurer, Stan Kohn (North Dakota).

President Capel reported the results of the Awards Committee. George Enyeart from North Dakota was presented the Professional Award and Dr. Oliver Scott from Wyoming the Citizens Award.

Clait Braun mentioned that there will be a questionnaire in the next Wildlifer dealing with TWS future direction. It is very important for members to complete and return the questionnaire. Council will use results to aid in setting TWS policy in the future.

Members were again encouraged to communicate with the Section Representative. This communication is vital to getting member concerns before Council. President Capel reported that the Section received a letter of thanks from the Colorado State University Student Chapter for the \$250.00 grant CMPS provided to defray cost associated with the recent Student Conclave they hosted.

Bill Koonz (Manitoba) reported on the status of the Northern Forest Owl Conference. CMPS provided \$500.00 travel assistance for the conference. President Capel stated the Executive Board could consider additional grants if needed. Further discussion questioned if it would be necessary to put an upper limit on grants to this symposium. No action was taken on setting an upper limit but the general consensus was the Executive Board should consider the need for CMPS to develop annual budgets to address such issues.

The current differences of opinion between TWS Chapters in South Dakota and North Dakota on the recently authorized Garrison Diversion Unit were discussed at length. Mike McEnroe (North Dakota) and Steve Young (South Dakota) were questioned about each Chapter's involvement. The South Dakota Chapter submitted a background paper to CMPS members present which contains a recommendation for establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to develop administrative procedures to resolve interstate, national, and international issues involving 2 or more TWS representatives from CMPS Chapters to study the South Dakota recommendation and develop an acceptable proposal for submission to the Society's national

office.

President Capel briefly discussed the amount of work the Section did on the TWS position paper on brown/grizzly bear management. Members present were asked for input to a letter of comment to be sent to USDA regarding recently published Swampbuster and Sodbuster rules. Incoming President Kobriger inquired if other states received a newsletter from Senator Mark Andres (North Dakota) concerning rangeland grasshopper control. Apparently, distribution was limited to North Dakota, even though Colorado, South Dakota, and Wyoming also have grasshopper control programs in operation. President Kobriger will follow up on the issue and have the Executive Board determine how CMPS should respond.

The recently published proposal to reauthorize use of strychnine baits to control rabies-prone animals (primarily skunks) was discussed. President Kobriger will contact Mr. Norman Johnson with APHIS at the Denver Research Center to determine how CMPS can be involved.

The issue of whether or not CMPS needs a Certification Committee was discussed. All Chapters already have such Committees, therefore, it was generally felt the Section does not need one. Time and place for the 1987 CMPS annual meeting will be determined by the Executive Board. Utah, Wyoming, and Nebraska are possible sites.

## **1987**

August 23-26: **32nd CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Nebraska National Forest 4-H Camp, Halsey, Nebraska

*Section Representative:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*President:* Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*Vice-President:* Ardell Bjugstad, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Stan Kohn, North Dakota

*President-Elect:* Vacant

*Past President:* Steve Capel, Kansas

*Board Members:* John Mulher, Saskatchewan, Ted Schenck, South Dakota, Mike McEnroe, North Dakota, Ron Fowler, South Dakota

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Karl Menzel, Nebraska

*Program:* Clayton Stallings, Nebraska

*Arrangements:* Karl Menzel, Richard Nelson, Nebraska

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** Over 70 members of the Central Mountains and Plains Section, TWS, gathered at the 4-H Camp at Halsey, Nebraska, for the 32nd Annual Meeting on August 23-26, 1987. Karl Menzel's crew from the host Nebraska Chapter sponsored an excellent meeting in a familiar, outdoorsy, family-oriented local. A special thanks to Dick Turpin and Joe Hyland for an excellent auction effort. They weaseled and badgered over \$1,000.00 out of the attendees for about \$200.00 worth of worn out caps, broken fishing rods, and the like.

The 2 technical sessions consisted of 13 papers on topics ranging from Canada geese in North Dakota to mourning doves in Idaho to trout fishing in Nebraska.

Two field trips were well attended. The float trip on the Platte was cancelled due to poor weather and low water, but successful trips were held where members viewed the Nebraska National Forest and Valentine National Wildlife Refuge learning about grazing, grazing systems, grouse habitat, and bull snakes.

The business meeting of the 32nd Annual Conference of the CMPS was called to order by President Jerry Kobriger with 38 members present.

A preliminary count indicated 71 individuals had registered for the 1987 Annual Meeting.

Auction proceeds amounted to \$1,012.00.

We were pleased to have TWS President Lytle Blankenship attend. He gave a short address and, along with our Section Representative, Clait Braun, updated members on happenings at TWS office.

Ardell Bjugstad reported on results of the Awards Committee. Marvin Schwilling from Kansas was presented the Professional Award and the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep from Wyoming received the Citizens Award.

George Enyeart, reporting for Ted Schenck, Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee, reported 41 ballots were returned in the recent election to select a President-Elect and 2 Executive Board members. Len McDaniel (Nebraska) and James Ringelman (Colorado) were elected to the Executive Board while Larry Bidlake (Manitoba) was elected President-Elect.

Pam Dryer, chairman of the Publicity Committee and Newsletter Editor, indicated the CMPS Newsletter is printed 4 times/year (January, May, July, and October). Information for the Newsletter should arrive at Pam's desk several weeks before the print deadline. Please send committee reports to Pam for inclusion in the newsletter.

Ken Giesen, Resolutions Committee Chairman, reported no resolutions were received this year.

Joe Gabig, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for resolving inter-Chapter/Section/national issues involving 2 or more Chapters, reported that a statement by the Committee will be forthcoming in the January Newsletter since written input had not been received from all committee members. Input from CMPS members will be requested at that time.

President Kobriger reported that 26 ballots were received on that proposed Bylaws change dealing with: (1) Fund raisers at our Annual Summer Meeting; and (2) Making the Past President part of the Executive Board. Both proposals passed. New CMPS Bylaws will be printed and distributed to the membership.

Vice-President Bjugstad inquired if CMPS should hold the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The membership decided to wait before acting on this request since the location of the Midwest Conference usually dictates the number of CMPS members in attendance.

CMPS has a large number of Midwest Furbearer Management books for sale. It was suggested that these books be made available at Chapter Meetings, Midwest and Western Fish and Wildlife Conferences, and 2 copies be donated to each Student Chapter within the Section.

A request was received from TWS to promote Project Wild. Out of the 7 States and 2 Provinces within CMPS, 4 do not have Project Wild Coordinators. They are South Dakota, Kansas, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. Carl Wolfe (Nebraska) gave an update on Project Wild, how the program works, whom it involves, and how Nebraska has used the program.

Bruce Giunta, Utah Chapter Representative, indicated Utah would host the 1988 CMPS meeting, but the exact location is unknown. The membership requested an early August meeting for better family participation. A good discussion followed regarding the Business Meeting, and ways to solicit papers from the membership. The result was to let the host Chapter handle the arrangements.

President Kobriger indicated it was time to review and update the History of CMPS booklet. He asked if we should continue recording the history of CMPS. Members felt that history of the Section was important and the book should be updated.

Len McDaniel (Nebraska) asked if CMPS has ever considered providing scholarships to graduate students. Clait Braun (Colorado) indicated CMPS has considered scholarships to students but lack of money prevented such awards in the past. Now that the treasury is more stable, Braun, suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to review the possibility of annual CMPS graduate student awards. President Kobriger suggested contacting those State Chapters (North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah) that provide student scholarships to see what criteria they use in awarding them. Harvey Miller (Colorado) stated that many Chapters already do a good job providing scholarships to students. If the Section wishes to provide financial assistance in new directions, it should explore all options. One suggestion was to help pay transportation costs of Chapter Representatives to attend the CMPS Annual Meeting or for the Section President, or his designee, to attend the North American Wildlife Conference. Other suggestions were a "best paper" award and sponsorship of a "Midwest" type meeting.

Ken Higgins (South Dakota) reported his concern over the drop of national participation in hunting and its effect on Pittman-Robertson funding. There seems to be a decline in hunting recreation and the number of sport hunters. What is the reason for this? Blankenship (Texas), Guinta (Utah), and Braun (Colorado) each responded that a number of factors are involved including past family history, today's lifestyles, anti-hunting groups, hunting season structures, and complicated hunting proclamations. Most respondents expect the decline to continue.

## **1988**

August 7-10: **33rd CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Great Basin Experiment Station, Ephraim, Utah

*Section Representative:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*President:* Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*Vice-President:* Ardell Bjugstad, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Stan Kohn, North Dakota

*President-Elect:* Larry Bidlake, Manitoba

*Past President:* Vacant

*Board Members:* Mike McEnroe, North Dakota, Ron Fowler, South Dakota, Len McDaniel, Nebraska, Jim Ringelman, Colorado

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Jim Coyner, Utah

*Program:* Larry Dalton, Utah

*Field trips:* Richard Williams, Utah

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The 33rd Annual Summer Conference of the Central Mountains and Plains Section convened at the Great Basin Experiment Station high in the Wasatch Mountains 10 miles east of Ephraim, Utah. Approximately 45 members from North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Manitoba, and Utah met at Snow College in Ephraim to hear technical papers on subjects ranging from the status of Project Wild and a proposed wildlife refuge in Utah to nesting structures for mallards.

The Business Meeting of the 33rd Annual Conference of CMPS was called to order by President Jerry Kobriger with 20 members present. A preliminary count indicated 34 individuals had registered for the 1988 annual meeting.

Unfortunately, there were not enough CMPS members present to constitute a quorum for voting in spite of President Jerry Kobriger's decision to continue directly into the business session at the conclusion of the last paper rather than wait until Wednesday morning. Section Representative Clait Braun was again with us and reported on TWS business. Clait indicated that Council was looking for a volunteer to sit on each of 2 committees, Continuing Education and Membership. Clait also indicated that TWS Council is looking for an undergraduate planning to enroll in graduate school to sit on the Student Affairs Committee.

Audit Committee Chairman Jim Ringelman indicated he had reviewed the Treasurer's books and accepted the records.

Ardell Bjugstad, Awards Committee Chairman, was not present at the meeting so President Kobriger announced the winners of the 1988 awards. Dr. Paul Kannowski from North Dakota was presented the Professional Award, and the Great Plains Regional Office of Ducks Unlimited from North Dakota was the recipient of the Citizens Award.

The Membership Committee report was presented by Stan Kohn (North Dakota). He indicated membership in the CMPS has been dropping a little in the last 5 years from a high of 263 members in 1985 to 241 in 1988.

Steve Capel, Nominations and Elections Committee, reported 50 ballots were returned in the recent election to select a Vice-President and two Executive Board members. Dave Hamm (South Dakota) was elected Vice-President. Carolyn Hull-Sieg (South Dakota) and Chris Madson (Wyoming) were elected to the Executive Board.

The Ad Hoc Committee for resolving inter-Chapter/Section/national issues (Joe Gabig, Nebraska, Chairman) presented its report and recommended acceptance. Steve Capel (Kansas) requested President Kobriger to read Tom Franklin's comments. President Kobriger also read North Dakota's opposition to the report. Clait Braun (Colorado) recommended accepting the Committee's report, thanking Joe Gabig (Nebraska) and his committee for their work, and suggested that President Kobriger and President-Elect Bidlake appoint another group within CMPS to make a second review of the Ad Hoc Committee's report and incorporate Tom Franklin's comments into the report. The members agreed with Braun's suggestion.

Ken Higgins (South Dakota) requested that CMPS donate \$300.00 for a memorial plaque for Fred Staunton to be placed at Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in South Dakota. Clait Braun (Colorado) recommended CMPS donate the money, but felt a final recommendation should come from the Executive Board since a quorum of members was not present. No formal action was taken on the request.

Jerry Kobriger indicated the Minnesota Chapter, TWS, will host Perdix V in Mankato, Minnesota, and that CMPS may be asked to help sponsor it.

Fred Lindsey (Wyoming) informed members that Wyoming would host the 1989 CMPS meeting. Possible dates include August 16-19, 1989.

Jerry Kobriger has been looking into updating the historical review of the Section. The cost to reprint the booklet would run between \$400.00-\$500.00. Kobriger asked members if the historical review should be reprinted. Most members indicated approval to proceed with organizing the historical review and provide enough printed copies for all CMPS members.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, delegates and their families traveled up the mountain to the Experiment Station where Chief Cook Dick Worthern and his assistants provided a truly wonderful meal of barbeque turkey, corn, Dutch oven cooked bread, and peach cobbler washed down by an assortment of beverages. After supper the tables were cleared and the auction of everything from broken snowshoes to hand carved peace pipes continued for a couple of hours with auctioneers Bruce Giunta, Jim Coyner, and Lynn Kunzle prying open our wallets to raise a total of \$421.00. Raffle winners of Browning sponsored items were Mike McFadden and George Enyeart, who were on hand to take home the rifle and down coat, respectively, and Dan Hubbard of South Dakota, who won the rod and reel. The 2 field trips were well attended. Richard Stevens led one group to various sites from the valley floor to the top of the Wasatch Plateau, discussing at each stop some aspect of range rehabilitation. The other group traveled further afield to look at sites of bighorn sheep transplants and peregrine and golden eagle aeries in the San Rafael swell area.

## **1989**

August 16-18: **34th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** University of Wyoming AMK Ranch, National Park Service Research Center, Jackson, Wyoming

*Section Representative:* Clait Braun, Colorado

*President:* Larry Bidlake, Manitoba

*Vice-President:* Dave Hamm, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Bill Koonz, Manitoba

*President-Elect:* vacant

*Newsletter Editor:* Bob Jones, Manitoba

*Past President:* Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*Board Members:* Len McDaniel, Nebraska, Jim Ringelman, Colorado, Chris Madson, Wyoming, Carolyn Hull-Sieg, South Dakota

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Kevin Hurley, Wyoming

*Program:* Kevin Hurley, Fred Lindzey, Sherry Ritter, Evie Merrill, and John Emmerich, Wyoming

*Field Trips:* Dave Moody and Carol Eckert, Wyoming

*Arrangements:* Kevin Hurley, Bob McCarty, Chris Madson, and Colin Gillin, Wyoming

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The 34th Annual Summer Conference was held on the shores of beautiful Jackson Lake in northwestern Wyoming. The meeting theme was "Ecology and Management of Sensitive Species In and Around Yellowstone National Park". There were a total of 11 presentations on August 17th dealing with everything from peregrine falcons to trumpeter swans to grizzly bears to bison. That evening, the Annual Auction and barbeque were held at AMK Ranch. Thanks in large part to the efforts of auctioneer Tim Britt of Wyoming, the auction netted \$1,044.00 for the Section.

The 34th Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Larry Bidlake at 8:40 A.M. on August 18 with 41 members present. Chris Madson (Wyoming) audited the Section's books and found everything to be in order. Membership Chairman Bill Koonz (Manitoba) indicated current membership stood at 272. Jim Ringleman expressed special thanks to Clait Braun for his help on the Elections Committee. New officers were Ken Higgins (South Dakota) as President-Elect and Stan Kohn (North Dakota) and Bill Andelt (Colorado) as Executive Board members.

Jerry Kobriger (North Dakota) finished updating the Section's History publication and produced 400 copies for distribution at \$3.00 each. Awards Chairman Dave Hamm presented the Section's Citizen Achievement Award to the North Central Regional Office of Pheasants Forever. Clait Braun received the 1989 Professional of the Year Award and thanked everyone who assisted him in his Wildlife Society activities, especially his employer and several Society members.

A committee was formed to examine ways to utilize the Section's considerable finances. No further action was taken at the Annual Meeting on this topic. The report prepared by an Ad Hoc Committee on Natural Resource Issues was not acted on at the 1988 Annual Meeting due to lack of a quorum. The report was brought up again by Joe Gabig. Although no other Section's have similar policies directing their involvement in Natural Resource issues, the draft policy statement was adopted by membership. There was considerable discussion pertaining to New York Chapter, TWS's policy statement on Animal and Human Relationships. No action was taken whether to adopt New York's position or develop our own. Section Representative Clait Braun discussed TWS's role at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference and Scott Hygnstrom discussed the Society's new Professional Development Program. The 1990 Annual Meeting will be held in the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota from August 9-11. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Prairie Naturalists Annual Meeting to bolster attendance. Colorado has agreed to host the 1991 Conference.

## **1990**

August 9-11: **35th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau, North Dakota

*Section Representative:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*President:* Larry Bidlake, Manitoba

*Vice-President:* Dave Hamm, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Bill Koonz, Manitoba

*President-Elect:* Ken Higgins South Dakota

*Newsletter Editor:* Bob Jones, Manitoba

*Past President:* vacant

*Board Members:* Chris Madson, Wyoming, Carolyn Hull-Sieg, South Dakota, Stan Kohn, North Dakota, Bill Andelt Colorado

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The 35th Annual Business Meeting was called to order August 11, 1990 by President Larry Bidlake at 8:10 A.M. with 22 members present. About 180 Furbearer Conference books were left and it was decided to ship some to the upcoming Predator and Fisher/Marten Conferences to help disposal. Anything left over was to be shipped to Section Universities for graduating seniors. It was also decided to give a copy of the CMPS History publication to all 1990 paid members as sales have been nonexistent. No progress was made on how to utilize the Section's excess monies. The Board was considering establishment of a \$5,000.00 Savings Account for now. The 1990 amended By-laws were adopted by membership and a CMPS Brochure was finished.

Larry Kruckenberg (WY) accepted the Section's Citizen of the Year Award on behalf of Norma Hunt (WY) who recently had died of cancer. Clait Braun presented the Professional

Achievement Award to Jerry Kobriger. Dave Hamm was elected Vice President and Cathy Nigg and Paul Coughlin were to serve as the new Newsletter Editors. New Board Members were Chuck Dieter and Paul Shields. Ken Soloman was appointed the new Secretary/Treasurer. A discussion was held pertaining to annual meeting attendance. Topics discussed included changing the meeting dates, holding the meeting in a University setting, holding the meeting in conjunction with a training workshop or seminar, utilizing more formal settings for papers, or diversifying the technical sessions. Many in attendance thought a weekend conference would be better than holding the meeting on weekdays, but no other consensus was reached. Manitoba Chapter received \$150.00 from the Board for construction of a memorial cairn for long-time member Robert Oetting. The 1990 Meeting netted \$620.00.

## **1991**

August 1-3: **36th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado

*Section Representative:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*President:* Ken Higgins, South Dakota

*Vice-President:* Dave Hamm, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Ken Solomon, South Dakota

*President-Elect:* vacant

*Newsletter Editor:* Cathy Henry and Paul Coughlin, South Dakota

*Past President:* Larry Bidlake, Manitoba

*Board Members:* Stan Kohn, North Dakota, Bill Andelt Colorado, Chuck Dieter, South Dakota, Paul Shields, Utah

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Bill Andelt, Colorado

*Program:* Jim Bailey and Bill Andelt, Colorado

*Field Trips:* Joan Friedlander, Colorado

*Arrangements:* Rick Spowart, Fancie Pusaterie, Audrey Ryder, Dave Weber, Lisa Langeller, and Dave Stevens, Colorado

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The meeting opened with 30 members present and a quorum was noted by President Ken Higgins. Ken's introductory remarks noted: 1) there were no burning issues that had come to the Board's attention this year and that was probably because local issues were being handled well by each State Chapter; 2) more State Chapter activities should be placed in the CMPS Newsletter; 3) wildlife law enforcement officers should be encouraged to become involved in CMPS; 4) the U.S.D.A.'s new definition of wetlands is a concern; 5) CMPS should sponsor some sort of national workshop; and 6) the 1992 Annual Meeting will be held in Manitoba. Clait Braun moved that the Board invest a portion of CMPS funds, up to \$5,000.00, into a CD or other interest bearing account of the Board's Choice. Gene Byrne seconded. Motion passed. Ken Solomon reported on membership. It was decided to ask State Chapters to send membership lists to CMPS so the Section could contact people about maintaining their current membership or joining the Section.

Ken Higgins motioned that the voting membership in attendance accept Jerry Kobriger as temporary President-Elect until the full membership could vote their choice during a November election. Clait Braun seconded. Ken explained the oversight of not having candidates for

President-Elect on the ballot and apologized for the inconvenience. Motion passed. Many members complimented Paul Coughlin and Cathy Henry for their outstanding job producing the Section's Newsletter. Ken Higgins noted that sales of the CMPS History and Furbearer books were slow. Most of the Furbearer books were sold at the August 1990 Predator Symposium and the Marten/Fisher Symposium in Wyoming. Copies of the History book were sent to all paid CMPS members. Remaining copies of this book will remain with the President's files until gone. Work is continuing on development of a CMPS brochure. The Section agreed to donate \$300.00 toward the upcoming Marten/Fisher Symposium in Wyoming. The Section also donated \$150.00 toward construction of the Bob Oetting Memorial Cairn.

Len Carpenter and TWS Policy Director Tom Franklin updated members on current TWS Council happenings. Len encouraged members to let him know what they'd like him to take forward to Council. He mentioned Council is currently working on review papers dealing with Biodiversity of Western Rangelands, Wolves in North America, and Wildlife Management in Wilderness Areas. Tom said TWS has completed position statements dealing with animal rights and animal welfare. TWS also supports a need for a native prairie system under the National Parks System. Finally, Tom told members TWS is to begin issuing a "Wildlife Policy News" newsletter and is helping host an "International Wildlife Conservation Congress".

Dave Walter motioned to drop giving award recipients a paper certificate in addition to plaques. Clait Braun seconded. Motion passed. Ken Higgins thanked the Colorado Chapter for hosting the 1991 Annual Meeting.

## **1992**

August 6-8: **37th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Riding Mountain National Park, Wasagaming, Manitoba

*Section Representative:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*President:* Ken Higgins, South Dakota

*Vice-President:* Dave Hamm, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Ken Solomon, South Dakota

*President-Elect:* Warren Snyder, Colorado

*Newsletter Editor:* Paul Coughlin, South Dakota

*Past President:* vacant

*Board Members:* Robert Wood, Kansas, Fred Lindzey, Wyoming, Chuck Dieter, South Dakota, Paul Shields, Utah

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Larry Bidlake, Manitoba

*Program:* Rick Baydack and Cindy Birdwise-Lecocq, Manitoba

*Arrangements:* Robert Gill, Dan Chranowski, Ken Rebizant, Robert Berger, Barry Jansen, Bryan Miller, Barry Verbiwski, Mark Mattson, Bill Koonz, Kent Whaley, and Merlin Shoesmith, Manitoba

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The 37th Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Ken Higgins with 26 members present. President Higgins encouraged members to nominate worthy individuals for the Section's Annual Awards. No further progress was made on developing a CMPS brochure. Four symposia were supported by CMPS during the previous year including: the Piping Plover/Least Tern Symposium (Lincoln, NE), the Sandhill Crane Symposium (Regina,

SK), the National Quail Symposium (Quail III, Kansas City, KS) and the 3rd Prairie and Endangered Wildlife Species Workshop (Brandon, MB).

Len Carpenter, Section Representative to TWS Council explained Council is considering developing a separate annual meeting for TWS membership in addition to its annual sponsorship of a session at the North American Wildlife Conference. Len also stated TWS is reworking the Techniques Manual and will publish a new nongame book in the immediate future. TWS is also planning to host an International Wildlife Congress in Costa Rica in 1993. Sandra Staples-Bortner, TWS Program Director, commented on her role in liaison with Chapters and Sections, policy development, new technical subcommittees of TWS, a draft statement on biological diversity, fund raising, development of TWS Working Groups, and the new membership campaign. Sandra urged all members to become involved in TWS activities. The evening barbeque was attended by 71 people. The associated auction netted \$1925.00 for the Section with over 100 auction items being purchased. An excellent selection of prints, t-shirts, caps, and sundry items kept everyone on their toes. A professional conservation achievement award was presented to Larry Bidlake for his outstanding contribution to the conservation of natural resources in Manitoba and his long-time dedication to CMPS. A field trip to Riding Mountain National Park highlighted the meeting. Bison management and overall Park management philosophies were discussed. A second field trip into the Minnedosa pothole country was also held.

### **1993**

August 4-5: **38th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Manhattan Days Inn, Manhattan, Kansas

*Section Representative:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*President:* Warren Snyder, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Rick Baydack, Manitoba

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Tim Davis, Colorado

*President-Elect:* vacant

*Newsletter Editor:* Francie Pusateri, Colorado

*Past President:* Ken Higgins, South Dakota

*Board Members:* Robert Wood, Kansas, Fred Lindzey, Wyoming, Mick Bresley, Nebraska, George Vandel, South Dakota

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Steven Sorensen, Kansas

*Program:* Steven Sorensen and Robert Wood, Kansas

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Warren Snyder with 27 members present (additional members arrived late). The Section contributed to a number of workshops and publications during 1993 including a wildlife radio-tracking workshop in Utah (\$200.00), a book entitled "Aquatic and Wetland Vascular Plants of the Northern Great Plains" by Larson (\$1,500.00), and the Policy Program of TWS (\$250.00). The Section's contribution to TWS was earmarked for work related to passage of the Farm Bill.

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Davis reported that CMPS had a \$5,000.00 CD plus a checking account balance of \$4,663.72. The CD was due to expire prior to the 1994 Annual Meeting. He requested Canadian members please pay their dues via money order, in U.S. Funds, or through TWS to avoid the expense of cashing Canadian checks. Current paid membership stood at 579,

a 25% increase over the previous year. The Board agreed to finally finish publication of the Section's brochure during 1994.

Len Carpenter reported on plans for the TWS International Wildlife Congress in Costa Rica, the new 1st Annual Meeting of The Wildlife Society planned for Fall 1994 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, changes in the format of future issues of The Wildlife Society Bulletin, initiation of a Chapter of the Year Award, increases in TWS membership, progress toward development of 13 Working Groups within TWS, and the status of several TWS policy statements.

Sandra Staples-Bortner reported concerning impacts of the recent dues increase on membership, the importance of the 13 newly formed TWS Working Groups, and the need for Chapters and Sections to develop bids to host future TWS Annual Conferences. The CMPS Professional Award was presented to Bob Wood, while the Citizen Award was given to Gary Wallace of Kansas.

A number of social functions were held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting including a welcoming barbeque of burgers and side dishes, a sporting clay shoot and barbeque, and of course, the annual fund raising auction. A tour of the nearby Nature Conservancy Konza Tallgrass Prairie Preserve was held, with discussions concerning bison management and prescribed burns highlighting the tour.

## **1994**

August 12-13: **39th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Brookings Holiday Inn, Brookings, South Dakota

*Section Representative:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*President:* Warren Snyder, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Rick Baydack, Manitoba

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Tim Davis, Colorado

*President-Elect:* Robert Wood, Kansas

*Newsletter Editor:* Francie Pusateri, Colorado

*Past President:* vacant

*Board Members:* Mick Bresley, Nebraska, George Vandell, South Dakota, Wayne Pepper, Saskatchewan, Terry Messmer, Utah

*Summer Conference Chairmen:* Ken Higgins and Spencer Vaa, South Dakota

*Program:* Ken Higgins and Jon Jenks, South Dakota

*Arrangements:* Spencer Vaa, Ken Higgins, Rex Johnson, George Vandell, Carl Madsen, Paul Coughlin, Tim Davis, and Casey Kruse, South Dakota

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The 39th Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Warren Snyder with 40 members present. President Snyder reported there were no new resolutions submitted during 1994, but the Section developed one concerning the 1995 Farm Bill. The Drafting Committee included Warren Snyder, Arnold Kruse, Charles Lee, and Clait Braun. The resolution was approved after much discussion. The Section donated to a variety of "causes" during the year including the Animal Damage Workshop at Oklahoma State University (\$200.00), the Martin Symposium in Alberta, Canada (\$250.00), the TWS Student Travel Grant Fund (\$250.00), and the previously approved "Aquatic and Wetlands Vascular Plants in the Northern Great Plains" book (\$1,500.00). Secretary/Treasurer Tim Davis reported CMPS had

\$11,585.14 in its bank account. Membership declined slightly from the previous year. The Board approved 2, \$500.00 Student Travel Grants to attend the 1st TWS Annual Conference in Albuquerque during Fall, 1994. Five hundred copies of the Section's completed brochure were printed and distributed for members to take back to their respective States. Clait Braun asked that the States report back to the Board on the efficacy of the brochure.

Len Carpenter filled members in on current TWS Council business. The Mitigation Banking and Wetlands Categorization Review is complete, while the Farm Bill Review is in Draft form and will be approved by Council in September. Other projects include reviews on the northern goshawk, eastern Washington/Oregon Forests, reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, and grazing reform legislation. Len congratulated the North Dakota Chapter for winning the Chapter of the Year Award for 1994. He also congratulated Clait Braun, who was elected as Vice President of TWS. Clait will become President of TWS in 2 years. Working Groups are becoming a driving force in TWS, and major changes were made in content and format of the Society's Bulletin. These changes will take place in the first issue of 1995.

The 1994 Citizen Award was presented to Don Johnson from Wyoming, while the Professional Award winner was Dr. Ken Higgins from the University of South Dakota's Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. The evening barbeque and auction and associated field trips were exciting and well attended.

## **1995**

August 16-19: **40th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Fort Robinson State Park, Nebraska

*Section Representative:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*President:* Robert Wood, Kansas

*Vice-President:* Robert Jones, Manitoba

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Kent Montei, Kansas

*President-Elect:* vacant

*Newsletter Editor:* George Allen, Kansas

*Past President:* Warren Snyder, Colorado

*Board Members:* Wayne Pepper, Saskatchewan, Terry Messmer, Utah, Olin Oedekoven, Wyoming, Connie Vicuna, South Dakota

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Dan Klammer, Nebraska

*Program:* Len McDaniel, Nebraska

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The Business Meeting was called to order by President Bob Wood with 38 members in attendance. The Section had assets of \$12,177.37 and 504 members as of August 1. No resolutions were submitted by members in attendance and 5 students received \$200.00 travel grants during the year. The Section granted \$800.00 toward development of a prairie grouse educational trunk. Although the trunk was not finished, work was progressing nicely. CMPS also provided a \$750.00 grant to Nebraska Chapter to help fund this year's Annual Section Meeting. President Wood reported that written testimony and a copy of CMPS's position statement concerning the 1995 Farm Bill were provided to Congressman Wayne Allard, who was holding hearings on this Bill.

Rick Warhust requested the Section become a DU sponsor in the state the current President resides. After much discussion, Jerry Kobriger moved, seconded by Clait Braun, that the Section

provide \$200.00 to DU for a sponsor membership applied to the state where the President resides for a one year period. The motion passed 22 to 9.

President Wood received a request from Rick Nelson for the Section to support North Dakota Chapter's efforts to lobby on the Livestock Grazing Act with a \$550.00 grant. Following discussion, Terry Messmer moved, seconded by Ron Klataske, that the Section provide North Dakota a \$250.00 grant. Motion passed.

Jane Austin requested financial assistance from CMPS to support a forum on wildlife telemetry to be held at the 1997 Annual TWS Conference in Snowmass. Gerald Jasmer moved, seconded by Jon Kauffeld, to provide \$300.00 to support the forum. Motion passed.

Len Carpenter updated members on TWS Council activities. Len will be going off Council in September, 1996 and nominations must be submitted to TWS by year end for Len's replacement. The 1995 Professional of the Year Award was presented to long-time CMPS member Len McDaniel for his contributions to waterfowl management and dedication to the wildlife profession. A surprised McDaniel was uncharacteristically speechless, but was able to thank the Section. No nominations were received for the Citizen of the Year Award.

## **1996**

August 1-3: **41st CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Utah State University, Logan, Utah

*Section Representative:* Len Carpenter, Colorado

*President:* Robert Wood, Kansas

*Vice-President:* Robert Jones, Manitoba

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Kent Montei, Kansas

*President-Elect:* Carolyn Hull-Sieg, South Dakota

*Newsletter Editor:* George Allen, Kansas

*Past President:* vacant

*Board Members:* Olin Oedekoven, Wyoming, Connie Vicuna, South Dakota, Larry Hayden-Wing, Wyoming, Len McDaniel, Nebraska

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Terry Messmer, Utah

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The 41st Annual Summer Conference of CMPS was held on the campus of Utah State University in Logan. The meeting consisted of several technical sessions held on campus and a number of field trips and social events. A field trip to the Deseret Land and Livestock ranch was very informative. The Annual barbeque and auction was held in beautiful Logan Canyon.

President Wood called the 41st Annual Business Meeting to order with 24 members present. Section assets as of the meeting were \$13,474.03 with 532 members. As in the past several years, no resolutions were submitted for Board consideration during the year.

Bob Wood was elected to replace Len Carpenter as Section Representative to TWS Council.

Other items of interest presented by Len Carpenter and TWS President-Elect Clait Braun included status of the Farm Bill, the Wildlife Diversity Initiative, the International Wildlife Congress, and upcoming changes in The Wildlife Society Bulletin and Newsletter.

President Wood reported that the prairie grouse educational trunk had been completed and was available for viewing at this meeting. A committee consisting of Jerry Kobriger, Tom Ryder, Terry Messmer, and Tom Swan were charged with establishing procedures for display and

storage of the trunk.

Len Carpenter moved, seconded by Olin Oedekoven, that CMPS renew its Bronze Sponsorship with DU for the coming year. The motion passed.

New President Carolyn Hull-Sieg presented a proposed budget for 1996-97 of \$3,900.00. The proposed budget was passed. It was decided to reduce the number of annual CMPS newsletters from 4 to 3 to reduce costs. Terry Messmer reported he contacted a number of agencies to see if financial support could be obtained to publish Proceedings of the Annual CMPS Meeting, but none were to be found.

The University of South Dakota Student Chapter requested the Board to consider allocating \$250.00 toward an award for the student chapter that did the most to promote the Teaming with Wildlife Initiative. President Sieg detailed how the award winner would be selected. Olin Oedekoven moved, seconded by Len Carpenter, that the Section provide \$250.00 toward this award. Following discussion, Tom Remington moved, seconded by Bob Lanka, to provide \$50.00 annually to recognize a top student chapter which would be submitted to TWS for the national Student Chapter of the Year Award. Following further discussion the amended motion was defeated. The original motion was also defeated. Tom Ryder then moved, seconded by Tom Swan, that the CMPS Board establish criteria for a Section Student Chapter of the Year Award. This motion passed.

## **1997**

July 31-August 2: **42nd CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Bismarck Comfort Inn, Bismarck, North Dakota

*Section Representative:* Robert Wood, Kansas

*President:* Carolyn Hull-Sieg, South Dakota

*Vice-President:* George Vandel, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Barry Parrish, South Dakota

*President-Elect:* vacant

*Newsletter Editor:* Steve Riley, South Dakota

*Past President:* Robert Wood, Kansas

*Board Members:* Larry Hayden-Wing, Wyoming, Len McDaniel, Nebraska, Tom Swan, Kansas, Dan Chranowski, Manitoba

*Program:* Stan Kohn and Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*Arrangements:* Jerry Heiser, Mike McEnroe, and Karen Kriel, North Dakota

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** President Hull-Sieg called the 42nd Annual Business Meeting to order with 27 members present. CMPS had assets of \$15,380.87 and a total of 479 members as of August 1. There were not student travel requests during the year. Clait Braun stated there was money available for travel to the TWS Conference in Snowmass. Terry Riley moved, seconded by Clait Braun, that a letter be sent to all student chapters within CMPS notifying them money was available for travel. Motion passed. No awards were presented as only one nomination was received for the Citizen Award and none for the Professional Award. The citizen nomination will be held until 1998.

Bob Wood, Section Representative to TWS Council, stated national dues are proposed to go up in 1997 to help fund a full time journal/publications editor. He encouraged members to vote on

this issue. Current TWS President Clait Braun updated members stated voting on this issue is currently running 3 to 1 in favor of a dues increase. He also updated members on Professional Certification changes proposed by the Professional Development Committee. There is much discussion about requiring recertification every 5 years and the matter is being taken under advisement by Council. Certified Biologists can incorporate the TWS logo in correspondence signatures. Council has also decided to proceed with support of the 2nd International Wildlife Congress which will be held in Hungary in 1999.

The prairie grouse trunk is not being used much. Anyone wishing to use it should contact Jerry Kobriger or Stan Kohn. CMPS does not currently fund maintenance of the trunk, but may be asked for repair funding from Dickinson State University sometime in the future.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning changing dates of the Annual CMPS Summer Conference due to conflicts with the Central Flyway Meeting and a civic holiday in Canada. Most members felt the second week in August or later would be better. Larry Bidlake noted the Section meeting has historically been low-cost and family oriented. Members felt keeping costs low was an important consideration.

President Hull-Sieg established a committee consisting of Kent Montei, Olin Oedekoven, Larry Bidlake, and Mike McEnroe to examine how income generated from the annual meeting should be distributed between the host Chapter and the Section.

Funding of worthy projects by the Section was discussed. Bob Wood stated requests for funds may be made of the Board at any time of year. He also stated the Board has the discretion to make donations in excess of \$1,000.00 for extraordinary projects.

Bob Wood moved to renew the Section's Bronze Sponsorship with DU. Clait Braun seconded the motion and it passed. President Hull-Sieg will get the sponsor print and bring it for next year's auction.

Members were updated on grazing legislation being sponsored by the Senators from North Dakota. North Dakota Chapter and the Wildlife Management Institute were working on the issue. Len McDaniel informed members that the Forest Service was in the Forest Planning Process for Northern Great Plains Grassland Units. Mike McEnroe encouraged the Section to be involved with this issue as it extends across State boundaries.

Karen Kreil told members the National Wildlife Federation set up a memorial fund for Steve Blomeke. The fund would be used to purchase a wetland in North Dakota as a tribute to Steve. Karen moved to donate \$500.00 to the fund. The motion was seconded by Steve Riley and passed by the membership.

## **1998**

August 9-11: **43rd CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Cody Holiday Inn, Cody, Wyoming

*Section Representative:* Robert Wood, Kansas

*President:* Carolyn Hull-Sieg, South Dakota

*Vice-President:* George Vandel, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Barry Parrish, South Dakota

*President-Elect:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*Newsletter Editor:* Steve Riley, South Dakota

*Past President:* vacant

*Board Members:* Tom Swan, Kansas, Dan Chranowski, Manitoba, Karen Kreil, North Dakota, Carl Wolfe, Nebraska

*Summer Conference Chairman:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*Program:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*Arrangements:* Tom Ryder, John Priday, John Emmerich, Kevin Hurley, Larry Roop, Tom Easterly, and Olin Oedekoven, Wyoming

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The 43rd Annual Summer Conference was held at the Cody, Wyoming Holiday Inn. The Conference was comprised of 3 Technical Sessions dealing with Threatened/Endangered Species of the Greater Yellowstone area, Controversial Issues in the Greater Yellowstone area, and an open papers session. A field trip on Day 2 into spectacular Sunlight Basin was enjoyed by all. The Annual Auction was held on Dead Indian Pass at the Northwest Wyoming Community College Field Science facility.

The Business Meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Hull-Sieg at 8:45 A.M. on August 10, 1998. The annual financial and membership reports were read and accepted. New officers were announced and a lengthy discussion was held concerning voting for officers as only 17 members submitted ballots in 1998. Karen Kreil felt voting should be allowed at the Annual Meeting, but others felt this may skew results in favor of candidates from the host State Chapter. Les Flake recommended that everyone should submit votes next year and recruit 2 other members to do likewise. Terry Riley suggested sending out a ballot separate from the Newsletter. Len McDaniel thought a separate Newsletter insert would be fine. Clait Braun stated that separate mailings were previously tried and returns were not much better than a Newsletter ballot. President Hull-Sieg said the By-laws don't preclude voting at the annual meeting, but the issue died without a motion from the floor.

President Hull-Sieg reported on her Student Travel Grant program during the previous year. Since CMPS member State Chapters (i.e., Colorado and Wyoming) hosted the 1997 TWS Annual Conference at Snowmass, Carolyn wanted to make sure students from within the Section had an opportunity to attend. There was a tremendous response to her announcement (35 applications) and the Section donated \$5,150.00 to 21 students to attend the Conference. One of Les Flake's students who received a Travel Grant from CMPS received the Student Poster Award. Three other students presented papers at the Conference. Since the Section does not have a set policy regarding Student Travel Grants, Len Carpenter recommended CMPS should put aside a set amount of funding each year for this worthy cause. Several other suggestions were made by members in attendance, but the issue died without a motion from the floor. President Hull-Sieg presented the Professional of the Year Award to Les Flake, while the Citizen of the Year Award was given to Ms. Gretchen Hurley of Wyoming. Her husband Kevin Hurley accepted the award in her absence.

Section Representative to TWS Council, Bob Wood, updated members on the status of the new managing editor position. Although not yet filled, interviews for this position were being conducted. Council was looking into a reduced membership rate for newly graduated wildlife students as there appears to be a loss between student memberships and the permanent job level. Len Carpenter was elected as the Society's new Vice President. Len will eventually become the Society's President in 2000. Conversely, Past President Clait Braun's service on Council will end this year at the Buffalo Conference.

Olin Oedekoven reported for Committee Chairman Mike McEnroe concerning how to distribute proceeds from the Annual Auction. In essence, the Committee found that total proceeds from the auction should be returned to CMPS as it is the Section's only fundraiser each year. Auction items should continue to be obtained by the host State Chapter and brought to the Auction by other interested and charitable members. The host State Chapter may consider holding a split raffle, but must contact the current Section Executive Board prior to planning such an event. Karen Kreil reported that CMPS donated \$500.00 last year to the Steve Blomeke Memorial Wetland and the fund now stands at \$90,000.00. Several wetland tracts have been identified in North Dakota and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is pursuing their purchase.

Tom Ryder reported that Council has decided to tie the Professional Development and Certification programs together. Beginning in 2000, persons who become Certified Wildlife Biologists will be required to renew their certifications every 5 years. Those individuals certified prior to 2000 will maintain their certification for life.

Terry Riley stated that CMPS was the only Section of TWS which does not have a Wildlife Information Network (WIN) proposal. The fledgling Local Governance Working Group submitted a letter requesting the Section host a training conference in local governance techniques under the WIN program. Len Carpenter stated the Working Group does not yet have its charter from Council and he felt it would be better to postpone hosting a conference until the group was chartered. Kevin Hurley moved, seconded by Carl Wolfe, to contact Brian Czech, Chair of the Working Group and turn down his request. Kevin further suggested the Working Group use the Annual TWS Conference as the forum for their proposed conference.

Terry Riley requested CMPS to encourage the Midwest and Western Associations of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies to form Public Lands Wildlife Working Groups similar to recent Private Lands Working Groups within these organizations. Tom Ryder will write a letter requesting this action.

Sterling Miller from the National Wildlife Federation asked the Section to support their recent petition to list the black-tailed prairie dog as threatened across its range. A lengthy discussion followed. Tom Ryder agreed to form an ad hoc committee of prairie dog experts from across the Section to develop a CMPS position statement relative to the listing petition.

Len McDaniel informed members that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is beginning a comprehensive planning process for grasslands and wildlife refuges within the Section. Len encouraged CMPS to take an active role in these plans as they are released for comment. Kent Montei motioned to continue the Section's Bronze Sponsorship with DU. Clait Braun seconded and the motion passed.

## **1999**

August 12-14: **44th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas  
*Section Representative:* Robert Wood, Kansas

*President:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*Vice-President:* Tom Swan, Kansas

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Larry Apple, Wyoming

*President-Elect:* vacant

*Newsletter Editor:* Vicki Herren, Wyoming

*Past President:* Carolyn Hull-Sieg, South Dakota

*Board Members:* Karen Kreil, North Dakota, Carl Wolfe, Nebraska, Terry Riley, South Dakota, Lee Upham, Colorado

*Meeting Chairman:* Elmer Finck, Kansas

*Program:* Elmer Finck, Kansas

*Arrangements:* Roger Applegate, Jackie Coe, Matt Combes, LaVonne Finck, Jenny Halstead, Bill Jensen, Brad McCord, Andrea Ostroff, and Mike Snyder, Kansas

*Dues:* \$5.00

**Board Business:** The 44th CMPS Annual Summer Conference was held on the campus of Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. Two Technical Sessions were held dealing with wildlife and habitats of the tall grass prairie ecosystem. Two field trips were also held, 1 to view the newly established National Tallgrass Prairie Preserve and 1 to view several other remaining prairie tracts, including a 200 acre cord grass prairie. Several social events and the Annual Auction were enjoyed by all attendees.

The 44th Business Meeting was called to order by President Tom Ryder at 5:10 P.M. on August 13, 1999. Section financial assets as of August 1 were \$13,733.30 with 492 paid members. President Ryder announced the new Executive Board and the new Section Representative to TWS Council, Mr. Jerry Kobriger.

President Ryder reviewed Section activities during the previous year. The Section's position statement concerning listing of black-tailed prairie dogs was completed by a team of prairie dog experts in late 1998. The statement was then placed in the Section's Newsletter for membership review and adoption. Through return of ballots, CMPS members voted overwhelmingly to support the position. The statement was sent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Wildlife Federation, The Wildlife Society's Bethesda Office, and several other agencies/groups. The Section also prepared and sent comments on the Fort Valentine and Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge Plans to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Bob Wood moved, seconded by Kent Montei, to continue the Section's Bronze Sponsorship with DU. The motion passed unanimously.

President Ryder noted the Section's History publication is 11 years out of date and should be updated. Members approved an update during the coming year. Tom will perform the update since most of the pertinent information is in the President's files.

President Ryder discussed Student Travel Grants within the Section. No requests were received during the past year, but Tom will convene a committee in the coming year to develop protocols for some sort of Travel Grant Program with a set amount of funding each year. Similarly, he will convene a committee to develop protocols for a Section Student Chapter of the Year Award.

Discussion was held concerning how cumbersome the process to approve and adopt the prairie dog statement was as an official CMPS position. President Ryder suggested the By-laws be amended to allow the standing President and Executive Board to develop and adopt position statements in the future similar to many State Chapter By-laws. Terry Riley felt that 4-5 people are not enough to represent all members' interests on an issue and that a special mailing may be used to solicit member input in the future. Len Carpenter agreed and stated that members want their voices to be heard. Gary White suggested using new technologies like e-mail or a CMPS Web Site to speed up the process, but that member input was essential in developing

major positions on issues. President Ryder said he appreciated everyone's thoughts and will reconsider the matter further based on members input.

President Ryder reported TWS is seeking financial support to help with its efforts to promote the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA), as the coming months will be crucial to its passage. Terry Riley moved, seconded by Tom Ryder, to donate \$250.00 to TWS's effort. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Kramer of the Kansas Chapter presented their Annual Snipe Award to Charlie Lee, Kansas State University Extension Specialist, for his work on playa lakes and the Joint Venture effort. There were no nominations received for the Section's Professional and Citizen of the Year Awards.

## **2000**

August 12-14: **45th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Falcon Lake Resort, Falcon Lake, Manitoba  
*Section Representative:* Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*President:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*Vice-President:* Tom Swan, Kansas

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Larry Apple, Wyoming

*President-Elect:* George Vandel, South Dakota

*Newsletter Editor:* Vicki Herren, Wyoming

*Past President:* vacant

*Board Members:* Terry Riley, South Dakota, Lee Upham, Colorado, Lester Flake, South Dakota, Mike McEnroe, North Dakota

*Program:* Rick Baydack, Manitoba

*Arrangements:* Rhian Christie and Bob Emery, Manitoba

*Dues:* \$5.00

Minutes of the 45th Annual Business Meeting Falcon Lake, Manitoba August 9-12, 2000

President Tom Ryder called the Annual Meeting to order on August 12, 2000 at 2:48 p.m. CDT. President Ryder introduced officers Tom Swan, Gerry Kobriger, Les Flake, George Vandel and Terry Riley. He also noted that Larry Apple, Vicki Herren, Lee Upham and Mike McEnroe were unable to attend the annual meeting, and he welcomed Dan Svedarsky, representative on the TWS Council from the North Central Section. Dan Svedarsky played a video on a new program called "Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage." COWCH is a project to document (videotape) the history of professional wildlife management. A videotape is available to show chapters how to conduct this documentation through interviews. Dan is attempting to have each chapter nominate a contact for the COWCH program. The Northeast and North Central Sections have made \$250 available to each chapter to videotape interviews.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Larry Apple submitted a financial summary to the Section. As of 8/1/00 the Section had a balance of just under \$14,000. Even with the publication costs of the Section's historical document, the Section has about \$200 more than it did at the 1999 annual meeting.

### **1999-2000 Audit Report**

Larry Bidlake and Mike McFadden conducted an audit of the books and found no discrepancies. Bob Wood moved to accept the financial report as received and Rick Baydack seconded the

motion. The Section voted unanimously to accept the report.

### **Membership Report**

The Section had 483 paid members as of 8/1/00. 118 members had signed up to pay dues, but have yet to pay. Their membership will be dropped if the Section does not receive their dues.

### **Student Travel Grants Committee**

Terry Riley, Larry Apple and Mike McEnroe reported that a Student Travel Grant Program was drafted for the Section. Terry Riley summarized the grant proposal and distributed the proposal to the members. Dan Svedarsky commented that the North Central Section has a similar program that provides up to \$1000 awards. Larry Bidlake noted that not every state or province has a chapter. Rhian Christie moved to remove the requirement of TWS membership for the applicant Gory Lindgren seconded and the motion passes unanimously. The Section modified the proposal to only require membership in the CMPS and not in a chapter, student chapter, or TWS (moved by Bob Wood, seconded by Bill Koonz, passed unanimously). The Section modified the proposal so that senior authorship is not required at the annual conference; however, the Section decided senior authorship would be preferred. The Section modified the proposal to delete the requirement that applications include a 4-10 page draft text of paper/poster to be presented. The Section modified the proposal to require the applicant, rather than the author, to submit curriculum vitae as part of the application. Olin Oedekoven moved to accept the Student Travel Grant Program as modified, seconded by Jim Hays, passed unanimously by the Section.

### **Awards Committee**

Kevin Hurley of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department received the CMPS Professional of the Year award. Michael Dove of Pringle, South Dakota received the CMPS Citizen of the Year award. George Vandel reviewed the possibility of developing a Student Chapter of the Year Award for the Section. Noted the Section develop one similar to the TWS Student Chapter Award. George Vandel moved to adopt the TWS Student Chapter of the Year Award as a model for the Section's award with 6 criteria, seconded by Tom Swan and Section voted unanimously to approve. Concerns were expressed about funding, whether the award would be every year, contacting all universities in the Section. Dan Svedarsky recommended the Section contact TWS for their membership lists of faculty members in the section and distribute the announcement to those faculties.

### **Information from CMPS' Council Representative**

Gerry Kobriger gave a report to the Section on TWS Council matters. TWS budgets annually to provide funds to support conferences and symposia. Council is concerned over the low number of requests for these funds in recent years. The Manitoba Chapter applied for support, but the request was not granted. This may have been related to the timeliness of the application. The contact at TWS for these grants is Yanine Walker. Clait Braun has been named as the editor for the next edition of the "Techniques Manual". The Don H. Rusch Research Grant fund drive has collected over \$32,000 to date. The Wildlifer will announce grants available through the fund for upland gamebird research. Publication of the technical guide on urban deer management has been delayed. The next scheduled Council meeting is September 11-12 at the annual meeting.

### **Old Business**

The Section donated \$250 to TWS for the annual conference in Nashville. The Section paid \$200

as a bronze sponsorship to DU.

### **Sage Grouse**

Tom Christiansen submitted a draft CMPS position statement on sage grouse to President Tom Ryder. President Ryder distributed it to the Section for review. The urgency of listing the northern subspecies of sage grouse appears to have subsided. The Section discussed whether to develop a position statement independently or cooperatively with the Northwest and Western Sections, and whether TWS should prepare a similar position statement. The Section asked Gerry Kobriger to send copies of the draft statement to the other two sections and ask for their comments and whether they would prefer to develop their own position statement. Board will decide and send draft proposal out to the membership for approval in a future newsletter. Comments should be sent to Tom Christiansen in Wyoming at [tchris@state.wy.us](mailto:tchris@state.wy.us).

### **Other Old Business**

President Rider also thanked Larry Apple and Vicki Herren for their work on the Section Newsletter and other related matters. The Section recommended that a 2000 Section T-shirt be sent to them both.

### **New Business**

President Ryder introduced and installed the new Section President, George Vandel, Vice President, Rick Baydack, second-year Executive Board members Les Flake and Mike McEnroe, and new Executive Board members Jim Hays and Bruce Morrison. Riley moved to destroy the voting ballots used in the 2000 elections, Gerry Kobriger seconded and the Section voted unanimously to have President Ryder destroy the ballots.

### **Budget**

President Vandel presented the 2000-2001 budget. A copy of the proposed budget can be requested from Bill Smith or Paul Coughlin.

### **Award for Past President**

President Vandel presented past-president Ryder a plaque for his 2-years of service and leadership to the Section.

### **Literature Searches**

The Section discussed literature searches on JWM without going through ABSEARCH or other such services. Interest was expressed in storing JWM electronically and distributing it to members. Gerry Kobriger agreed to discuss this with Council and membership forum in September.

### **Other New Business**

TWS is requesting a donation from the Section for the Wildlife Information Network (WIN). Bob Wood moved to donate \$500, seconded by Olin Oedekoven, passed unanimously by the Section. President Vandel announced that the 2001 and 2002 CMPS annual meetings would be held in Colorado and South Dakota, respectively. The Section discussed reducing the funds available by investing in more programs and projects such as symposia or the COWCH program. The Section discussed topics for future meetings. "Hot" issues related to wildlife were discussed. The Section agreed to schedule more open discussions at future meetings where important issues of the times may be addressed. Terry Riley moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Bob Wood, Section voted unanimously to adjourn meeting at 5:20 p.m. CDT.

-Submitted by Terry Riley

## **2001**

July 19-21: **46th CMPS Annual Section Meeting**. Fort Collins, Colorado.

*Section Representative:* Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*President:* George Vandel, South Dakota

*Vice-President:* Rick Baydack, Manitoba

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Paul Coughlin, South Dakota

*President-Elect:* vacant

*Newsletter Editor:*

*Past President:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*Board Members:* Lester Flake, South Dakota; Mike McEnroe, North Dakota; Jim Hays, Kansas; Bruce Morrison, Nebraska

*Program: Arrangements:* Francie Pusateri and Lisa Evans, Colorado

*Dues:* \$5.00

Minutes of the 46th CMPS Annual Business Meeting held in Fort Collins, Colorado July 20, 2001. President George Vandel called the meeting to order at 7:05 AM, July 20. The meeting began with a TWS Council Report by Jerry Kobriger because it required no action as a quorum (20 members) had not yet assembled.

### **TWS Council Report**

Jerry Kobriger discussed electronic publication of TWS periodicals, Jerry feels this is inevitable but would like feedback from the membership on how fast this issue needs to progress. Jerry also discussed additional issues from TWS as highlighted below: 1. "Endowment fund for excellence in wildlife stewardship" was explained to the CMPS board members. 2. A committee has been formed to develop a white paper on wild ungulate confinement, Steve Demaris is chairman. 3. The COWCH Program was explained. Our section has been lagging some on this, it is an imperative program and CMPS should become more proactive on this issue. 4. Three symposiums at the upcoming TWS conference will be of special interest to CMPS members. CMPS members should try to attend. 5. CMPS needs a section representative to replace Jerry by next September, Jerry will not be running again. The term is 3 years.

### **Introductions and Welcome**

President Vandel declared a quorum for the meeting at 7:16 AM and the meeting officially started. Executive Board Members in Attendance: George Vandel, Jerry Kobriger, Jim Hays, Rick Baydack (TWS President Len Carpenter was also in attendance).

### **Old Business**

#### **2000-2001 CMPS Financial Statement and Membership Report**

The Audit Committee submitted their report: Income = \$5,649.03, Expenses = \$4,647.10, Balance as of 7/1/01 = \$14,964.10. Motion and 2nded to approve the Financial Report, motion carried.

#### **Review of 2000-2001 Section Activities**

Communications within the Executive Board members occurred with each other several times during the past year via emails and conference calls.

#### **Review of Ducks Unlimited Sponsorship**

The Executive Board members reviewed and discussed the CMPS' sponsorship of Ducks Unlimited. The committee was notified that the Ducks Unlimited sponsorship has been paid through President Vandel's term of office.

### **Student Travel Grant Program**

The Executive Board reviewed and adopted a draft Travel Grant Policy. Currently, grants are specific to those giving papers. The board debated making travel grants available for undergraduates to attend the TWS meeting also. The Board feels that graduate students often have the funding to attend and that it may be better to target undergraduates. The issue of awarding travel grants to members only was also discussed at length. Bob Lanka stressed the importance of getting undergraduates more involved with the section, thus giving preference to those members in student chapters. Len Carpenter said that the applicant should at minimum be a TWS member, but maybe not be required to be a CMPS member. Gary White said he concurred with Len, and further suggested a group membership (student chapter) where a group of students could get a larger grant to fund their attendance, but also feels students should be CMPS members. Terry Messmer thought that applicants be members of CMPS, as there should be a level of responsibility on the student's part. With all of the discussion, President Vandel focused the discussion: Current Criteria: 1. Membership in CMPS . Bob Wood moved and it was 2nd to make it a requirement to be a CMPS and a TWS member to apply for a travel grant. Motion carried. 2. Requirement to be author and presenter of a paper to apply for a travel grant. Bob Lanka moved we not list preferences and allow the Board to make the decision based on the pool of applicants each year (motion includes that the criteria are broad and up to the Board, motion would strike the current requirement for the applicant to be a presenter, and for the applicant to submit a paragraph on why they should attend the meeting, a CV, and their interest/activity in TWS and the profession), 2nd, motion carried. The Board will reconstruct the application form. Groups can apply, e.g., a student chapter President could apply representing chapter members.

### **Election Results**

The results of the 2001 election were presented: President-Elect, Terry Messmer. New Executive Board members, Gary White and Bob Lanka. Motion to accept election results and destroy ballots, 2nd, accepted. President Vandel asked that the board recognize the out-going Executive Board members Mike McEnroe and Les Flake. Mike was given a big thank you for all his special efforts during his term.

### **Awards**

No nominations were received for the Citizen Award this year. Professional Award went to Lee Queal of Kansas. There was some discussion on importance of awards and lack of nominees for the Citizen Award. CMPS members are urged to step-up and nominate deserving individuals we know.

### **New Business**

The board received a financial request from the national TWS chapter for \$500 for Farm Bill efforts. Matt Dunphy, CSU Student Chapter Secretary, requested \$3000 from CMPS to host a student conclave. CSU is also requesting funding from several other organizations. Discussion regarding this request was as follows: Terry Messmer told the board that a lot of the cost of the conclave could be recovered through registration, as \$3000 seems a little higher for CMPS to provide. Terry Messmer motioned to approve \$1500, 2nd, with additional discussion. Bob Wood concurred, and Len Carpenter told the board that this would not be an annual request. All the board approved and the motion carried.

## **Membership Report**

The board was informed that some of the members have paid their dues and are not on the membership list or have not been receiving the newsletter. President Vandel will look into this situation.

## **Resolutions and Position Statements**

Resolutions and Position Statements - no new activity. A potential position statement concerning blackbird control was brought up. Jim Hays discussed lethal blackbird control in Kansas. George said that it was up to the CMPS membership if we want a position statement on this issue. Len encouraged that the state chapters work together. Jim Hays will lead the effort.

## **Chapter Representative to National Chapter of TWS**

President Vandel assigned Gary White and Bob Lanka to begin a search for a replacement for Jerry Kobringer as our representative to TWS Council. Gary and Bob will get 2 names to the Executive Board by November 1, 2001.

## **2002 Annual Meeting Scheduled for South Dakota**

President Vandel informed the Executive Board that the 2002 Annual Meeting will be hosted by South Dakota and will hopefully be held somewhere in the Black Hills. A notice will be sent out to the membership on dates, locations, and other specifics by the Winter/Spring 2002 CMPS newsletter. Timing of the meeting was discussed, and Terry Messmer stated that the key is to advertise the meeting early. Bob Wood asked the board to consider having a separate table for paying CMPS membership dues during meeting registration. Also, Bob added that the auction should be timed so that there is not a conflict with the busing schedule.

## **Other New Business**

2003 Meeting. President Vandel will contact Nebraska, or whoever is responsible for next year, and notify them that it is their turn. The Executive Board also thanked the Colorado Wildlife Society for all the work they did putting the meeting together - KUDOS! A motion passed for special recognition for Francie Pusateri and Lisa Evans for all of their work for shouldering the burden. A motion was made to adjourn at 8:52 AM. Motion was 2nd, and carried

## **2002**

July 17: **47th Annual Annual Section Meeting.** Lead, South Dakota

*Section Representative:* Jerry Kobringer, North Dakota

*President:* George Vandel, South Dakota

*Vice-President:* Rick Baydack, Manitoba

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Paul Coughlin, South Dakota

*President-Elect:* Terry Messmer, Utah

*Newsletter Editor:*

*Past President:* vacant

*Board Members:* Jim Hays, Kansas; Bruce Morrison, Nebraska; Gary White, Colorado; Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Program: Arrangements:*

*Dues:* \$5.00

Minutes of the 47th Annual Business Meeting, Lead, South Dakota, July 17, 2002.

Executive Board members in attendance: George Vandel, Rick Baydack, Gary White, Jim Hays, Terry Messmer and Bob Lanka. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Vandel recognized

a quorum (20).

### **TWS Council Report – Jerry Kobriger**

Discussion items included

- Results from the recent survey of members regarding TWS publications
- TWS Endowment Fund – kickoff scheduled after the Bismarck meeting
- COWCH program and the chapter efforts towards this program
- The recently adopted TWS public statement regarding wildlife fertility control
- TWS efforts to review all 29 currently existing public statements
- Human dimensions publication now available
- The wild ungulate confinement report currently being reviewed by the technical committee
- The annual meeting in Bismarck, Burlington, VT in 2003 and Calgary in 2004

Kobriger introduced Tom Ryder as the newly elected CMPS section representative. The board and CMPS membership thanked Jerry for his efforts as section representative.

### **Old Business**

Motion and second made to adopt the meeting agenda. Motion passed. Motion and second to approve 2001 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

### **2001-2002 CMPS Financial Statement**

Paul Coughlin presented the 2001-2002 CMPS financial statement. Motion and second to approve the report as presented. Motion passed.

### **Review of 2002-2002 CMPS Activities**

The student travel grants program was discussed. After several modifications and clarifications, the student travel grants program proved successful. Most other CMPS business was handled by telephone, email or by standard mail. A CMPS social has been set up for the TWS conference in Bismarck.

### **Awards**

The 2002 CMPS award winners were recognized.

Citizen's Award: Leonard Benson, a rancher from Oral SD

Professional Award:

- Dr. Beth Williams, an adjunct professor with the Department of Veterinary Pathology at CSU, Ft. Collins, CO and assistant state veterinarian, WY.
- Ron Lockwood, a wildlife biologist with Wyoming Game and Fish, Kemmerer, WY

### **Elections**

Vice-President: Jim Hays

Board Members: Jim Ringleman, Bruce Morrison

Motion and second to accept the election results and destroy the ballots. Motion passed. The membership gave recognition to the newly elected officers, all the candidates and the outgoing officers. Official duties were transferred from George Vandel to Terry Messmer.

### **New Business**

#### **Financial Requests**

The membership discussed at length the continued expenditure of significant amounts of section funds to support the student conclave.

### **Newsletter Postage**

As a result of problems with receiving newsletter in a timely fashion, and the unreliability of bulk mailing, the membership discussed several options for sending the section newsletter, including the possibility of an electronic version. Discussions also centered on costs of bulk and first class mail, and the necessity of ensuring each member receives a newsletter. Cost of printing and mailing newsletters on an annual basis accounts for virtually the entire amount of annual dues paid. A motion and second was made to have the board investigate raising dues. Discussion followed. An amendment was added to raise annual dues to \$10.00. Discussion followed. An amendment was added to make the dues increase effective January 1st, 2003. The question called. The motion as amended failed by a vote. A motion and second were made that the summer newsletter with annual meeting information and election ballots be mailed to the membership by first class mail. Messmer informed the members that he will be conducting a survey of the membership inquiring about items such as newsletters, electronic communications, membership and meeting dates.

### **Resolutions and Public Statements**

No resolutions or public statements were presented. Discussion ensued regarding several critical topics that should be addressed by the membership, such as grassland loss, the farm bill, wetland loss, and wind power. A suggestion was made to establish a working group to look into these issues.

### **2003 Annual Meeting**

The 2003 CMPS annual meeting will be held at a yet to be determined location in Nebraska.

### **New Business from the Floor**

No other new business was brought by the membership.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was passed.

## **2003**

August 5-7: **48th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Marina Inn Hotel and Conference Center, South Sioux City, Nebraska

*Section Representative:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*President:* Terry Messmer, Utah

*Vice-President:* Jim Hays, Kansas

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Todd Black, Utah

*President-Elect:* vacant

*Newsletter Editor:* Nevelyn Headrick, Utah

*Past President:* George Vandel, South Dakota

*Board Members:* James Ringelman, North Dakota; Bruce Morrison, Nebraska; Gary White, Colorado; Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Program: Arrangements:*

*Dues:* \$5.00

Minutes of the 48th Annual Business Meeting South Sioux City, Nebraska August 5, 2003  
With President Terry Messmer out of the country on active military duty, Vice-President Jim Hays called the meeting to order. A quorum was present with Executive Board Members Jim Hays, Todd Black, Bob Lanka, Gary White and Jim Ringelman in attendance.

## **Old Business**

### **2002-2003 CMPS Financial Statement and Membership**

Account balance is hovering around \$11,000. Major expenses were the printing and mailing of the newsletter (~\$400 per mailing), the awarding of student travel grants (-\$2000), and the sponsorship of the deer-elk workshop (\$500). Motion and 2nded to approve the Financial Report, motion carried.

### **Position Statements**

Two issues were discussed. (1) The establishment of working groups to address, discuss and give official CMPS statements on various wildlife issues within our area. (2) The need to revisit the official CMPS statement on sage grouse which the board worked on a few years ago. The Board decided that (at their winter meeting) they will revisit the possibilities and complexities of setting up "working groups to address various wildlife issues effecting or influencing wildlife management decisions across CMPS boundaries. Are these groups needed, what will be their role, function and issues? Jim Hays will discuss the status of the previous sage grouse position statement developed a few years ago with Tom Ryder to determine status.

### **Election Results**

The results of the election were postponed until after September 5. This was due to the fact that the ballots were just recently received by some members and in accordance with CMPS bylaws, the election period needs to be a minimum of 30 days. Vice-President Hays recognized outgoing board members Bob Lanka and Gary White for their years of service.

### **Membership and Newsletter**

There was discussion of membership and newsletter issues. Some people have paid and not gotten newsletters. There was discussion on how to resolve these issues. Discussion was heard on increasing membership dues. The survey suggested that the membership would support an increase. There was no decision made on this issue. Discussion was heard on receiving an electronic version of the newsletter versus the standard hard copy. The survey showed about half of the membership would be interested in an electronic copy of the newsletter. Watch the website for a place to indicate if you would like to receive your newsletter as paper or electronic copy. Those preferring to receive an electronic copy will be sent a link to a pdf file on the web containing the newsletter.

### **Awards**

The Professional Award was given to Bob Culbertson.

## **New Business**

### **Financial Requests**

CMPS is getting more and more requests for financial assistance with workshops, conferences, etc. The Antelope working group has requested sponsorship help of \$1000 for the upcoming workshop in May 2004. There was a discussion of what CMPS should be doing with their monies. There was focus on the recently conducted CMPS survey (see spring 2003 newsletter for results) which showed where members felt money would be best used. Other ideas included the possibility of setting up some sort of mentorship or internship program with CMPS input or sponsorship. The Board decided that (at their winter meeting) they will draft and implement a budget as to what to do with CMPS funds. The budget will be based on input from the membership survey. Specific items to be addressed will include student travel grants (how much and for what meetings), amount to keep in the bank, and what other activities/

workshops/conferences to support. The board will develop guidelines to determine if these monies are to be used as grant monies, loans or both. This budget will be determined and made available by years' ends and will be published in the newsletter and on the web page. In conjunction with this yearly budget, the board will give a report of budget expenditures and funding at the next business meeting in 2004.

### **2004 CMPS Meeting**

The 2004 CMPS Meeting will be held in Utah.

### **2004**

August 5-7: **49th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Utah State University Conference Center, Logan, Utah

*Section Representative:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*President:* Terry Messmer, Utah

*Vice-President:* Jim Hays, Kansas

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Todd Black, Utah

*President-Elect:* Steve Riley, Nebraska

*Newsletter Editor:* Nevelyn Headrick, Utah

*Past President:* vacant

*Board Members:* James Ringelman, North Dakota; Bruce Morrison, Nebraska; Tanys Uhmman, Manitoba; Gary White, Colorado

*Program:* Todd Black, Utah

*Arrangements:* Terry Messmer, Utah

*Dues:* \$5.00

August 5-7. The 49th Annual Meeting of the Central Mountain Plain Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society was held in Logan, Utah at the Utah State University Inn and Conference Center. The theme of the meeting was, "Putting Communities Back Into Conservation." Over 60 member participated in the meeting which included tour of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Utah Cooperative Wildlife Management Program, and habitat management projects being conducted by the West Box Elder County Adaptive Management sage-grouse local working group in Grouse Creek, Utah.

Steve Riley assumed the duties of CMPS president at the meeting.

New officers elected at the meeting were:

Bob Lanka – Vice President

Art Smith – Board Member

Brandon Houck – Board Member

Alicia Hardin – Secretary/Treasurer

Matt Steffl – Newsletter Editor.

CMPS Council awarded 6 student travel grants worth \$250 each. No professional awards were presented at the meeting. The 2005 Annual Meeting will be hosted by North Dakota. The dates for the meeting are August 10-12, 2005 and the site will be Medora. Jerry Kobriger is in charge of arrangement.

## **2005**

August 10-12: **50th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Medora Community Center, Medora, North Dakota

*Section Representative:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*President:* Steve Riley, Nebraska

*Vice-President:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Alicia Hardin, Nebraska

*President-Elect:* vacant

*Newsletter Editor:* Matt Steffl, Nebraska

*Past President:* Terry Messmer, Utah

*Board Members:* Tany's Uhmman, Manitoba; Gary White, Colorado; Art Smith, South Dakota; Brandon Houck, Kansas

*Program:* Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*Arrangements:* Jerry Kobriger, North Dakota

*Dues:* \$5.00

## **Reports**

### **Section Representative Report**

Dealing with a wide variety of issues, many changes under way or being considered. Latest edition of The Wildlifer contains 2004 annual report for TWS. Approximately \$2.5 million. Fifty-nine new Certified Wildlife Biologists, 29 new Associate Wildlife Biologists. Currently 7 working groups within TWS. 8168 TWS members, 0.6% increase for the year (mostly students). Student membership increased 15.2%, regular membership dropped 2.6%. Sixth edition of techniques manual nearly ready, advance orders being taken now. Currently working on three technical reviews. Upcoming changes in publications. Currently The Wildlifer, JWM, WSB, and Wildlife Monographs. Heavy investment of time and money, concerns about drop in use. Will combine all peer-edited papers with membership news into one magazine-style publication printed approximately once per year. This would combine the Bulletin and the Wildlifer. JWM will be renamed, will contain only peer edited papers, and will be published 8x per year. Wildlife Monographs will continue as is. Publishing will be switched to an all electronic format. A private company will take over publishing, marketing, and handling subscriptions. TWS will maintain the volunteer editing staff. Goal is to decrease staff time, increase citation rate, and increase revenue. Hoping to switch over by January 2006, definitely by January 2007. Search committee has interviewed 4 candidates for Executive Director position, negotiations with the winning individual are under way. Committee is hoping to introduce this individual at the September TWS meeting. Also a new emphasis on expanding international involvement. Any questions or concerns contact Tom Ryder. Question was asked concerning the need to switch to electronic format for publications. Several mentioned that with the use of the internet for research, students and others are using the handiest sources first so they are using the Journal of Mammalogy and other sources before going to the library to copy an article from JWM. There is also concern that quantity and quality of submissions will drop if publication and citation rates continue to fall.

### **President's Report**

Apologies for errors on newsletter mailing list. Dropped old members, including anyone not current for 2005. Also did not have membership updates from last year, so some current

members did not get newsletters. Errors have been or will be cleared. Thanks to board members for taking time in their busy lives for these duties. Hoping to have more board meetings in the coming year than we did in the last, perhaps monthly conference calls. Briefly discussed changes in dues structure and newsletter. Also congratulations to Chadron State College for starting a new student chapter.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Started January with a balance of \$7045.36. Have spent \$1567.79. Had deposits of \$1345.00 leaving a balance of \$6822.97. Motion by Bob Lanka, Second by Art Smith to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion passed on voice vote.

#### **Newsletter Editor's Report**

Thanks to past president and newsletter editor for providing templates and all who submitted stories or chapter updates. Big changes are coming in the newsletter including changing to an electronic format and getting a wider audience due to membership changes. Need more state and student chapter updates and story submissions.

#### **Election Committee**

Bob Lanka chairs this committee. Tom Swan also helped with getting candidates for elected offices. Four people ran for board positions, 2 for president. Bob encouraged members to consider running for office in the future. Will take ballots through this meeting and announce winners at end of new business today. Tom Ryder was also re-elected as Section Rep. to National Council.

#### **Awards Committee -- Citizen of the Year and Professional of the Year**

Announcement was in last newsletter, nominations being accepted for both awards. Nominations will be considered during New Business.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Student Travel Grants**

Two applications received so far, both from Colorado State University at \$500 each for travel to national TWS meeting. Motion and second to approve both applications, approved on voice vote. Motion carried. Future applications will be considered as they arrive.

##### **Electronic Newsletter and Dues Changes**

Proposal to change from a printed newsletter to an electronic version for email and internet. Printed copies would still be available for an additional fee beyond the membership fee. Also to have state chapters collect an extra \$1 from each member with that \$1 to be sent to CMPS for section membership. All members of state chapters that chose to collect these fees would then be section members as well. Noted concerns that \$1 rate may "trivialize" CMPS. Thoughts expressed included that perhaps the \$5 rate should remain and a larger push should be made toward showing state members what CMPS does for them. Some state chapters have already acted so \$1 would put everyone on the same page, state chapters could collect more or individuals could contribute more if they wanted to. Discussion also included several other questions: How often would state chapters need to send money to CMPS? How do you handle life members of state chapters? Should newsletter be accessible to anyone or only members? Moved by Bob Lanka that section adopt as primary newsletter an electronic version while still making the paper copy available to members who want it for an additional fee, seconded by Art Smith. Motion carried by voice vote.

Questioned whether making state members automatic members would result in an increase in people at CMPS annual meeting and other activities. Riley said that the goal was to get information about what CMPS is and does out to more members, hopefully gaining more interest in CMPS activities. Art Smith made a motion to set dues at \$1 for membership and a \$4 surcharge for a paper copy of the newsletter. Larry Hillman seconded the motion. Motion carried 16-6.

Discussion continued on:

- Whether a state member, after paying state fees, had to be a CMPS member as well.
- If states do not include all members and CMPS membership stays level how will that impact finances?

### **Donations to Conferences - principals**

### **Donations to Conferences - actions**

### **Election Results**

Winners: Gary White President-Elect

Nancy Warren and Tanys Uhmman Board Members at Large

Motion by Bob Lanka to destroy ballots, seconded by Conrad Hillman, carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

#### **North Dakota Wildlife Conservation Model Document**

Due to concerns over commercialization of wildlife, North Dakota TWS drafted a letter to TWS to endorse the 7 principles outlined in the document. North Dakota Chapter will keep CMPS informed of progress of this document, CMPS members and their organizations are welcome to review the document and make comments to North Dakota or TWS. CMPS board will review and consider further action by CMPS.

#### **Bylaws Review**

Copies of the proposed changes were distributed. Board will meet to discuss these changes, comments should be addressed to the Board by Sept. 30, 2005. After initial review board will decide which changes to pursue.

Discussion held concerning whether the Secretary/Treasurer, as an appointed board member rather than elected, should be a voting member of the board.

Article VI was also discussed regarding minimum number of people needed for a quorum at an annual meeting. Board is going to discuss this and other bylaw changes further before advancing proposed changes to the membership for a vote.

Bylaws call for a quarterly newsletter, with electronic letters this should be easier. Getting articles and stories submitted from the field is key to getting 4 issues per year.

#### **TWS Honorary Membership and Special Recognition Service Awards Committee — volunteer needed**

Request for nominations went in newsletter, 2 nominations received. Tom Ryder suggested that for future awards nominations be collected further in advance so winners can be asked to attend annual meeting. Bob Lanka moved to postpone awards until next year due to lack of nominations, seconded by Don. Motion carried by voice vote, Terry Messmer being the lone nay vote.

### **Operations Manual**

### **Student Chapters**

**Dues Report- fax or mail by 8/12/05**

## **Annual Meeting Dates 2006 Meeting**

Wyoming offered to host next annual CMPS meeting the last week in August, 2006. Possibly August 29-31. Motion to conduct 2006 meeting in Laramie by Tom Ryder, Gary White seconded, approved by voice vote.

**Faculty Advisors for Student Chapters** - get list

## **Other Business**

Motion to adjourn by Larry Bidlake, seconded by Mike McFadden, meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.

## **2006**

August 29-31: **51st CMPS Annual Section Meeting**. University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming

*Section Representative:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*President:* Steve Riley, Nebraska

*Vice-President:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Alicia Harden, Nebraska

*President-Elect:* Gary White, Colorado

*Newsletter Editor:* Matt Steffl, Nebraska

*Past President:* vacant

*Board Members:* Art Smith, South Dakota; Nancy Warren, Colorado; Brandon Houck, Kansas; Tanys Uhmman, Manitoba

*Program:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Arrangements:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Dues:* \$1.00

## **President's Report**

Great Plains Natural Science Society introduction-Tom Sklebar-looking for proposals- Introductions-head table (Bandon Hauk, Gary White, Steve Riley, Jarren Kuipers-filling in for Matt Steffl Art Smith, Nancy Lauren, and Bob Lanka) Michael and Bob-TWS Council – words of encouragement Tom Ryder-membership ideas are encouraging, attendance is up for meetings Steve Riley – accomplishments: modernizing bylaws, dues structure changes to add membership along with e-newsletter to save cost – providing more connection with state chapters, we added three new student chapters, all in NE (Wayne State, Chadron, and UNL) Continuing Needs: several committees still to be filled, web site may need to be moved to the national TWS website, some refining with the travel grant system needed

## **Treasurer's Report**

Steve filling in for Alicia Hardin: Report will be upcoming-several thousand in the bank with some expenses forthcoming for the meeting

Bob Lanka: We will need a membership tally and expenditures through last August 1st in order to approve the new business

Membership-up significantly from last year but unknown due to some chapters not reporting.

## **Audit Committee**

Steve: Brandon will work with Alicia to pull the Audit committee notes together

## **Awards Committee-Bob Lanka**

- Professional – John Cooper
- Citizen- to be presented at the banquet

Art Smith- multiple nominations were received for both awards which is encouraging  
Steve-we are largely drawing nomination from our state chapters although some are nominated by other means

#### **Nomination and Election Committee**

Gary White-make sure to vote during the upcoming break

**Publicity Committee**-Steve-inactive

**Resolution and Statements Committee**-Steve-inactive

Steve- any other reporting?, none mentioned. Move to accept the new business report (Bob Wood, Kansas)Frances Pusateri seconds Tom Ryder – suggests that expenditures for the meeting be included?

Steve leads vote to accept and all move to accept

#### **Old Business**

##### **Student Travel Grants**

Nine applications were received from several different universities. The decision was made to approve the five undergraduates for \$300 each and to forego the graduate students. The logic, which has been discussed in the past, is that graduate students normally have financial support and that the impact would be greater for undergraduates. By chance, all five undergraduates were from CSU.

Steve – we need to open these topics up for discussion: graduate vs. undergraduate issues, some venues are much more expensive than others, suggestion from the board to limit the grants to undergrads, potentially use the funds to get people to the regional meetings instead unless the national is within the region. Gary White-the students were able to still make the Alaska trip work by being creative - this was an issue in CO a few years back - undergrads need the money more because the undergrads have fewer financial opportunities to go - the national meetings have started offering more for undergrads - increasing the likelihood of professional involvement. Noe Marymore- reinforced Gary White as someone who has received funds in the past, national should be the priority. Terry Messmer-we may need to reevaluate the criteria for selection if grads will be excluded, student chapter involvement, etc, Gerry Kobriger-the national meetings will not often be in the region - national meetings on the edges of the region might still be evaluated. Bob Lanka- what is the return to the CMPS? Noe Marymore-there are results for sending students to nationals because it influenced her to be involved. Terry Messmer-CMPS is represented at these events, which is important Art Smith- several questions are being discussed: grad vs. undergrad, change the amount offered, competitive grants vs. ask and receive. Terry Messmer-there are some issues but the boards line of thought is the right direction to go. Art Smith-what would tie in better with CMPS? Glen Sargeant – it is important to include nationals, and down the road those are the people that will be involved in the regions as well. Gary White - do the student understand CMPS? They know about it through student conclave and quiz bowl. We have a weaker section meeting, there is still have some comprehension but it is not strong. Eric Odell-support of the dues structure changes. In CO the state members are automatically involved in the regional which gives some visibility to CMPS. Steve- this is a board decision so we will probably not be voted on this today but the comments will be given consideration. Bob Lanka – I hope the new board continues to try and get students as involved, it is money well spent, Elmer Finck - make sure the criteria are well spelled out. Steve-I agree, so the student understand and so the board can avoid continual discussions.

Steve- The recipients were Evan Phillips, Emily Burke, Jacey Roche, Kris Middledorf, Adam Phillips. Steve- any other comments, none, take a break to tally votes.

### **Bylaws Results**

Steve – recognize the past president – Steve offers a award/plaque to past president Terry Messmer

### **Election Results:**

Bandon Houck:

- VP Paul Coughin – unable to attend due to other meetings
- Board Member - Brad Simpson-board
- Board Member - Art Smith-board

Steve motion to destroy the ballot- carried, recognize Bob Lanka for service on the board  
Gary takes over as new president – Gary presents Steve Riley with plaque for service as president

Gary White- New Appointments: Francie Pusateri is the new Secretary/Treasurer, Newsletter Editor-Lyn Stevens ([stevenslyn@msn.com](mailto:stevenslyn@msn.com))

Steve – issue with a board member that is MIA, no real rules in the bylaws to handle this, Gary White will then award the next in line; Dave Freddy to replace

### **New Business**

### **Review Student Travel Grant Efforts**

### **Student Chapters**

### **Annual Meeting Dates**

Mark Sexson presentation on CMPS 2007 in Garden City KS, Aug. 6-9

### **Other Business**

### **Audit**

### **Motion to adjourn**

Gary White – motion carries

## **2007**

August 6-9: **52nd CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Fynnup Center, Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, Kansas

*Section Representative:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*President:* Gary White, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Paul Coughlin, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Frances Pusateri, Colorado

*President-Elect:* Vacant

*Newsletter Editor:* Lyn Stevens, Colorado

*Past President:* Steve Riley, Nebraska

*Board Members:* Art Smith, South Dakota; Nancy Warren, Colorado; Brad Simpson, Kansas; Dave Freddy, Colorado

*Program:* Mark Sexson, Kansas

*Arrangements:* Mark Sexson, Kathy Sexson, and Elmer Finck, Kansas

*Dues:* \$1.00

**CMPS Business Meeting -- 8/6/07**

**Board Members Present:**

Gary White, President and Art Smith and Brad Simpson Board Member at Large

Also present were Francie Pusateri, Secretary/Treasurer and Lyn Stevens, Newsletter Editor

Introductions were made by Gary White

- John Organ, President TWS
- Mark and Kathy Sexson – Coordinated Meeting

**Old Business****Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed and reviewed by the membership. Several errors in the spelling of people's names were noted and corrected. Jim Hays motion to accept the minutes with the suggested corrections, Kent Monte 2nd motion; *Motion Passed*

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. Currently, the section has \$7973.95 in the bank. Helen Hands motioned to approve treasurer's report as presented, Larry Bidlake 2nd motion; *Motion Passed*

**Audit Committee Report:**

Gary White distributed the Audit Committee Report prepared by Nancy Warren. There were some issues in transferring the treasures account from the Nebraska treasurer to Colorado. All funds were accounted for.

**2006 Travel Grant Requests:**

One \$500 travel grant request received. Typically allocate \$1500. Currently have \$1000 left. Should deadline be extended since money allocated was not expended? Need to encourage students to participate. Current deadline in the middle of the summer is outside the school year which makes it difficult for students to keep track of. It was suggested that date be extended to Sept 1. Len McDaniel made motion to extend deadline to Sept 1, Jim Hays 2nd. *Motion Passed*. Gary White will notify student chapters within the section of travel grant opportunities.

**Other Announcements:**

CMPS dues will appear on TWS renewal notices and membership applications as \$1 Income from 2006 Annual Meeting: Net \$3476.16

**New Business****TWS Technology Fund Request**

\$500 donated in Jan 07, See memo from John McDonald, NE Section President. CMPS has had 3 different requests for funds from TWS this year. The executive board voted 1st to donate \$500 to TWS Tech Fund. The executive board voted to not make a donation to the TWS Annual meeting because of the \$1500 bequest for student travel.

There was also a request to fund foreign students to attend TWS Annual meeting. This was also denied because of the \$1500 bequest. Currently have a 2nd request for funds to support the TWS Tech Fund. TWS is making progress in improving the TWS web site. There is a question from NW Section asking why they continue to request funding. John Organ mentioned that in past years they have had several campaigns, this year they are asking for information technology improvements. Prior to the Annual meeting, they will be posting a new web site that will allow members, chapters, and sections to keep current on memberships, on line registrations, etc. The funding requested will help build the information technology infrastructure support the membership. They are making a lot of progress and the new web site

should be orders of magnitude better within a month. The goal is to make the website “the” place for professional Wildlifer’s to go for information. Art asked if the web site could support registrations for section/chapter meetings. John was unsure if this functionality would be available. He will check and let us know. Frequently, chapters are paying a private company to handle the on line registrations. It would be great to make these payments to national. Gary White – Another important function would be electronic balloting. Randy Rogers made a motion to donate \$1000 to the TWS Tech fund. Art Smith 2nd the motion, he feels TWS really needs the funds to support this project. SD chapter donated funds to the project. KS voted earlier today to donate \$500. While we have the money, this would be a good project to support. It is a little frustrating because results have been slow, but it is moving along now and progress has been made. *Motion Passed*

#### **Bylaw Changes:**

Bylaw change (30 days notice via newsletter – proposed changes in next newsletter, and request email ballot) Need to change the bylaws to move Canadian chapters out of CMPS.

#### **Other New Business:**

Gary White put forth the idea to require the Executive Board to review the website and make recommendations regarding changes/updates that need to be made. Tom Ryder has done a good job keeping the history up to date, but we need to work on this too. Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for BTPD Mgt on the Nebraska National Forest and Associated Units Question: Should CMPS endorse TWS statement? SD Management Plan on Ogallala NF. TWS has written a statement regarding the DEIS. Is there any discussion from the floor regarding the position statement? Art Smith – PD management in SD is job security for Art. It is a deep rooted problem and will be there long into the future. What TWS is proposing is science based and logical. PD management is very political and economic based. He has 2 comments. On page 7 paragraph 2 regarding commercial application at \$70 per acre. This number is high, typically more like \$25. On Page 8: pushing incentives, but in reality, current incentives \$10/acre to encourage landowners to not using toxicants are not being taking advantage of funding available. Within Conata Basin BFF area, \$22.20 per acre incentive to not poison not being utilized. It is likely that the DEIS will be appealed by both sides. It is dismaying as a biologist to see the reasoning behind the DEIS. It was set up to be completed in one year and the politics go all the way to the White House. As TWS we need to stand for science based decisions. This is important for us as an organization that represents wildlife professionals. Currently, in SD GPS current acreage, at end of the season, they compare the size, increased or decreased and base payment on expansion. SD doing annual contracts. USFWS doing 3 – 5 year contracts. Gary White – this area is crucial to BFF recovery. The politics of the area should not be the sole decision maker regarding DEIS. Took a quick break to finish voting. Vote will be counted during Rick Baydack presentation.

#### **2008 CMPS Annual Meeting in Manitoba**

Manitoba now in the Canadian Section as of May 1st. The new section includes the 10 Canadian chapters and the territories. Last year it was discussed that Manitoba was next in the rotation for the CMPS section meeting. The current proposal, it to combine the CMPS meeting with the 1st. Canadian chapter meeting. Currently proposing Gimli, Manitoba Aug 14 – 17th. Gimli is an hours drive north of Winnipeg on Lake Winnipeg. The facility is at the Lakeview Resort. The lake has a traditional commercial fishing industry. Field trip would involve, Manitoba’s Interlake

area, big game management – white-tailed deer, sharp-tailed grouse and garter snake management. Other attractions: beaches, walleye and channel catfishing, golf courses, oak hammock marsh, excursion on lake on research vessel. Need to remember that you now need a passport to return to US. It takes about 2 days to drive up there. Gerry Kobriger motioned to have the meeting in Manitoba next year. Tom Swan 2nd motion. *Motion passed*. When you are bringing auction items, declare them as gifts for colleges.

**Election Results:**

- President Elect – Bob Lanka
- Board Member at Large – Nicki Frey and Glen Sargeant

Don Kaufman made a motion to destroy the ballots. Jim Hays 2nd. *Motion passed*

Mark Sexson passed out map to BBQ. Beer will be cold. Welcome to Garden City. Thanks for bringing the heat with you. It has been 70 degrees up to this week. If you are interested in a hat or t-shirt, let Mark know. There is a flashlight in your packet, bring it to the lamb BBQ on Wed night along with your chair.

Jim Hays made a motion to adjourn, Lyn Stevens 2nd. *Motion approved*.

**2008**

August 14-17: **53rd CMPS Annual Section Meeting**. Lakeview Resort, Gimli, Manitoba

*Section Representative:* Tom Ryder, Wyoming

*President:* Gary White, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Paul Coughlin, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Frances Pusateri, Colorado

*President-Elect:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Newsletter Editor:* Lyn Stevens, Colorado

*Past President:*

*Board Members:* Art Smith, South Dakota; Nicki Frey, Utah; Brad Simpson, Kansas; Glenn Sargaent, North Dakota

*Program:* Merlin Shoesmith and Karla Guyn, Manitoba; Evelyn Merrill and Anne Hubbs, Alberta

*Arrangements:* Dox Sexton and Derek Kroeker, Manitoba

*Dues:* \$1.00

**CMPS Business Meeting -- 8/14/08**

**Board Members Present:**

Gary White, President; Bob Lanka, President-Elect; and Art Smith and Glenn Sargaent Board Member at Large

Meeting called to order at 3:43 PM by President Gary White.

Gary introduced members of the board present—Bob Lanka, Art Smith, Glen Sargeant. It was determined that a quorum was not present as only 4 members of the Executive Board were present.

**Old Business**

2007 Annual Meeting Minutes

Gary asked if any corrections or additions to be made to the 2007 meeting minutes. Without a quorum, no approval could be voted on, but no one had additions.

### **Board Activities in the Past Year**

CMPS changed bylaws last year to accommodate the loss of the Canadian Province Chapters. Executive Board commented on the Bison issue.

CMPS was skeptical of the realities of the issue and reported such to TWS CEO Michael Hutchins. Oil and Gas Development Position Statement received CMPS input. In addition the ND and SD Chapters provided inputs into a wind energy development proposal.

Rollie Sparrowe was named as a TWS fellow from the CMPS Section. Thanks to Len Carpenter for preparing this nomination.

### **Finances**

\$1,000 was given to the Canadian Section to initiate the new section and for start-up fees for their first meeting. It has not been decided how to split costs and or returns from this meeting. No guidance is included in the bylaws. CMPS position is that all bills from the meeting would be paid first then profits split equally among CMPS, Canadian Section and Manitoba Chapter.

CMPS gave \$1000 to TWS technology fund in September, 2007

CMPS gave \$375 to each of 3 undergraduate students (Jason Tarwater – Kansas State University, Tom Prebyl – Kansas State University, and Matt Seymour – University of Wyoming) to travel to TWS Annual Meeting in Tucson.

### **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Report—\$7,993.51 as of 7/14/2008. Francie Pusateri (Treasurer) could not attend this meeting.

Francie has agreed to stay on as secretary treasurer until the books from this meeting are closed.

### **Audit Committee**

Audit Committee—Nicki Frey of Utah and Bob Lanka served as the audit committee

Bob reviewed the books for the period 01/16/2007 – 07/14/2008 and found no errors and that the books were in good order.

Official Audit Committee report from Nicki is still to come.

### **2008 Student Travel Grants to National Meeting**

2008 travel grants deadline was moved to October 1. This year the deadline is later because the annual meeting in Miami is in November this year.

### **Website**

Jerry Kobriger mentioned having problems of getting information on this meeting online at the CMPS website. Gary pointed out that the link to the Canadian Section shown on the CMPS website should have worked. Gary called up the webpage and a brief discussion followed about the CMPS site.

Gary extended thanks to Bruce Gill for photos on the CMPS website. Gary thanked Board members, Lynn Stevens, and Francie Pusateri for their help.

### **Election Results**

Election Ballots were passed out, new votes received. Election was deemed closed.

Art Smith, nominations chair summarized results and reported:

Board members at large winners—Francie Pusateri and Bob Culbertson

Vice President elect—Jon Jenks

## **Awards Committee**

Len Carpenter, CO – Professional of the Year

Jim and Peggy Price of Miles Land and Livestock Company, WY – Citizens of the Year

## **New Business**

Gary White turned over the meeting to Bob Lanka. Bob presented Gary a plaque from the section in appreciation for his service.

Bob extended a thank you for the opportunity to serve as President. It has been a long-term goal to reach this point in his career.

## **Newsletter Editor**

Meg Ewald is the new newsletter editor

Plans for new formats to make easier for electronic users and more colorful for all.

Bob informed that the new editor has suggested that the newsletter should have a name to develop more identity. Art Smith was not sure members will care too much about the name.

Art suggested that perhaps the editor could suggest a name. The group did not feel too strong that a name was needed.

Glen Sargeant asked if it was feasible to ask individual members to write a specific piece for each newsletter. Bob did not want to have to specifically solicit articles for each newsletter. Bob will ask each chapter to provide 1 important item each time.

Gary pointed out the problem of incorrect emails for Chapter contacts with CMPS. This makes the job of a newsletter editor more difficult. Bob said it should not be the job of the newsletter editor to keep the email list for state chapter members updated. Bob suggested that it would be simpler and easier if the newsletter announcement and link was sent to each Chapter President and Newsletter Editor and then ask them to forward to their members. That way each chapter would be responsible for the distribution as their email lists should be more accurate. Gary pointed out that Lyn Stevens tried to get the most updated lists each mailing. Gary suggested that the contact person might not forward the file, then what? Already many state chapter members report they are not receiving newsletters, when in fact they are receiving them but are inappropriately deleting them. May be more likely to look at the e-mail if it comes from their State Chapter Secretary/Treasurer.

Proposed newsletter deadlines:

November 2008 Newsletter - October 1, 2008

March 2009 Newsletter - February 1, 2009

June 2009 Newsletter - May 1, 2009

November 2009 Newsletter - October 1, 2009

June 2009 may be altered somewhat in order to get as much of the 2009 CMPS meeting information included as possible.

Gary advised still about 5 members want newsletter hard copy (Dues \$5).

## **Secretary/Treasurer**

Secretary/Treasurer still vacant. Bob has asked 5 people with no takers to date.

## **New CMPS Logo**

New Logo was projected and discussed now that the Canadian Provinces are no longer in the Section. Cherrie Nolden (Kansas) designed the new logo. There were two versions, with only small differences in them. One has 2 lines of state names versus only 1 line in the other. Jerry asked if it would be more appropriate if the duck were a grouse. Issue of the comma after the

word Nebraska. Would dashes or extra spaces be better?

Group liked using 2 lines of states. Gary will ask Cherrie about changing the commas to spaces and dots.

### **CMPS 2009 will meet in Colorado.**

CO has asked Gary what the theme should be. Gary asked the group for any ideas. It will be part of the CO summer meeting. Gary mentioned issue of mountain bark beetles. Invasive species was mentioned along with over abundant species and their management as potential topics. Human population and urbanization impacts were also mentioned.

Format of meeting was discussed.

Concern with a field trip in the middle of the meeting as opposed to the beginning or end.

People need to be able to opt out if needed for time constraints and also to enhance chances of approval for travel support. Concern about the length of the entire meeting with travel was the issue. Some concern that a field trip may be considered not worthy of a whole day by all attendees.

The business meeting should not be set off from the technical sessions by a field trip day if possible.

If possible meeting should be scheduled so that travel and meeting can take place during normal workweek.

2010 CMPS meeting scheduled for South Dakota. 2011 for Nebraska for 2011.

Art Smith reported he saw no problem with 2010 in SD.

### **State Payment of CMPS Dues for their Members**

Contact dates with chapters regarding CMPS dues were discussed. How often should this be done was an issue. The issue of life members and dues was also discussed. Apparently, each state is different in all aspects of due payments and collections. Many are not paying section dues. Bob will continue working on this age-old problem. Hoped for outcome. Dues collected twice a year, January 1 and July 1.

State Chapters would relay accurate membership numbers to CMPS President and Secretary Treasurer but individual states would maintain e-mail lists for newsletter and other communication purposes.

Members who want hard copy newsletter can still sign up through state chapter for \$5 or directly with section. Current mail addresses will be provided to the secretary treasurer.

### **Nominations Committee**

Bob asked Glen Sargeant to serve as Nominations Committee Chairman. Glen can choose two other members.

2 nominees for president-elect.

4 nominees for board members at large

Candidates along with biographical information due to Bob and Meg Ewald by May 1 2009.

### **Awards Committee, Professional and Citizen**

As new CMPS Vice President Jon Jenks will serve as Awards Committee Chair.

Nominees due to the board by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Earlier would be better if possible so board can vote on candidates and hopefully arrange with winners to attend 2009 Annual Meeting

Each chapter needs to help CMPS with the annual Section award nominations.

Bob plans on attending a meeting in each state during his term. He will travel to Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, and Nebraska during the Annual Section Meeting. He will try to make

Utah and North Dakota state chapter meetings, one in 2009 and one in 2010.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.**

Submitted by Len Carpenter

## **2009**

August 18-20: **54th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Lincoln Center, Fort Collins, Colorado

*Section Representative:* Gary C. White, Colorado

*President:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Vice-President:* Jon Jenks, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Terry Creekmore, Wyoming

*President-Elect:*

*Newsletter Editor:* Meg Ewald, Wyoming

*Past President:* Gary C. White, Colorado

*Board Members:* Nicki Frey, Utah; Bob Culbetson, Kansas; Glenn Sargaent, North Dakota; Francie Pusateri, Colorado

*Program:* Jerry Powell, Colorado

*Arrangements:* Noe Marymor and Michelle Cowardin, Colorado

*Dues:* \$1.00

### **CMPS Business Meeting -- 8/18/09**

Meeting called to order at 8:40 by President Bob Lanka

Attendance

- 20 Members initially present; subsequently peaked at 21. Attendance included 9 past presidents of CMPS (Wayne Sandford first CMPS President 1955, Harvey Miller 1959, Clait Braun 1978, Len Carpenter 1983-84, Jerry Kobriger 1987-88, Larry Bidlake 1989-90, Bob Wood 1995-96, Tom Ryder 1999-2000 and Gary White 2007-2008).
- 6 Executive Board Members Present: Bob Lanka (President), Gary White (Past President), Jon Jenks (Vice President), Nicki Frey (Board), Glen Sargeant (Board), Francie Pusateri (Board). Bob Culbertson (Board), Terry Creekmore (Secretary Treasurer) and Meg Ewald (Newsletter Editor) were unable to attend.
- It was determined that a quorum of the membership and the Board was present.

### **Old Business**

1. 53rd Annual Business Meeting Minutes approved

a. Moved Bob Wood, seconded Nicki Frey, carried by voice vote of board and membership.

2. Treasurer's report—Presented by President Bob Lanka on behalf of Secretary Treasurer Terry Creekmore who is away serving 2-weeks active duty in the Wyoming Air Guard.

a. Beginning Balance - \$7,947.51

b. Total Deposits - \$2,783.00

i. \$1,583 in membership dues, \$1,200 from 53rd Summer Conference auction

c. Total Debits - \$2,234.86

i. \$1,500 student travel grants, \$500 TWS Leadership Institute, \$71.80 Newsletter, \$30.56

Checking Account Administration, \$132.50 Awards

d. Ending Balance - \$8,495.65

e. Moved to accept the Treasurers Report by Glen Sargeant, seconded Nicki Frey, carried by voice vote of board and membership.

3. Audit committee—Report presented by Board Member Nicki Frey

a. Conducted August 14, 2009

b. This audit was conducted by Nicole Frey at the request of the Central Mountain Plains section of The Wildlife Society. It reports on activity conducted by this group for the time period encompassing July 1 2008 – June 30, 2009. I compared the activity in the CMPS checkbook, the CMPS Treasurer's Report and bank statements to determine any inconsistencies. FINDINGS: There was no irregular activity during the audited time period. The account began in July 1, 2008 with \$7993.51. As of June 13, 2009 the account contained \$8495.65. The balance in the CMPS treasurer's report matched the balance in the bank statement precisely. There were 8 withdrawals totaling \$2234.86. There were 12 deposits totaling \$2737.00. Again, the treasurer's report, the bank statements, and the checkbook matched precisely. At the time of last year's report, one check had not cleared. This check has still not cleared, and is therefore considered voided. I consider the audit of the Central Mountain Plains Section of The Wildlife Society completed with no issues to report.

i. Board Member Francie Pusateri, former CMPS Secretary Treasurer, advised the membership that the missing check was sent to a student for student travel who subsequently lost the check.

4. Awards committee—Report presented by Vice President Jon Jenks

a. 5 nominations for professional award

b. 2 for citizen's award

c. Award winners to be announced at the CMPS/CWS Banquet this evening.

i. Professional – Michael A. Johnson Game Management Section Leader North Dakota Game and Fish Department

ii. Citizen – Friends of Maga Ta-Hohpi, South Dakota

5. Membership committee—Report presented by President Bob Lanka on behalf of Secretary Treasurer Terry Creekmore

a. 1,121 members joined via paying state chapter dues from member states

b. 334 members joined by through the TWS renewal process

c. 1,455 members approximately because some may have joined through their state chapter as well as through TWS.

6. Nominations and Elections committee—Report presented by Board Member Glen Sargeant

a. Many good candidates for Board Member at Large positions but only one for President-Elect. Encourages people to serve TWS and the Section by getting involved.

7. Publicity Committee—Report presented by President Bob Lanka.

a. Website report presented by Past President Gary White; Tom Ryder complimented CMPS for quality of website in general; Clait Braun complimented the CMPS for preservation of history in website archive.

b. Michelle Cowardin presented the Board with transactions from several past CMPS summer conferences. Braun noted that Colorado Division of Wildlife Research Library holdings include a nearly complete set of CMPS meeting transactions.

i. Discussion followed. Pusateri will check with CDOW library for past transactions some of which may have been lost when office flooded.

- ii. May consider looking at having transactions scanned and captured in Section History portion of the CMPS web page.
- c. Newsletter report presented by President Bob Lanka
  - i. Board expressed appreciation to Meg Ewald for sharing her time and considerable talents with newsletter layout and production.
- 8. Resolutions and Statements Committee—Report presented by President Bob Lanka.
  - a. 1/14/09 Board signs on letter to Energy Czar Carl Browner on wildlife and climate change
  - b. 2/2/09 Board provided comments on TWS position statement “Use of lead in ammunition and fishing tackle.” Letter drafted by Vice President Jon Jenks and Board Member Bob Culbertson
  - c. 8/1/09 Board signs on letter to U.S. Senate on climate change
  - d. 8/17/09 Board sends letter to EPA asking that they rescind new registrations of Rozol for use in prairie dog control and not register Kaput.
- 9. Proposed bylaws changes—Presented and discussed by President Bob Lanka.
  - a. Hard copies of the bylaws with proposed changes shown were made available to the membership
  - b. Regarding treatment of mission statement and strategic plan referenced in bylaws, President Lanka emphasized the need to keep this document alive via periodic review and the need for the President-Elect of CMPS to work closely with state chapter presidents, the board and the membership so the plan reflects current state interests that are of regional significance. Ensuring that the section serves the regional needs of the member states will be critical to the success of this effort to make the section more relevant to the state chapters, the membership and TWS.
  - c. Clait Braun suggested that Board consider possibly of bonding those with access to CMPS funds; provides protection against misappropriation of funds. Only members with current access to CMPS funds are the Secretary Treasurer and Section President.
  - d. Bylaws changes had been announced in the in the Summer Newsletter and on the CMPS web page. Some members had voted prior to the meeting. Those attending the meeting were advised that ballots were available and voting would close after the break at the end of old business.
- 10. Proposed Dues Change—Presented and discussed by President Lanka
  - a. Currently two-tiered dues structure, \$1 for members that take the newsletter electronically and \$5 for those that want a paper copy sent via the USPS.
  - b. Proposal is for all dues to be \$1
    - i. Section cannot offer two-tiered dues through the TWS renewal process
    - ii. Impossible to get state chapters to track and then send \$5 for members who want a paper copy
    - iii. Very few individuals requesting a paper copy.
    - iv. Costs of printing and postage for sending paper newsletters exceed both \$1 and \$5 dues level since we do not have adequate mailings for bulk postage rate, so need to send at a flat rate.
    - v. This proposal linked to bylaw change to an electronic newsletter.
    - vi. Based on membership discussion paper copies will be made available for existing members and past presidents who do not have e-mail; otherwise CMPS membership will be notified by e-

mail that the newsletter is posted on the CMPS web site.

c. Dues changes had been announced in the Summer Newsletter and on the CMPS web page. Some members had voted prior to the meeting. Those attending the meeting were advised that ballots were available and voting would close after the break at the end of old business.

#### 11. CMPS Strategic Plan—Overview presented by President Bob Lanka

a. During the past year the Board developed the following mission statement

The mission of the Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society (TWS) is to:

1. Provide a forum to share regional science and policy issues with CMPS members
2. Serve as a voice for science in regional policy
3. Serve as a regional voice for science in national and international policy
4. Serve as a liaison between TWS and State and Student Chapters and vice-versa.
5. Encourage the next generation of wildlife professionals to become active members and leaders in TWS

b. The board also developed a strategic plan to implement the mission statement in order to better focus their activities on issues important to the section.

c. A copy was handed out to all members in attendance. These documents were also provided to membership as part of the Spring newsletter and have been available on the CMPS web page since January 2009.

d. In order to ensure this document remains timely, a change in the duties of the President-Elect was proposed in the bylaws directing the President-Elect to review the CMPS Mission and Strategic plan and recommend changes to the Board at the Business Meeting following their election.

#### 12. 2008 Student Travel grants—Presented by President Bob Lanka.

a. CMPS grants for undergraduate travel to TWS conference; we helped 15 students (6 from KSU, 5 from WY and 4 from CSU) get to Miami

b. Deadline is August 31 for receipt of applications for 2009 travel grants (Monterey meeting of TWS).

#### 13. 2008/2009 Board Report—Presented by President Bob Lanka

a. A list of board activities covering the period since the 2008 meeting was presented to the membership.

#### 14. Other Old Business

a. Wyoming Chapter Report—Offered by Steve Belinda, President of Wyoming Chapter. Reported on chapter objectives, action plan, activities.

b. Colorado Chapter Report—Offered by Jerry Powell, President of CO Chapter. CSU and Western State College in Gunnison (new chapter). Trying to get new students active. Having a hard time getting student applications for awards, even though there is money available for some of these awards. How do we bridge that gap? Strategic plan created to address student enrollment and activity. How do we facilitate TWS certification process? Trying to assist in application costs in a lottery fashion for CO applicants. Also attempting to provide travel assistance also in a lottery fashion for those that apply for aid.

## **New Business**

1. Proposed 2009-2010 CMPS Budget—Presented by President Bob Lanka
  - a. There has not been a budget for the section in the past. Presented a rough budget to the group.
    - i. Beginning Balance—\$8,495.65
    - ii. Projected Income—\$2,500
      1. \$1000 from the 2009 summer conference auction
      2. \$1500 from membership dues.
    - iii. Projected Expenditures—\$4,000
      1. Student Travel \$2,000 up from \$1,500 over past several years
      2. Board Discretionary \$1,000
        - a. To pay for board member travel to fulfill needs of strategic plan
        - b. TWS initiatives
        - c. Other unforeseen items
      3. Awards \$650
      4. Newsletter \$50
      5. Presidents Discretionary \$300
    - iv. Ending Balance—\$6,995.65
    - v. Budget if passed would begin at the end of the business meeting.
    - vi. Len Carpenter endorsed the budget as a general guideline for operations during the coming business year; Tom Ryder seconded; carried by voice vote of the board and membership.
  2. 55th Annual Summer Conference in 2010—Presented by Vice President Jon Jenks
    - a. 55th Annual Summer Conference and Business Meeting will be held at Cedar Shores Resort on Missouri River near Chamberlain, South Dakota, 17-19 August, 2010.
    - b. 2011 meeting scheduled for Nebraska.
    - c. 2012 meeting scheduled for Utah.
  3. Committee Assignments for 2009-10
    - a. Audit – Francie Pusateri
    - b. Awards – Jon Jenks
    - c. Membership – Terry Creekmore
    - d. Nominations and Elections – Bob Culbertson
    - e. Publicity – Meg Ewald and web master
    - f. Resolutions and Statements – Entire Board and members as needed
  4. Newsletter Due Dates
    - a. Fall/Winter 2009 – September 15
    - b. Spring 2010 – January 15
    - c. Summer 2010 – May 15
    - d. Lanka expressed appreciation to State and Student chapters for the information they provided for newsletters over the past year and asked for submission of news and events and pictures for the upcoming year.
  5. Other New Business
    - a. Great Plains Natural Science Society
      - i. Jerry Kobriger introduced the society and announced availability of funding for workshops and symposia.

- ii. Clait Braun encouraged use of The Prairie Naturalist as an outlet for research results
  - b. Biennial Pronghorn Workshop (Tom Ryder)
    - i. 2010 meeting will be held in Laramie, 18-21 May
    - ii. Meeting organizers will be requesting CMPS sponsor a break at the meeting for \$200
  - 6. Election Results
    - a. President-Elect—Nicki Frey
    - b. Board members at large
      - i. Aaron Pearse, North Dakota
      - ii. Bill Vodehnal, Nebraska
    - c. Amendments to Bylaws—Passed unanimously
    - d. New dues structure—Passed unanimously
    - e. Motion to accept the election results and destroy ballots—Gary White seconded by Francie Pusateri and carried by voice vote of the board and membership
  - 7. Motion to Adjourn
    - a. Jon Jenks seconded by Tom Ryder and carried by voice vote of the board and membership.
    - b. Meeting adjourned at 11:45
- Respectfully submitted by Glen Sargeant

## **2010**

August 17-19: **55th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma, South Dakota  
*Section Representative:* Gary C. White, Colorado

*President:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Vice-President:* Jon Jenks, South Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Terry Creekmore, Wyoming

*President-Elect:* Nicki Frey, Utah

*Newsletter Editor:* Meg Ewald, Wyoming

*Past President:*

*Board Members:* Bob Culbetson, Kansas; Glenn Sargaent, North Dakota; Aaron Pearse, North Dakota; William L. Vodehnal, Nebraska

*Program:* Jon Jenks, South Dakota

*Arrangements:* Jon Jenks, South Dakota

*Dues:* \$1.00

### **CMPS Business Meeting -- 8/17/10**

Meeting called to order at 8:40 by President Bob Lanka

Attendance

- 17 members were present
- Seven Executive Board Members were present including: Bob Lanka (President), Nicki Frey (President-Elect), Terry Creekmore (Secretary Treasurer), Jon Jenks (Vice President), Bob Culbertson (Board), Bill Vodehnal (Board) and Aaron Pearse(Board).
- It was determined that a quorum of the membership and board was present.

### **Old Business**

1. 54th Annual Business Meeting Minutes approved
  - a. Moved Bob Wood, second Bob Culverson, carried by voice vote of board and membership.
2. Treasurer's Report – Presented by Terry Creekmore

a. Beginning Balance - \$8,495.65  
b. Total Deposits - \$3,110.38  
CMPS Dues - \$1,987.00  
Canadian Section Conference - \$1,123.38

c. Total Debits - \$2,830.96  
Student Travel Grants - \$2,000.00  
Newsletter mailing - \$189.16  
Awards engraving - \$127.20  
Pronghorn Workshop - \$ 200.00  
Proceedings scan - \$314.60

d. Certificate of Deposit - \$2,500.00  
e. Ending Balance - \$6,303.07

f. Moved to accept the Treasurer's Report by Kent Montei and seconded by Bill O?

3. Audit Committee – Reported by Bob Lanka. All activities including the bank statement and registry matched.

Nicki Frey moved to accept the audit report. Seconded by Jim Hays.

a. Audit Report

This audit was conducted by Francie Pusateri, CMPS Board Member at large, at the request of the Central Mountain Plains section of The Wildlife Society. It reports on activity conducted by this group for the time period July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010. I compared the activity in the CMPS checkbook, the CMPS Treasurer's Report and bank statements to determine any irregularities as well as reviewed the statements for the CMPS Certificate of Deposit.

b. Findings:

The only irregular activity during the audited time period was check #186 for \$24.40 that was not cashed.

The beginning balance in the checking account on July 1, 2009 was \$8,495.65. As of June 30, 2010 the balance in the checking account was \$6,303.07. In addition, on 8/24/09, \$2500 was transferred from the checking account to a Certificate of Deposit. The CD has earned \$10.13 interest during the fiscal year and its current worth as of 6/30/10 is \$2510.13. The balance in the CMPS checkbook register matched the balance in the bank statement precisely except for the check for \$24.40 that was not cashed. There were 9 withdrawals totaling \$5,330.96. This total includes the \$2500 that was transferred to the CD and was not an actual expense to the Section. There were 12 deposits totaling \$3110.38. The Treasurer's report, the bank statements, and the checkbook matched precisely with the exception of check #186 for \$24.40 which was not cashed.

4. Awards committee—Report presented by Vice President Jon Jenks

a. Professional Award Winner – Marsh Sovada

b. Citizen Award Winner – South Dakota Grasslands Coalition

5. Membership committee—Report presented by Secretary Treasurer Terry Creekmore

a. 1,031 members joined via paying state chapter dues from member states

b. 140 members joined by through the TWS renewal process

c. 1,171 members approximately because some may have joined through their state chapter as well as through TWS.

6. Nominations and Elections committee—Report presented by Board Member Bob Culbertson

a. Two candidates vied for the Vice-President position and there were five candidates for the two Board Member at-Large positions. 95% of the members that voted did so electronically.

7. Publicity Committee—Report presented by Bob Lanka for Meg Ewald

a. The Board expressed its sincere appreciation to Meg Ewald for her exceptional work on the newsletter.

b. Website access issues were discussed. It was noted that many members from UT may not be getting the newsletter forwarded to them. A Facebook option was presented by Teresa Zimmerman

c. Website report presented by Past President Gary White

i. Tom Ryder complimented CMPS for quality of website in general.

8. CMPS Section Rep Reports and TWS Activities – Gary White

a. Gary White presented a summary of his activities as CMPS Section Representative and pertinent TWS activities.

9. Other Old Business

Outgoing CMPS President Bob Lanka turned the gavel over to incoming President Nicki Frey.

**New Business**

1. CMPS Strategic Plan, Review/Revision – Nicki Frey

a. Jerry Kolbriger, Jane Austin, and Matt Peek reviewed the Strategic Plan

b. CMPS will serve as a voice for science for issues such as wind energy, the Farm Bill and Prairie Pothole issues.

c. The Strategic Plan is a living document. Issues come and go. A discussion regarding adding water to the plan as an issue ended with Nicki Frey offering to rewrite the water issue for review.

2. TWS Unified Membership Database/Western Section Analysis – Gary White

a. Only 50% of state members are members of the parent organization.

b. TWS hopes to link the state membership database with the national database. The Western section was the first test of this concept.

3. 2010/2011 Budget, Review – Bob Lanka

a. Ending balance was \$6303.07 plus \$2500.00 in a Certificate of Deposit.

b. Gary White suggested raising the Student Travel grants from \$1500.00 per year to \$2000.00. There was a discussion about obtaining a Wyoming Commissioner's tag with the proceeds to benefit the CMPS Student Travel Fund. If obtained, this tag could generate as much as \$8000.00 for the CMPS. The membership and board agreed to increase the Student Travel grant budget to \$2000 or \$2500/year as funds allow.

c. There are currently 12 student chapters within the CMPS.

4. 2011 Annual Meeting Nebraska - Bill Vodehnal

a. The 2011 meeting will be held in Gering NE at the Gering Civic Center August 23rd through Aug 25th.

b. The theme of the meeting will be – Ungulate Populations and Habitat Management.

5. Future Annual Meetings

a. 2012 – Utah

b. 2013 – North Dakota which is the year of their 50th Anniversary as a TWS State Chapter – Aaron Pearse volunteered to coordinate efforts in ND.

c. 2014 – Wyoming

6. Committee Chairs 2010/2011 – Nicki Frey
    - a. Audit – Betsy Bancroft
    - b. Awards – Vice President Glen Sargeant
    - c. Nominations and Elections – volunteer needed
    - d. Publicity
    - i. Newsletter Editor – Rae Ann Hart
    - ii. Webmaster – Dr. Gary White
  - e. Resolutions and Statements Committee – Board
  - f. Secretary/Treasurer - Lisa Church
  7. Newsletter Due Dates 2010/2011
    - a. Summer 2011 – May 1
    - b. Fall/Winter 2011 – December 1
    - c. Spring 2012 – February 15
    - d. Summer 2011 – May 1
  8. Wind Sighting Issues in the Central Prairies – Jim Hays TNC
  9. Prairie Dog/Black-footed Ferret Management Smoky Valley Ranch – Jim Hays TNC
  10. Election Results
    - a. Vice President – Glen Sargeant
    - b. Board Members at Large Teresa Zimmerman, Michelle Cowardin
    - c. Motion to accept results and destroy ballots – Moved Elmer Finck, seconded Bob Wood
- Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Terry Creekmore

## **2011**

August 23-25: **56th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Gering Civic Center, Gering, Nebraska

*Section Representative:* Gary C. White, Colorado

*President:* Nicole Frey, Utah

*Vice-President:* Glen Sargeant, North Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Lisa Church, Utah

*President-Elect:*

*Newsletter Editor:* Rae Ann Hart, Utah

*Past President:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*Board Members:* Michelle Cowardin, Colorado; Teresa Zimmerman, Nebraska; Aaron Pearse, North Dakota; William L. Vodehnal, Nebraska

*Program:* Teresa Zimmerman, Nebraska

*Arrangements:* Emily Munter, Nebraska

*Dues:* \$1.00

### **CMPS Business Meeting -- 8/23/11**

- Introduction of CMPS Executive Board
- Introduction of TWS Representatives – Gary White, Section Rep to TWS Council
- Attendance: 24 members were present.

5 executive Board Members were present including: Nicki Frey (President), Bob Lanka (past-president), Michelle Cowardin (at-large), Bill Vodehnal (at-large), Teresa Zimmerman (at-large)  
It was determined that a quorum of the membership and board were present.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. 2010 CMPS Business Meeting Minutes, Review/Approval – Nicki Frey presented – Motion to approve by Michelle Cowardin, seconded by Bailey Heaton, approved by all
2. Treasurers Report, Review/Approval by Membership – prepared by Lisa Church presented by Nicki Frey –
  - a. As of 8/11/11 - Beginning Balance \$8814.88(includes \$2500 CD), Ending Balance \$10,306.97 (includes \$2500 CD). Total deposits \$3161.99, Total Debits \$1669.90. Motioned by Bob Wood, seconded by Cory Huxoll, approved by all
  - b. Discussion about reinvesting CD, suggestions to invest in a longer time period, 0.4% interest currently on a 5 year CD, suggestion to buy U.S. treasurer bonds with better interest and can be withdrawn after 3 months, concerns to be tying up the ‘emergency’ money in a 5 year CD that is not really available as needed without penalties, suggestion to open up another savings account for availability and transfer funds, by-laws have the specific amount identified the amount may have been identified to make sure the Section never had a zero balance.
  - c. Gary motions that the money be put into an iShare U.S Treasury bond for 5 years if organizations can purchase, Motion altered to say that this option is investigated and followed if feasible and possible for organizations, Mel Nenneman seconded, approved by all.
3. Audit Committee Report, Review – prepared by Chel Curtis presented by Nicki Frey – 10 transactions conducted during period, balances checked out, 2 checks that were issued but not recorded, one was a student travel award that was not cashed and returned (\$500), the other check is still being investigated and is unaccounted for (Check #1188). If check is not located or determined than the check will be canceled. Is continuing to be investigated. Motion to approve by Bill Vodehnal to approve the Audit Report with notice that there is a missing check but balance is correct, seconded by Jim Hays, approved by all.
  - a. Nicki will notify membership as soon as missing check is resolved.
  - b. Bob remembers giving a check to the treasurer for mailing costs and doesn’t know if it was cashed.
4. Mission Statement/Strategic Plan update –Nicki Frey- edits and changes were brought to membership in 2010 business meeting, edits and changes have been made and posted to the website. Winter 2011-2012 another Strategic Plan and Mission Statement review will occur. The Document is a living document to change and grow with the Section.
5. Awards Committee Report – Glen Sargeant – no report was received by Glen before the start of the meeting. Citizens Award – 4 nominations, Professional Award – 3 nominations.
  - a. May want to revise by-laws that specify award date so as to provide more flexibility for the deadline.
6. Nominations and Elections Committee Report– Brad Simpson presented – President Elect 2 nominations, At-large 3 nominations. Received 36 Survey Monkey ballots, 1 mail in ballot, and 1 on-site voting.
  - a. Having some difficulty getting State Chapters to send out emails to members
7. Publicity Committee Report– prepared by Rae Ann Hart (presented by Nicki Frey)-
  - a. Rae Ann Hart - CMPS newsletter had a formatting change due to change in Editor and different software. Would welcome and new photos with articles or to include in the newsletter. Newsletter is sent to the Chapter Presidents for distributions. Wish list includes contact info for Chapter Webmasters for posting of Section Newsletter on Chapter sites.

Section is requesting posting so Chapter members that don't know about CMPS may be made aware of the Section.

8. 2011 Student Travel Grants update – prepared by Lisa Church, presented by Nicki Frey-As of today no student's have applied. It has been on the website and in the last 2 newsletters. Email will be sent to Student Chapter Presidents and Advisors. Deadline can be pushed back to Oct 1st since the meeting isn't until November 4th.

9. 2010/2011 Board Report – Nicki Frey- Waiting for additional activities so will be skipped today and included in Newsletter.

10. CMPS Section Rep Report and TWS Activities – Gary White

a. National meeting November 4 – 9 in Hawaii.

b. New to the meeting is a Women of Wildlife (WOW) mixer. Need picture and short bio for a slide show (few words).

c. International Wildlife Congress is being re-started the meeting will be in S. Africa in July 2012.

d. Position statement on animal rights and conservation – Gary asked membership for input at the business meeting because he is being asked to vote on the statement.

e. Use of TWS logo by a private company on their advertisement and website – came up because of a request to put TWS logo on a taser to be used for wildlife control for exchange of \$25 for each taser sold.

i. Motion made by Bob Wood for CMPS to write a letter to TWS President and CC Section Rep that Council needs to provide more information about the use of TWS logo on the Taser to membership and request for membership involvement and input before Council votes or makes a decision. CMPS is not for or against, we need more information to make a decision. Membership feels this is not a decision for Council to make without more input from membership. Seconded by Theresa Zimmerman. Approved by all.

ii. General sentiment in the room is that TWS should not be selling the logo and uncomfortable with issue based on the current amount of information provided (26 members).

11. Other Old Business –CMPS Members

a. Facebook Page Discussion - Discussion at 2011 Board meeting before the meeting included idea such as using National FB page and send out info. Could help linking student chapters and posting on their pages. Most student TWS chapters probably have FB pages. Gary White will inquire at TWS meeting and bring any FB information or other social networking issues back to CMPS.

b. Keystone Pipeline – Bill V. do we need to take a stance on this issue? Discussion about State Chapters writing the letter and taking the lead. One reason is each state may have different reasons for supporting or not-supporting so may be difficult for CMPS to write an all inclusive letter.

c. Wind Energy Sighting Issue is throughout CMPS range – This issue was brought up at the 2010 meeting by Jim Hays. Should CMPS take a stand on Wind Energy Development or maybe ask TWS to be involved? Gary's comments is that TWS should probably have a position statement because it is more of a National or even International issue. Gary recommends that CMPS write a letter to President Ryder requesting TWS to develop a position statement. Some issues are arising where energy companies are getting access to private lands and then not allowing hunting on these areas. South Dakota Chapter has a position statement on Windy Energy Development. North Dakota has an active group on wind energy. Nicki will look into state

chapters and see what is available. Letter should focus on sighting issue.

i. Nicki will research with States and draft a letter to TWS to request their involvement. Will run letter past CMPS Board and Chapter Presidents.

12. Field Trip or workshops at CMPS meetings – May be dependent on location, put a note in the next Newsletter asking the hosting state to think about this topic. 16 people like to attend workshops, 30 people like field trips (including attending Board).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2011/2012 Budget – Nicki Frey – only change is that membership in 2010 requested student travel be increased to \$2500. Change was made in 2011.

2. 2012 Annual Meeting –update presented by Nicki Frey- ND will be hosting 2012.

a. asking for theme suggestions, location suggestion, member volunteers

b. change of meeting host schedule

3. Future Annual Meetings

a. 2013 – Utah – Nicki will follow up with UT

b. 2014 – Wyoming

c. 2015 – Kansas

4. Newsletter Due Dates to get information to Nicki for 2011/2012 – request from Gary to Change dates to better follow Council meetings. Request to include Section Board Members representing states in email reminders for so they can follow up with State and Student Chapters.

a. Fall/Winter 2010 – Sept 15 – Change to Oct 15th

b. Spring 2011 – Jan 15 – Change to March 30th

c. Summer 2011 – May 15

5. Committees positions on TWS opening up – Nicki Frey and Gary White

6. Consistent Plaque secretary opportunity – Laurel Badura—ask John Jenks about it. Skipped

7. Roosevelt Day – Gary White, Tom Ryder – Working with Boy Scouts of America, looking for volunteers to help

8. Other New Business

a. Soliciting for ideas for ND meeting

b. Deadline for voting may need to be changed in bylaws. Currently members can vote to end of meeting. CMPS Board will make suggestions to change bylaws and put out to a vote at meeting in 2012. Discussion to end voting prior to meeting so those members elected would be aware of election and given the opportunity to attend the CMPS meeting.

c. Consider board reconstruction such that state chapter presidents are the board members; can be a state rep, not necessarily the state president – concern would be what if state does not assign a rep. First step would be to contact State Boards and get feedback. Members seem to think it is worth perusing. Other potential issues would be that states don't all vote at the same time. Concern that a person serving on the State and CMPS board at the same time would be too much.

i. Follow up with State Chapters.

ii. May also propose that President would be tie-breaker – change to by-laws

d. So do we need a bylaw revision committee.

9. Election Results

a. Vice President – Tie, coin toss to make decision, first time in history. Bob Lanka, outgoing

Board member performed the toss and Bill Vodehnal won the coin toss.

b. Board Members at large – Sarah Bucklin and Karl Grover

c. Motion to accept election results and destroy ballots was made by Cory Huxoll and seconded by Bob Wood. Approved by all.

10. Motion to Adjourn made by Bailey Heaton. Seconded by Theresa Zimmerman. Approved by all.

Adjourned at 5:15pm

## **2012**

September 11-13: **57th CMPS Annual Section Meeting**. Seven Seas Hotel, Mandan, North Dakota

*Section Representative:* Gary C. White, Colorado

*President:* Nicole Frey, Utah

*Vice-President:* Glen Sargeant, North Dakota

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Lisa Church, Utah

*President-Elect:* William Vodehnal, Nebraska

*Newsletter Editor:* Rae Ann Hart, Utah

*Past President:*

*Board Members:* Michelle Cowardin, Colorado; Teresa Zimmerman, Nebraska; Sarah Bucklin, Wyoming; Karl Grover, Kansas

*Program:* Glen Sargeant, North Dakota

*Arrangements:* Dan Svingen, North Dakota

*Dues:* \$1.00

Nicki Frey called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. Sarah Bucklin agreed to take notes in absence of the Secretary.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Nicki presented the report. Glen moved to accept the report. Bill 2nd. Motion carried.

### **Audit Committee Report**

No audit has been conducted yet.

### **Mission Statement/Strategic Plan Update**

Bill Vodehnal presented suggested changes to the Mission Statement/Strategic Plan which addressed repetition in the document and also discussed whether or not the matrix should be removed from the Strategic Plan. Membership discussion ensued. The matrix was originally added in to help guide decisions.

### **By-Law Changes**

Presented by Nicki Frey. Changes were made to allow for electronic voting. Article 5 (Election of Officers) and Article 9 (Amendments to by-laws and notification of membership) were presented to the membership for voting. Members voted yes to both article changes earlier this year. Robust discussion ensued on the by-law changes and how some members did not feel they were allowed adequate opportunity to discuss and vote on the changes. Elmer Finck moved to split Article 5 and 9 in order to vote on them separately. Bob Lanka 2nd. Motion carried. More discussion ensued that board candidate elections and voting should be completed at least 30 days before the annual CMPS meeting. Glen moved to table this for now. Tom Ryder 2nd. Motion carried. Mike McEnroe move to open discussion regarding Article 9. Jim

Hays 2nd. Motion carried. Much discussion ensued. Glen moved to accept Article 9 changes and allow by electronic voting. Cory Huxoll 2nd. Motion carried.

### **Awards Committee Report**

Glen-Winners to be announced shortly (Tom Ryder—CMPS 2012 Professional Award; Thunder Basin Grasslands Prairie Ecosystem Association—CMPS 2012 Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award).

### **Nominations and Elections Committee Report**

Karl encouraged the membership to submit award nominations.

### **CMPS Section Representative Report from TWS**

Gary White presented a variety of topics including:

1. Asked for input on the TWS Affinity Programs after reviewing the kinds of programs TWS currently has and is considering. Details of TWS Affinity Programs were provided in the March, 2012 CMPS Newsletter.
2. Early registration is still open for the Portland TWS Conference, but closes Friday.
3. The first ever Distinguished Service Award for CMPS will be given to Del Benson (CO) at the Portland meeting.
4. This year, 3 CMPS members will be inducted into the Fellows Program at the Portland meeting: Al Sapa (ND), Bill Vodehnal (NE), and Tom Ryder (WY).
5. Last year, at the Hawaii TWS meeting, 2 CMPS members were recognized: Bob Lanka (WY) received the Jim McDonough Award, and Ken Burnham (CO) received the Aldo Leopold Award and Medal.
6. The 4th International Wildlife Management Congress was held in Durban, South Africa, July 9-12. Forty-two countries were represented with 400 delegates.
7. TWS Journal subscriptions are declining relative to membership numbers, particularly the Wildlife Society Bulletin. Open access publishing, where journal articles are provided free without a subscription charge, as well as journals with no page charges, are going to challenge the future of TWS scientific publications.
8. A dues increase for TWS is being requested -- \$10 for regular and family memberships, and \$5 for all others.
9. The Wildlife Professional has an Editorial Advisory Board chaired by Steve Belinda (WY). New members are being recruited for this board – if interested, contact Steve.
10. Three TWS Technical Reviews are currently in progress, or nearly finished. CMPS members serving on the Management of Ungulates in National Parks Technical Review Committee were Rick Kahn (CO) and Glen Sargeant (ND), Susan Rupp (SD) chaired the Biofuels Technical Review Committee, and Matt Smith (KS) is on the Controlled Burning Technical Review Committee.

### **Other old business**

Nicki presented the following item: "consider board reconstruction such that state chapter presidents are CMPS board members; can be a state rep, not necessarily the state president." This is an item left over from 2011. Nicki tabled the item and closed old business.

### **New Business**

Nicki introduced Bill Vodehnal as the new President and handed the reins to him.

### **2012-13 Budget proposal**

Next CMPS conference will be held in Utah. Utah State Chapter has declined to host it. Tom Ryder suggested that the meeting be held in southern Utah, like Moab. The new dates for the

CMPS newsletter will be October 30 (Fall/Winter), March 30 (Spring), and May 15 (Summer). Karl Grover announced the new Vice President — Mike Conover, and two new Board Members At-Large — Randy Larsen and Max Post Vanderburg. Glen moved to accept the election results and destroy the ballots. Gary White 2nd. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued by the membership led by Mike McEnroe regarding energy development in North Dakota and possibly working with Laura Bies at national regarding a regional position statement related to the Bakken. Bill Vodehnal will contact McEnroe to discuss a potential committee and how this issue would be best approached.

Bob Lanka suggested the board look at CMPS boundaries to facilitate people's attendance at meetings. The Board will look at various boundaries including WAFWA, MAFWA, FWS Sections, CMPS Section, etc. and discuss if changes would be advisable. National TWS would need to be included in the discussion.

Nicki Frey was recognized for her service as CMPS President.

Bob Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Bucklin 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Sarah Bucklin, CWB, CMPS Board Member At-Large

## **2013**

August 13-15: **58th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Hunter Conference Center, Southern Utah University, Utah

*Section Representative:* Gary C. White, Colorado

*President:* William Vodehnal, Nebraska

*Past-President:* Nicole Frey, Utah

*Vice-President:* Mike Conover, Utah

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Lisa Church, Utah

*Newsletter Editor:* Sara A. Peterson, Nebraska

*Board Members:* Randy Larsen, Utah; Max Post van der Burg, North Dakota; Sarah Bucklin, Wyoming; Karl Grover, Kansas

*Program:* Mike Conover and Nicole Frey, Utah

*Arrangements:* Nicole Frey, Utah

*Dues:* \$1.00

Meeting called to order by Bill Vodehnal, with minutes recorded by Nicki Frey at 10:30 am MST.

Board members in attendance: Bill Vodehnal, Nicki Frey, Mike Conover, and Randy Larsen. A quorum of the Board was not present.

Treasurer's report given by Lisa Church

- Beginning balance on October 4, 2012: \$11,500.32
- Total Deposits \$1,063.00
- Total Debits \$2,837.02
- Balance as of August 8, 2013: \$9,726.30
- Additional savings balance: \$2,500.00
- Membership dues have apparently not been paid by the Utah Chapter – Vodehnal will investigate.

## **Committee Reports**

- Audit-Vodehnal advised he would meet with Church for audit and invited others in membership to participate if they desired. No official audit conducted.
- Membership-Vodehnal discussed purpose of Membership Committee and encouraged universities and current members to encourage students and others to join student and state chapters and parent TWS.
- Nominations and Elections-Vodehnal advised voting for board positions and by-laws revision ends at the end of Old Business. Paper ballots were given to those desiring to vote. He reviewed each of the candidates and gave brief biological sketch along with intent of by-laws revision
- Publicity-Current Newsletter editor, Sara Peterson, has left Nebraska for the east coast and Vodehnal is looking for new Newsletter Editor; Peterson has provided template, thus transition should be easy.
- Resolutions and Statement-Vodehnal spoke briefly about letters in most recent CMPS newsletters-1st Issue concerning removing wildlife as authorized purpose for management of Missouri River by COE; 2nd Issue relative to cap on CRP and linking conservation compliance to crop insurance. Vodehnal feels it is important for the Section to engage on issues relative to 7 states and will need help with this endeavor. More will be discussed later as Conservation Affairs becomes more prevalent with guidance from parent TWS.

## **Old Business**

- TWS Council Report by Gary White.
  - White advised that Ken Williams is the new Executive Director and Katie Edwards has replaced Shannon Pederson for Certification Program and Section/Chapter Management. Council will be having a retreat with Williams to discuss and plan new direction.
  - Membership Database discussed and Council looking for new ways to get people to join TWS. Several ideas were discussed to attract membership and all should send ideas to White. Need to demonstrate the Society's impact on knowledge transfer.
  - White and Vodehnal discussed TWS financial issues and assured that Council is progressing with resolving financial issues. Council is addressing \$1 million shortfall or loss of \$120,000/year for past 8 years. TWS has cut services this year and more cuts are expected in ensuing years until shortfall can be rectified. One service cut by parent TWS this past year was Leadership Institute and Chapters/Sections were asked along with other donors to keep this important program going. Stay tuned as more is to come.
- CMPS Student Travel Grant name change to Wayne Sandfort Student Travel Grant was discussed as Bob Lanka and Len Carpenter had visited with Wayne's widow to see if she was okay with changing the name in honor of Wayne. Sandfort was first president of CMPS Section and supported young professionals and students. Motion by Bob Wood, 2nd by Carl Wolfe to change the name in honor of Wayne Sandfort. Motion carried by vote of 15 yes, 0 opposed.
- Close of Elections-Final tally of votes by Randy Larson.

## New Business

- Introduction of New Officers-Karie Decker (NE) is the new President Elect. Sara Bucklin (WY) and Karl Grover (KS) are leaving the Board in the at-large positions and replaced by Emily Munter (NE) and Andrea Orabona (WY). Also, the bylaws have now officially changed to allow electronic voting and elections would cease 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting to facilitate and encourage newly elected Board members to attend. Vodehnal destroyed the ballots.
- Section Dues-Vodehnal was contacted by parent TWS inquiring if Section desired to change CMPS membership dues. Consensus of those in attendance was to keep the dues the same.
- Conservation Affairs Network-Vodehnal advised several section representatives have been working with Laura Bies and Terra Rentz from TWS Government Affairs to get Conservation Affairs within State Chapters/Sections more organized. There is a need to provide greater involvement within State Chapters/Sections, communications between State Chapters/Sections/parent TWS, etc. A draft template of how Conservation Affairs was provided to Section Presidents and more will be discussed next week in a conference call and during the annual meeting in October in Milwaukee.
- AFWA Letter Sign On-Vodehnal advised that CMPS has been contacted by TWS Government Affairs and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) to sign onto a letter to save funding for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants, North American Wetland Conservation Fund, Neotropical Migratory Bird Fund, Forest Legacy Program, and Land and Water Conservation Fund. Funding has been eliminated in House Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Mike Conover motioned, 2nd by Jim Hays to support and sign onto AFWA letter. Motion carried.
- TWS Rangeland Working Group-Vodehnal advised that this is a new working group being organized by parent TWS with Megan K. Clayton as the first chair. First meeting will be during the annual meeting in Milwaukee and this will not be recognized as a formal working group until there are 100 members and survived a 3-year probation period.
- 8th International Congress for Wildlife and Livelihoods on Private and Communal Lands-Del Benson was present to invite CMPS to be a sponsor for this meeting to be held September 7-12, 2014 in Estes Park, Colorado. Wyoming is scheduled to host next meeting of CMPS and Colorado declined to host CMPS meeting and 8th International Congress since they are already hosting a sheep and other meeting at this time. It would be difficult for Wyoming to host meeting in Colorado with respect to membership attendance.
- 2014 TWS CMPS Annual Meeting-Tony Mong and Martin Grenier offered to host 2014 CMPS meeting in Sheridan, Wyoming, during mid-August. Bob Wood motioned, 2nd by Bob Lanka to have the 2014 CMPS meeting in Sheridan, WY. Motion carried. Vodehnal advised that CMPS board will work with Benson to see if CMPS can help in some way with a session at 8th International Congress.
- Vodehnal advised he will be seeking State Chapter Annual Meeting dates for the newsletter.

- Newsletter Dates
  - Fall/Winter-October 30.
  - Spring-March 30.
  - Summer-May 15.
- Awards given
  - Two professional awards given, Greg Schenbeck (Manitoba), and Nicole Frey (UT).
  - Carl Wolfe received the Distinguished Service Award for the Section.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am MST.

Minutes Recorder: Bill Vodehnal

## 2014

August 25-28: **59th CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Holiday Inn, Sheridan Convention Center, Sheridan, Wyoming

*Section Representative:* Gary C. White, Colorado

*President:* William Vodehnal, Nebraska

*President-Elect:* Karie Decker, Nebraska

*Vice-President:* Mike Conover, Utah

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Laurel Badura, Nebraska

*Newsletter Editor:* Amanda Hicks, Nebraska

*Board Members:* Randy Larsen, Utah; Max Post van der Burg, North Dakota; Emily Munter, Nebraska; Andrea Orabona, Wyoming

*Program:* Martin Grenier, Wyoming

*Arrangements:* Eric Maichak, Wyoming

*Dues:* \$1.00

Call Meeting to Order: Vodehnal called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm

Board members present: Bill Vodehnal, Laurel Badura, Andrea Orabona, Karie Decker, Emily Munter, Michael Conover

2013 Meeting Minutes: 2013 minutes which were approved by board were given to membership for their review

Treasurer's Report—Our current account balance is \$12,964.98

## Committee Reports

- Audit-Decker, Badura, Vodehnal
- Membership-Vodehnal
  - A question arose as to whether or not the State chapter members realize they're members of CMPS. Bill will ask each State to reinforce that they're members of CMPS. We would also like to know whether the State Chapter's members are also members of Parent Society. This information could be put in a membership database and shared with the Parent Society. Tom Ryder suggested that every year the Chapters were supposed to be updating the Section but that may have gone away with the new boards for various Chapters. Ryder suggested that Vodehnal request from the Chapter's their information. Bob Lanka shared that historically, the Board decided that the information would not be asked from the Chapter's because some members or individual Chapters did not want to belong

to the Section. The information upkeep was also difficult. Steve Riley said the Chapters were responsible for informing the Section and membership to the Section were based on the amount of money that was received. If they want the Section to know individual members, the Chapters should be held accountable. Decker asked whether or not there needs to be a by-laws change stating the Section will not sell the membership list? Riley suggested that would be a good option. Gary White suggested we just leave it to the Chapters.

- Nominations and Elections-Post van der Burg, Munter, Orabona, Vodehnal
  - We had great candidates for the open positions.
- Publicity-Hicks, White
  - If you want to send pictures, Amanda Hicks will put the photo and credit in the newsletter. Amanda has several pictures from Nebraska but is lacking pictures from other states.
- Resolutions and Statements-CMPS Board had no resolutions or statements this past year.
- Awards-Conover
  - Conover pointed out that CMPS has a Citizen's Award and Professional Award. We have two great candidates this year. The Vice President is the chair of the committee and the board approves the selections. We are always looking for great candidates. It is a great way to thank those that have helped us manage wildlife and protect the resources. Do we have a list of past award winners? Yes, it is on the website.

#### **Old Business**

- CMPS Section Representative Report from TWS Council-White
  - Ed Thompson has replaced Darrel Walters
  - Hedy Ross is the new Development Manager
  - Keith Norris is the Assistant Director of Government Affairs and Partnerships
  - Laura Bies is on maternity leave but is the Director of Government Affairs and Partnerships
  - Lisa Moore will be leaving TWS on September 12, 2014.
  - Membership is down in 2014. The membership for 2013 was 10,125.
  - No new position statements and fact sheets. As a member, you get access to them on the internet.
  - Our budget is in the black for 2014 and Gary reports we have a much better financial system in place.
  - There are additional ways for the agencies to buy TWS journals.
  - Evie Merrill and Chris Ribic are the journal editors for the JWM and WSB, respectively
  - If you aren't receiving notifications for the electronic subscriptions of JWM and WSB, go to the Wiley web site to sign up. (Linked to website)
  - On the website, there is a TWS Action Center, enter your zip code, and you can get blanket letters developed by TWS regarding current issues. The site sends letters to your representatives based on your zip code and all you need to do is sign it and send it.

- The Annual Conference is in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania on October 25-30, 2014.
- Please keep pursuing COWCH. Our members keep passing away so we need to keep on top of things.
- David Dahlgren and Michel Kohl, both from Utah, are representing CMPS at the Leadership Institute.
- Fellows Program: the application deadline is February 15, 2015.
- Distinguished Service Award winner for 2014 is Bob Wood.
- ~50% of the State Chapter Members are not members of the Parent Society.
- Bob Lanka will be the new CMPS Council Rep
- By-laws changes-Vodehnal
  - Awards Criteria: approved
  - Electronic voting ends 2 weeks prior to annual meeting: approved
- Conservation Affairs Network-Vodehnal
  - A means of getting the State Chapters more engaged at the CMPS level and with the Parent Society. We need greater awareness on the conservation issues that are active. Each State was to pick a representative for a 3-year term. Vodehnal offered to take on this role as the CMPS representative. Colorado, South Dakota and Nebraska have representatives. Vodehnal visited with Ken Williams about ways to contact the other Chapters and more find representatives. Vodehnal would like to get States speaking with each other about conservation issues. Vodehnal will continue to work with the States. White mentioned he thought there was going to be a Conservation Affairs meeting at the Annual Conference. White suggested we could offer a small travel grant to the Presidents to get them to attend.
- Other Old Business

#### **New Business**

- Introduction of New Officers-Motion to Destroy Ballots or Survey Monkey
  - Mike Conover, Randy Larson, and Max Post van der Burg are leaving the Board
  - Jim Hays is new Vice President. Silka Kempema and Mindy Rice will be new members. Decker will be incoming President
- Voting by CMPS Section Membership-Voting
  - Vodehnal was advised by Rick Baydack that other sections allow only those members belonging to the Parent Society to vote for Section representatives. In the CMPS Section by-laws, those that are in good standing with the Section can vote for representatives. The group decided to leave our current voting method the same in that if are a member of CMPS, you can vote. Survey Monkey will be deleted. Thomas Ryder voted to “destroy” the ballot, Jim Hays seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- CMPS Lifetime Memberships?-Vodehnal
  - Is there a need for a Lifetime Membership within the Section? Currently, the only States that have a Lifetime Membership are North Dakota and South Dakota. Kempema reported that each year, they get approximately 2 or 3 new lifetime members. Members didn’t feel the need to pursue this option.

- Fund Raising Ideas for CMPS-Vodehnal
  - Any ideas to earn extra income please send to Vodehnal. Munter suggested the Board go through the exercise of prioritizing our funding, which may help us identify what types of fundraiser or how much money is needed. Hays asked whether the auction proceeds are split between the hosting Chapter and the Section. Wood suggested the Section got the entire amount from the Auction and that there wasn't a split. If the State was having an issue setting up the conference (staff/money), then the Section would assist in the process. The registration and conference fees were collected by the host Chapter. Wood suggested the board should discuss how the money is allocated, in particular the auction proceeds. Orabona wasn't aware that the proceeds from the auction were split 50/50. Orabona made up separate raffle tickets for the State Chapter and the Section. Lanka suggested the Chapter meeting is combined with the Section meeting this year, therefore the Chapter's meeting is also having their fundraiser.
- Wayne W. Sandfort Student Travel Grant
  - Vodehnal will send one more e-mail reminding membership of the annual conference.
- 2015 TWS CMPS Annual Meeting-Where?
  - Kansas is planning on hosting the CMPS annual meeting for 2015. Possibly the Manhattan area.
- 2014-15 State Chapter Annual Meeting Dates
- Newsletter
  - Fall/Winter-October?
  - Spring-March?
  - Summer-May?
- Other New Business
  - Bidlake mentioned the Winnipeg and Manitoba Chapters are hosting the National meeting in 2015.
- Orabona motioned to adjourn the meeting, Munter seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## 2015

August 10-13: **60th CMPS Annual Section Meeting**. Bluemont Hotel, Manhattan KS

*Section Representative:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*President:* Karie Decker, Nebraska

*Past President:* William Vodehnal, Nebraska

*Vice-President:* Jim Hays, Kansas

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Laurel Badura, Nebraska

*Newsletter Editor:* Amanda Hicks, Nebraska

*Board Members:* Mindy Rice, Colorado; Silka Kempema, South Dakota; Emily Munter, Nebraska; Andrea Orabona, Wyoming

*Meeting Arrangements:* Bill Jensen, Kansas

*Dues:* \$1.00

Karie called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Board members present: Laurel Badura, Karie Decker, Andrea Orabona, Bill Vodehnal, Jim Hays. New board members introduced themselves. The 2015-2016 board includes Laurel Badura, Karie Decker, Jim Hays, Lindsey Messinger, Justin Hamilton, Mindy Rice, and Andrea Orabona.

Secretary's Report: Laurel presented the membership with the 2014 Annual Business Meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved after the 2014 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Laurel presented the treasurer's report. The current account balance is \$14,698.54. Laurel also presented the budget categories to the membership. It was suggested from Bob Wood to more formally identify funding assistance to the State Chapters to host the annual meeting when it is combined with the CMPS meeting. Between registration and sponsorship, the Chapters should break even but if there are additional overages, the Chapters should contact the board for assistance in meeting expenses. Tom Ryder motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mindy Rice seconded the motion. Discussion: Bob Lanka suggested we need to know what the status of the CD is. Karie will look into the CD's location. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Membership committee—we are working on updating our membership numbers. We will then secure a date for membership dues to be submitted to the Section. Bill V. suggested having the State representatives to share with their members that by being members of the State chapter, they are members of CMPS.
- Nominations—the voting process went well via Survey Monkey.
- Publicity—Mindy started a CMPS Facebook page. Mindy is looking for content such as interesting ideas/articles/research and other items pertinent to the Section. In particular, this is a great way to post jobs. Mindy said the process is going slow and currently we have 100 “likes”. Karie is linking CMPS to State Chapter Facebook pages, as well as Student Chapter Facebook pages.
- Resolutions and Statements—No new updates.
- Awards—Jim solicited nominations for the Citizenship Award and Professional Award. This year we had no nominations for the Citizenship Award and two nominations for the Professional Award. This year's award winner is not able to attend. There are a large number of worthy candidates and Jim encouraged the membership to take the time to submit candidates. The cutoff for nominations is June 15 of each year. Ken Higgins suggested that the States should consider submitting their State Award winners to CMPS for review and consideration for the Citizenship and Professional Award. This has not been formalized through the by-laws but is recommended and has been done in the past. Carl Wolfe suggested that we consider nominations that go beyond the just the State and Section.

Old Business:

- CMPS Section Representative Report—Bob Lanka gave the Council activities report.
- Bylaws Changes—no changes were suggested.
  - Karie brought about the topic of income through the annual meetings. The board recommended that this remain flexible. Some States like the flexibility because participation may be variable and income generated may be variable from year to year. The States shouldn't incur financial burden through meetings. Jim would

like the States to keep in mind that communication with the Section should be early and often to help smooth the way as the meeting is planned.

- Conservation Affairs Network—CAN is meant to increase the communication between the States, Sections, and National. Bill has been organizing monthly conference calls between the States and the Section. Bill would like to enable all States to organize information about conservation affairs through media.

New Business:

- The new officers introduced themselves at the start of the meeting. Andrea moved to “destroy” the survey monkey virtual ballots. Bill V. seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- State Updates—Karie asked for updates in advance of the meeting and will compile the information and send it to Section members. There was no information offered from the floor.
- Wayne W. Sandfort Student Travel Grant—We received 18 applications for the Student Travel Grant. We moved the deadline earlier to allow students to plan for travel and the Board has not yet decided who the recipients are.
- The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held in Colorado. Mindy will let her State Chapter know.
- 2015-2016 State Chapter Annual Meeting Dates—Karie would like the dates for those meetings so she may attend. Colorado is usually the second week of February (no date determined yet), Kansas is February 4, 2016, Wyoming is December 1-3 (joint meeting between WYTWS and WLCI), Nebraska’s is March 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary).
- Newsletter—Amanda Hicks served as our Newsletter Editor and has graduated and moved on. We are in search of a new Editor for the Section. Please contact Karie if you’re interested.

Other New Business:

- Tom notified the group that National has joined forces with John Hopkins University. Tom suggested that there needs to be more information distributed about the role of State Wildlife Agencies in wildlife management. Tom is currently writing a 16-chapter book about this very topic and plans on submitting this to John Hopkins by the end of November. The goal is for the book to be available by Spring 2016.
- Lindsey is the Section Representative for CMPS for The Wildlife Professional and is taking information from our States to include in the issues throughout the year.
- Ken suggested that there could be a gun raffle or other door prizes to include at the business meeting so that more of the younger members stay for the business meeting.

Bill Jensen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim Hays seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56.

## 2016

August 8-11: **61st CMPS Annual Section Meeting.** Sheraton Steamboat Resort, Steamboat Springs, CO

*Section Representative:* Bob Lanka, Wyoming

*President:* Karie Decker, Nebraska

*President-Elect:* Andrea Orabona, Wyoming

*Vice-President:* Jim Hays, Kansas

*Secretary/Treasurer:* Laurel Badura, Nebraska

*Newsletter Editor:* Aleshia Fremgen, Colorado; Stephanie Ferrero, Kansas

*Board Members:* Mindy Rice, Colorado; Silka Kempema, South Dakota; Justin Hamilton, Kansas; Lindsey Messinger, Nebraska

*Meeting Arrangements:* Mindy Rice, Colorado

*Dues:* \$1.00

Vice President Jim Hays stood in for President Karie Decker, who was unable to attend, and called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Laurel Badura, Justin Hamilton, Lindsey Messinger, Mindy Rice, Andrea Orabona, and Jim Hays.

**Secretary's Report:** Laurel presented the membership with the 2015 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Bob Wood motioned to approve the Secretary's report. Mindy Rice seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laurel presented the membership with the treasurer's report. The current account balance is \$13,239.48. Bob Wood motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Stan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Audit:** Andrea and Jim audited the books and all was found to be satisfactory.

**Nominations and Elections:** Justin presented the new Executive Board members to the membership.

- Jim Hays is continuing as the Vice-President.
- Stephanie Ferrero is our new Board Member At-large. Stephanie serves Colorado and Kansas.
- Shelly Deisch is our new Board Member At-large. Shelly is from South Dakota.

Gary White motioned to "destroy" the Survey Monkey. Bill Jensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Membership:** Weber State University and the University of Utah are our new Student Chapters for 2015-2016. Valley City State has applied to become a new Student Chapter and is pending approval. Valley City State University resides in North Dakota.

**Publicity:** Andrea reported that our Newsletter Editor is Aleshia Fremgen so please submit articles to her for inclusion into our newsletter ([fremgenal@missouri.edu](mailto:fremgenal@missouri.edu)). Andrea will be attending the State Chapter meetings at least once during her term. She will be taking a poster giving membership information about CMPS.

**Resolutions and Statements:** None offered.

**Awards:** We received two nominations for the Professional Award and one nomination for the Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award. Awards will be presented at the Evening Banquet.

## **Old Business**

**Bylaws Changes:** Jim mentioned that the Board will contact membership with bylaws changes so the membership can vote on any changes that may be needed. The Board is trying to keep in mind items such as the Annual Meeting including auction proceeds, travel, and organizing. Andrea has gone through the current bylaws and feels there aren't a lot of major changes, just discrepancies in language such as "Board" and "Executive Board". Andrea would like to clean up the format and language. Andrea mentioned that we will be discussing, with Chapter input, the way CMPS meetings will be held. This will keep in mind what works for the State and Student Chapters. The Board is seeking suggestions from the membership during this process.

**Conservation Affairs Network:** No report at this time.

## **New Business:**

### **Keith Norris, Director of Government Affairs and Partnerships:**

This office recognizes that the policies at the Federal, State, and Regional levels support the work you do to sustain wildlife populations on the ground. One of the initiatives this office has started is the Conservation Affairs Network. That idea was developed out of the idea that National, Section, and State Chapters weren't communicating as well as they could on wildlife affairs and policies. Most of the Chapters already had committees in place to handle policy issues but National was interested in facilitating support to the State and Sections by creating a network amongst the levels to increase communication. National is creating a policy library with a database that will be searchable through the membership portal. This library will be able to tell you past and present TWS policies so there is a more consistent message throughout the Nation.

Keith mentioned that Certification is simpler to apply for now and the process is quicker. The entire application can now be done online.

A membership directory has been developed similar to a LinkedIn profile. Keith is asking for members to log in to the membership portal and update their information.

An auto-renewal membership is now in place. Members can save \$5 if they enroll in auto-renewal.

The 1,000 initiative is a strategic effort which carries the catch-phrase "Leading By Example". It is a donation effort (minimum \$100 donation) through National that allows members to donate to their program of choice within National. Initiatives include early career membership, policy support, and many more.

National has new partners that are year-round partners now, not just partnerships that occur around the meeting. Bayer Bee Care and Ducks Unlimited are the most recent partnerships. Several other partnerships are in process.

New policies National is working on include Wild Horse Management and an initiative to implement and improve new management strategies for overpopulated wild horse populations on Forest Service and BLM lands. A congressional briefing and testimony in front of Congress has occurred over the last year. National will be seeking further action from members.

Blue Ribbon Panel Legislation (Recovery of America's Wildlife). This is a bill that seeks to support Wildlife Conservation Funding. It is very similar to State Wildlife Grants but would be permanent funding to support State Wildlife Action Plans.

Gary White pointed out that the new way to contact congressional leaders is very convenient to do as an individual. Bill Jensen would like more separation between contacting congressional

leaders as an individual and a Chapter representative. Keith recommended that you should create separation by, as a Chapter representative, sending in a letter directly to the congressional leader rather than using the Action Center provided by National, which is more individual oriented.

**Bob Lanka, Central Mountains and Plains Section Representative to TWS Council:**

- Bob reported the National Meeting is October 15-19, 2015 in Raleigh, North Carolina. In 2017, the meeting will be held in September at Albuquerque, NM. Amongst the great reasons to attend the meeting, networking and professional development tops the list.
- TWS had a tough budget struggle in recent years but Ken Williams was committed to change this and, for the first time in several years, there was a surplus in budgeting in 2015 and 2016. Despite a bump in the road with 2016 investments, TWS still reported a surplus of approximately \$190,000 in 2016.
- Membership had been declining in the past years but this past year, we had a bump of 54 members. Not a large bump, but a bump just the same.
- Member statistics—70% male, 30% female, 94% Caucasian, 25% habitat and wildlife management, 14% students, and 5% CMPS members. Bob encouraged collaboration with Tribes to get more members.
- Bob asked to increase Section members by 12.5% in 2016. Today, a report from National identified 433 new members to the Section. Bob will be verifying these numbers.
- New member benefits—As of January 1, 2017, Council and Staff have worked to make membership more valuable. A regular membership fee will include all of the journals available online. This will cost the Society \$125,000 a year and will be a substantial portion of the budget. The hope is that more wildlife professionals will become members of National.
- Leadership Institute—A wave of retirements is going through the profession right now. Since 2006, TWS has committed to train new members to fulfill the open roles left behind by retirements. We have one CMPS member, Adam Ahlers (Kansas State University), attending the Leadership Institute and Bob will be his mentor. The application deadline for next year is March 2017.

Bob finished with a moving speech to encourage members to continue membership in The Wildlife Society and to encourage new members to join. Renew your membership, encourage those you know, join TWS!

**Lindsey Messinger:** Lindsey wanted to remind everyone that she is the representative from CMPS for the Editorial Advisory Board. She stated her term has no limit and is asking if anyone would like to take her place.

**State Chapter Updates:** Jim asked State Chapter representatives to be available to the members to give the Chapter updates.

**2017 Annual Meeting:** South Dakota is the next Annual Meeting location.

**Wayne W. Sandfort Student Travel Grant:** We've received 8 applications for the Wayne W. Sandfort Student Travel Grant. The Board will be reviewing the applications and giving their recommendations for recipients.

**Bob Wood motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gary White seconded the motion. Motion approved.** Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.