Plan to Attend. The Annual Meeting of the MN Chapter of TWS will be held at the Kelly Inn (http://www.bestwesternstcloud.com/) in St. Cloud, February 12-14, 2018. The event is expected to bring together 250 wildlife professionals, educators, students, and supporters from state, federal, non-profit, academic, and tribal organizations within Minnesota. Highlights will include a Plenary Session on the role of technology in wildlife management and a special technical session on prairie grouse management. With two days of concurrent paper sessions, poster displays, networking opportunities, student events, and an awards banquet, there will be many opportunities to learn and reconnect with colleagues.

Registration
Registration is now open by mail or email; payment can be submitted with the registration form (cash or check), or credit card upon arriving at the meeting registration table (refer to the meeting registration form for more instructions). Take advantage of early bird pricing ($70 for professionals and $30 for students) by registering before Friday, January 26, 2018. Registration after this date will increase $10. Onsite-registration will be available at 10:00 am on Monday, February 12, 2018. Appetizers during Monday night’s Welcome Reception and Fundraiser are included in the registration fee. Other meals are not included in the registration fee.

Accommodations
Our host hotel, Kelly Inn, is offering participants a discounted room rate of $99/night plus tax for our block of rooms. Room reservations must be made by Monday, January 29, 2018 to guarantee the discounted rate. Make hotel reservations online by clicking Wildlife Society or call Kelly Inn direct at (320-253-0606), and be sure to mention the MN Wildlife Society Meeting.

Special Events
The annual meeting will kick-off Monday afternoon with an exciting Plenary Session, “The Role of Technology in Current and Future Wildlife Management: Advancements and Challenges”. This session will highlight how technology has advanced over the last several decades (Bob Wright), latest uses in wildlife habitat mapping (Dr. Joseph Knight) and data collection (Dr. James Forester), potential threats posed to the resource (Dr. Lou Cornicelli), and how we can utilize technology to engage more people in the natural resources we manage (Chris Scharenbroich and Meadow Kouffeld).

Welcome Reception & Fundraiser
Monday evening this will be the perfect time to catch up with colleagues and friends while enjoying appetizers. A silent auction and raffle will offer the chance to bid on or win a kayak, art prints, hand-carved decoys, and other great items. Appetizers during this event are covered with your registration fee.

Awards Banquet
Tuesday evening will feature a dinner buffet with chicken parmesan and chef-carved roast sirloin with gravy. The banquet is also our opportunity to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of our award winners during a special ceremony. Reserve your tickets ($30) on the registration form.
Students expect to find a number of special events geared towards their professional development, including a student/professional mixer (open to all students), student leader breakfast, quiz bowl, and a paper and poster competition.

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