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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Greetings from West Tennessee. I would like to begin my first President's address by thanking outgoing President **David Cobb** for his good work over the past two years. I look forward to continuing to work with him in his role as Past-President. David handed over the gavel at the member meeting during the SEAFWA Annual Conference at Oklahoma City in October. Many of you were involved in that conference; thank you for your efforts in coordinating, presenting, and participating. It was a great meeting, and Florida has their work cut out for them as they prepare to host next year's meeting in Destin.

I am pleased to welcome President-Elect **Mark Smith** and Secretary-Treasurer **Mike Conner** to the Executive Board! Thanks to everyone who voted, and to everyone who accepted officer nominations. The Southeastern Section needs your talents, regardless of the position in which they are wielded. We have been working since the conference on updating committee chair assignments. I'd like to thank all who have stepped into leadership roles; feel free to contact me if you are interested in serving. Also over the past several weeks, TWS Government Affairs Deputy Directory **Terra Rentz** has coordinated conference calls with section and chapter leadership within each Section regarding formation of a Conservation Affairs Network (CAN). Expect to be hearing more about this, but in short, the idea is that issues that cross Section borders may be more effectively addressed by a network of committees than by each Section "re-inventing the wheel" or searching fruitlessly for folks in other Sections who are confronting similar issues. Our Section Representative **Darren Miller's** excellent example of cervid farming legislation that has occurred in multiple southeastern states is a great case in point. As we move in this direction, there has also been some preliminary discussion regarding formation of a strategic plan for the Section. I will keep you posted on the progress of these efforts.

I would like to end this address with a few comments to, and about, our students. It is often said that our students are critical, because they represent our future. As a student chapter advisor, I couldn't agree more. As of mid-December, students represented 14% of the membership of SE-TWS. Many students attend the SEAFWA conference each fall, and our Southeastern Wildlife Student Conclaves, which have served as a model for other sections, have grown in recent years to the point that each school may only bring a certain number of students – a problem that many would like to have! Each year, the Southeastern Section gives a Southeastern Student Chapter of the Year Award at SEAFWA; the hard work that these student groups are doing is inspirational. I charge student chapters to apply for this award at the end of spring semester (in addition to the honor, it is also a \$1,000 cash award)! I also charge students, student chapter advisors, and the general membership to contact me with your ideas regarding how we as a Section may help facilitate the professional growth of this next generation of wildlife professionals.

I wish you all a great and productive 2014.

Eric Pelren
President, SE-TWS

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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Greetings wildlifers and Happy New Year! A lot has happened at TWS during the last part of 2013, so let me get started.

The TWS annual conference occurred in early October in Milwaukee, WI. In spite of the federal government shutdown, the conference was a success. In addition to the conference itself, Council held a 2 day strategic planning meeting followed by the usual 2 days of Council meetings. Probably the most relevant (and perhaps important) outcome from the Council meeting was continued discussions of the TWS financial situation and how to move forward. Council approved a 2014 budget that will bring alignment between anticipated expenses and revenue. Additionally, if you voted in the recent Special Ballot for bylaws, you recognized several bylaws changes to further emphasize Council's financial responsibility.

Unfortunately, the end of 2013 saw departure of 2 critical staff members. **Terra Rentz**, with the government affairs program, has left TWS to pursue a graduate degree. Also, **Darryl Walter**, Chief of Staff, has left TWS to pursue another job opportunity. Both Terra and Darryl will be sorely missed and I want to thank them for their years of dedicated service to TWS. Please join me as well to wish them the best as they continue through their life journey. Efforts are underway to interview and hire replacements for both of these important positions.

Next, I want to congratulate **Dr. Mark Smith** and **Dr. L. Mike Conner** for being elected President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer (second term) of the SE Section TWS. I am looking forward to working with Mark and Mike, along with President **Dr. Eric Pelren** and Past-President **Dr. David Cobb**, during the next 2 years. I also want to thank **Kris Godwin** and **Dr. Susan Rupp** for agreeing to run for office. It is very important that professionals such as these continue to step up into leadership roles. Please join me in congratulating Mark and Mike and thanking all of the nominees.

One of the initiatives started by **Terra Rentz** is creation of a Conservation Action Network (CAN). I really believe if we can get a critical mass of activity that the CAN will enable sub-units and the parent Society to be much more effective in dealing with local and regional policy issues. Setting up Conservation Affairs Committees (CAC) will enable TWS to have a voice in important conservation issues while being nimble enough to respond quickly to issues as needed. And, I will provide a perfect example of this – legalization of deer breeding and/or trade in deer pieces and parts. Many of the states in the SE region have seen this issue raised, sometimes multiple times. It has been via proposed legislation, before wildlife commissions, via agricultural agencies, etc. In all cases, rapid response was needed by wildlife professionals. Having an established, active CAC committee will further enable rapid response to emerging issues and identify/prioritize those issues we need to be working on at the local, regional, and national levels. Further, this network should help facilitate communication among chapters (many of whom fight the same issues just across the state line!), the Section, and TWS to more efficiently address issues and pull from a broader expert pool – there is no sense in re-inventing the wheel – perhaps one state has already dealt effectively with a particular issue and now that information can be more easily shared with other state chapters. Finally, as you consider the CACs, think about how we can involve student chapters. These are the future of the profession and I think that a lot of the student chapters will jump at the chance to provide much of the person-power needed to get things done. This will provide them with excellent professional development opportunities and let them know that they are an important part of our profession. I am more than glad to visit with any of you further about this great opportunity to energize our Society and effectively deal with critical policy issues. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Terra.

The beginning of the year is when TWS seeks nominations for several recognition awards. Please visit the TWS website (<http://wildlife.org/who-we-are/awards>) to learn more about how we can recognize our peers. I strongly encourage you to consider nominations for these various recognitions. Please feel free to contact me even if you just have the name of someone or an organization (as applicable) that you feel deserves recognition (and we all know someone!!).

As always, I need to hear from you, the membership of the SE Section TWS to serve your needs. I hope to hear from you!

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Southeastern Section Representative to TWS Council

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DEER COMMITTEE

Southeast Deer Study Group: 37th Annual Meeting

The Georgia Wildlife Resources Division, in collaboration with the University of Georgia and the Quality Deer Management Association, will host the 37th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Deer Study Group in Athens, Georgia at the UGA Hotel and Conference Center.

Meeting Dates: February 16 - 18, 2014

This meeting is annually hosted by state wildlife agencies on a rotating basis and is a culmination of the latest research advances in deer biology and management. Deer biologists, researchers, managers, and wildlife students come together to share their respective findings and experiences to further hone their skills for managing and conserving the most important game species in the southeast.

This year's meeting theme is entitled "The Politics of Deer Management – Balancing Public Interest and Science".

Please visit <http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/conferences-events/register/southeast-deer-study> for more information.

STUDENT AWARDS COMMITTEE

The following awards were presented at the 67th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma October 13-16, 2013:

Student Presentation Award

Seven students (giving 8 presentations) were in the running for the best student presentation award at this year's conference. Judges scored each presenter on the organization, delivery, visual aids, and content of their presentations. **Ashley Unger**, with Oklahoma State University, was recognized at the SEAFWA banquet for having the highest composite score for her presentation, and received a plaque and a \$200 check from SETWS for her presentation entitled "Impacts of Anthropogenic Disturbance on Lesser Prairie-Chicken Resource Selection and Survival in Oklahoma."

Student Poster Award

Two students (presenting 2 posters) were in the running for the best student poster award at this year's conference. Judges scored each student on the organization, presentation, and content of their posters. **Lauren Watine**, with the University of Florida, was recognized at the SEAFWA banquet for having the highest composite score for her poster, and received a plaque and a \$100 check from SETWS for her poster entitled "Diet of Another Florida Invader: the Coyote."

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Student Chapter Award

Student chapters in the SETWS are evaluated by independent judges on an overall application package including professionalism and involvement in research education, management, stewardship, and outreach to name a few categories. This year, the University of Tennessee at Martin was recognized as the student chapter of the year, and received a plaque and a \$1,000 check from SETWS for their outstanding service to their members and SETWS. Their accomplishments include attending 4 professional meetings, conducting mock interviews with the Department's Natural Resources Advisory Council, hosting their first annual Wildlife Celebration at the Martin Arts Co-op, hosting their first annual Extemporaneous Response Competition, instructing a Merit Badge Workshop for boy scouts, holding a USDA Pesticide Applicator Certification Workshop, participating in Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship bird banding, and working deer check stations, to name a few.

Congratulations to all of our award winners for 2013!

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Best Paper Award was presented at the 67th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 13-16, 2013. Seven manuscripts, published in the Proceedings of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in 2012, were in the running for the best paper award at this year's conference. Judges scored each manuscript on the following: 1) the originality of the study, hypothesis, design, data collection, and data analysis; 2) overall quality of the paper, format of manuscript, quality of figures and tables, presentation of conclusions; 3) management application to the Southeastern United States; and

4) contribution to the wildlife profession. **Joshua L. Grace, Michael J. Chamberlain, and Darren A. Miller** were recognized at the SEAFWA banquet for having the highest composite score, and received a plaque for their manuscript entitled "Effects of Row Spacing and Debris Distribution on Deer Forage and Carrying Capacity in Newly Established Loblolly-pine Plantations in Louisiana."

Congratulations to our award winners for 2013!

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C.W. WATSON AWARD COMMITTEE

Richard M. Kaminski, a professor in the Mississippi State University Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture, received the 2013 Clarence W. Watson Award at the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' meeting in Oklahoma City in October.

A Wisconsin native, Kaminski is a 30-year MSU veteran and a nationally recognized North American waterfowl and wetlands scientist. He holds the James C. Kennedy Endowed Chair in Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation at MSU.

During his career, he has received numerous honors. He has been named the Mississippi Wildlife Federation Wildlife Conservationist of the Year, one of Outdoor Life magazine's top 25 conservationists and a Fellow of The Wildlife Society. He received The Wildlife Society's Caesar Kleberg Award for excellence in applied wildlife research and the Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Lifetime Achievement award.

Earlier this year, Kaminski and his current and past graduate students received the Blue-winged Teal Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their decades of contributions to waterfowl science and conservation.

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ALABAMA



Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF)

Gary Moody, Chief of Wildlife, retired from the WFF effective November 30, 2013 after almost 40 years of service to Alabama's wildlife resources. Gary started his career with what was then the Game and Fish Division in 1974 as a wildlife biologist at the Hollins WMA. He moved to the agency headquarters in 1981 as Assistant Chief of Wildlife. Gary was promoted to Chief of Wildlife in 1989 and served in that position for the remainder of his career.

David Hayden, Assistant Chief of Wildlife, recently announced his retirement effective December 31, 2013. David began his career with the agency as the state waterfowl biologist and was promoted to Assistant Chief early in his career. David was an instrumental part of agency activities and his efforts were truly appreciated by every Section employee.

Gary and David both served long, illustrious careers and greatly benefitted Alabama's wildlife resources and hunting heritage. They will be missed!

Keith Hudson recently retired from WFF after 28 years of service to the Division. Keith began his career in wildlife in 1980 as a field zoologist at Auburn University and the Alabama Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit in Auburn, Alabama. In 1985, he began working with the WFF as the area biologist of the Lauderdale and Seven Mile Island Wildlife Management Areas. In 1991, Keith transferred to the WFF Nongame Wildlife Program as wildlife biologist for north Alabama, a position he held until his recent retirement.

Keith established himself as an expert on bats and became a regional authority. He was instrumental in the comeback of the bald eagle in Alabama and the construction of the North Alabama Birding Trail. His ability to build cooperative partnerships with various other agencies and private organizations was one of his strengths. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his retirement.

A new public shooting range opened on September 26, 2013 in the Conecuh National Forest in south Alabama. The USFS and the WFF partnered to create the shooting range, which is open seven days a week from sunrise to sunset.

The facility includes a 10-station, 100-yard shooting range and a 10-station, 50-yard shooting range. Adjacent to the 100-yard shooting range is a shotgun shooting area for people who bring their own clay targets and thrower. The ranges are wheelchair accessible and have concrete walkways for downrange access to the target lines. Permanent bathroom facilities were installed in October 2013.

Alabama Bat Working Group Alabama Bat Blitz - 2013

The Alabama Bat Working Group (ABWG) of the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network held its 5th annual Bat Blitz from October 7-11, 2013 in northeastern Alabama. Nearly thirty individuals participated in mist-netting and harp-trapping for bats including government biologists, university professors and students, private consultants and volunteers. This exceeded participation recorded during previous years despite the absence of federal biologists during the government shutdown. Nevertheless, representatives from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Alabama A&M University, Auburn University, University of Tennessee, TVA, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama Geological Survey, Alabama Coal Mine Reclamation, and several environmental/energy consulting firms met to survey fall migrating bats in the Tennessee Valley and to gain experience with bat survey and monitoring techniques.

The weather was superb, and participants had their hands full all week. A survey team harp trapped a cave on private land near the Madison-Jackson county border the first night and captured 157 male gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) and a lone male tri-colored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*) emerging at dusk. A larger team then deployed six mist nets in the state's Skyline Wildlife Management Area near the Tennessee border and captured 24 male red bats (*Lasiurus borealis*), one female red bat, two male tri-colored bats, and a male northern long-eared myotis

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(*Myotis septentrionalis*) on the second night. During the third night, a harp trap was deployed at the lower entrance of Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge and 187 male gray bats, one female gray bat, and one female Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) were captured. Additionally, a male gray bat was captured in one of the two mist nets deployed nearby. The final night of netting occurred in the remote Walls of Jericho “Forever Wild” state lands near the Tennessee border. Six mist nets were deployed over Hurricane creek in the “Walls” to capture 39 male red bats, nine female red bats, three female Seminole bats (*Lasiurus seminolus*), two male tri-colored bats, and one male gray bat. Additionally, a nearby cave was harp trapped and one female Indiana bat was captured emerging (?) nearly an hour past dusk. Numerous bats were tail punched (uropatagium) and the very small pieces of tissue will be sent to the American Museum of Natural History. Tissue is collected to preserve unique genetic information about these bat species for future researchers. Some gray bats were swabbed for possible early detection of the deadly White-nose Syndrome (*Pseudogymnoascus destructans*) on the third night, but no bats appeared to have any visible signs of the disease in this part of the state where *P.d.* was first confirmed on hibernating tri-colored bats in 2012 during a state-wide cave survey. All bats handled during the survey were immediately released on site after being examined.



Participants examining bats caught during the Bat Blitz.



2013 Bat Blitz participants at the TNC office.

Other portions of the Alabama Bat Blitz included training sessions and a formal meeting of the ABWG. The event was headquartered in a house belonging to The Nature Conservancy in Gurley, Alabama. Participants learned about, and participated in, decontamination protocols to prevent the spread of White-nose Syndrome in bats. During the ABWG meeting on Wednesday morning, attendees learned about protocols and results from summertime acoustic monitoring survey routes conducted by automobile in the State. During these surveys, biologists and volunteers drive a designated route and record bat echolocation calls with Anabat Acoustic Monitoring Equipment in efforts to determine species presence/absence and long-term trends in bat abundance. These agencies are always looking for volunteers

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to assist with this monitoring effort in the summer months. Attendees of the ABWG meeting also heard about research conducted on the diets of bats in China this summer and about the effectiveness of three websites to convey information about White-nose Syndrome to three target groups among the public. Additionally, the results of the 2013 statewide cave survey were discussed as well as plans for the upcoming cave surveys during the winter of 2014. The semi-annual meeting ended with a tribute to ADCNR non-game biologist **Keith Hudson** who retired on Halloween this year following more than three decades of service to the wildlife resources of Alabama, including bats. Following the meeting, attendees were able to handle a couple of live Egyptian fruit bats (*Rousettus aegyptiacus*) used for education and outreach that one of the participants had brought to the meeting. Needless to say, it was an event-filled week that left many sleep-deprived, but satisfied. (Submitted by **Dr. William Stone**, CWB, Assoc. Prof. Alabama A&M University)

Who is the ABWG?

The ABWG was formed in February 2009 to bring together individuals, organizations, and agencies interested in conserving the state's bat species. In summer 2009, the group formed a committee known as the Alabama White-nose Syndrome (WNS) Management Team to develop a management strategy for this fungal pathogen and its deadly effects. WNS has killed up to 100% of hibernating bats in some caves in the Northeast and has been spreading rapidly south since 2006. White-nose syndrome was documented in Alabama during the 2012 winter survey season. For more information on the ABWG visit <http://alabamabatwg.wordpress.com/>

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ARKANSAS



Arkansas Chapter of TWS

The state chapter met on September 19, 2003 in Russellville. The meeting began with a field day for

students at Bona Dea Park in Dardanelle. Students participated in various wildlife technique demonstrations including mist-netting (led by **Dr. Chris Kellner**), feral cat radiotelemetry (led by **Catherine Normand** and **Dr. Rachael Urbanek**), and small mammal trapping (led by **Dr. Tom Nupp**). Approximately 37 members participated, with representatives from all 4 student chapters. Following lunch, 55 members convened at Doc Bryan Lecture Hall at the Arkansas Tech University campus for the afternoon session of scientific papers. During the business meeting, **Allison Fowler** was elected to the President-Elect position for 2014, **Dr. Rachael Urbanek** was elected Secretary-Treasurer for 2014-2015 and **Blake Sasse** was elected to the Member-at-Large position on the Executive Committee for 2014. The chapter recently launched a Facebook page that is open to all interested in chapter news and events.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Brad Carner was selected to serve as Chief of the Wildlife Management Division in July. Former Chief **David Goad** is now serving as a field biologist out of the Mayflower office. **AJ Riggs** replaced Brad Carner as the Region 8 Supervisor. **Dr. Brad Miller**, Assistant Chief of the Wildlife Management Division, left the Commission in October for a position with the National Wild Turkey Federation in Tennessee. **John Gallagher** and **Barry McArdle**, both Field Biologists with Region 8, retired.

Arkansas State University Student Chapter

The chapter has 40 members. They plan to assist with deer check stations for the USFWS and AGFC this fall. They also have a 1-mile adopt-a-highway stretch, plan to participate in DU/Delta waterfowl banquets, to assist with a stream restoration project. At conclave, they placed 5th in quiz bowl and 9th overall.

Arkansas Tech University Student Chapter

The chapter currently has 35 members. The chapter's fundraising efforts include a big buck contest, selling donated wildlife prints and a beast feast. They plan to continue helping with the Bearcat Hollow habitat restoration project. One of their members was selected as the youth conservationist of the year.

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University of Arkansas – Fayetteville Student Chapter

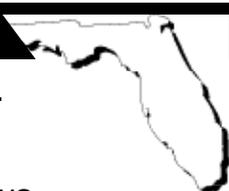
The chapter has 15-20 members and had a very good attendance at their first meeting. They sent 3 members to conclave. They plan to hold a skeet shooting afternoon and show a series of documentaries in the winter. Several of their members attended the national TWS conference in Milwaukee, WI.

University of Arkansas–Monticello Student Chapter

The chapter has 16 members and they helped with the fall festival at Felsenthal NWR and deer check stations at White River NWR.

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FLORIDA



Florida Chapter of TWS 2014 Spring Conference

The Florida Chapter of TWS (FLTWS) will be partnering with Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) to hold its spring conference in Safety Harbor, Florida on April 28 – May 1, 2014.

Graduate Student Scholarship

FLTWS is now sponsoring one \$2,000 scholarship for a graduate student during the 2013/2014 academic year. This scholarship is intended to assist a student who has demonstrated potential for making a future professional contribution in wildlife science or management through research, management, education, or outreach.

UF Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Department Hires New Chairman

Eric Hellgren, a zoologist best known for his work with black bears, has been named chairman of the University of Florida's Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Department, said **Jack Payne**, UF senior vice

president for agriculture and natural resources.

He spent the last eight years as director of the Co-operative Wildlife Research Laboratory at Southern Illinois University." Dr. Hellgren is well-respected in his field, and I'm confident he'll be able to keep the department at the cutting edge of wildlife ecology and conservation as well as bolster it for the future," Payne said.

UF's department has about 30 faculty members, eight postdoctoral associates, and nearly 90 graduate students. Hellgren said the UF Wildlife Ecology and Conservation faculty is already known for its strength and diversity. He said he hopes to continue that trend through faculty hiring and retention, maintaining an always-modern curriculum, increasing endowments and solving logistical issues, such as the need for office space.

The presence of the Florida Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit on the UF campus is key, he said, and the department has an enviable mix of international conservation work coupled with widely recognized work on Florida wildlife issues.

Hellgren has published more than 125 peer-reviewed publications and numerous book chapters. He holds a bachelor's degree in fishery and wildlife biology from Colorado State University, a master's in wildlife science from Texas A&M University, and a doctorate in wildlife science from Virginia Tech.

Ignition Planning & Prescribed Fire Techniques for Wildlife

FLTWS will be partnering with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Forest Service to host the Ignition Planning & Prescribed Fire for Wildlife Workshop. It will be held May 5-8, 2014 at the Cecil Commerce Center in Jacksonville, FL. This training is designed to provide foresters, wildlife biologists and land managers with basic information on wildlife habitat management opportunities associated with prescribed fires in Florida. It includes sections addressing how ignition plans can be developed and implemented to meet specific wildlife objectives while minimizing risk.

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67th Annual Society for Range Management Meeting and Trade Show

The 67th Annual International Meeting, Technical Training & Trade Show presented by Dow AgroSciences will be held in Orlando, February 8-13, 2014.

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GEORGIA

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KENTUCKY

Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources (KDFWR)

The agency is continuing a study started last winter to learn more about the movements, social structure, reproductive success and life duration of cow elk in Kentucky. The area available for hunting black bears has been expanded to 16 counties and a separate archery and crossbow season has been adopted. In addition to the expanded hunting opportunities, an August no kill-chase only (with hounds) black bear season has been established. In early December, agency biologists confirmed the presence of 5 federally protected whooping cranes in western Kentucky. In order to reduce the delivery time of hunter education certification certificates to new hunters, KDFWR has instituted a pilot online registration program for hunter education courses.

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU)

Todd Weinkam (advisor **David Brown**) completed his MS thesis project entitled 'Winter behavior and ecology of eastern bluebirds: home ranges, habitat use, and effects of weather on foraging behavior'.

Marissa Buschow (advisor **David Brown**) completed her MS thesis project entitled 'Wintering white-throated sparrows: home ranges, aggression, and corticosterone'.

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LOUISIANA

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MARYLAND/DELAWARE

Maryland-Delaware Chapter

The Maryland-Delaware Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary at September's Fall Meeting, held at the Robinson Nature Center in Columbia, Maryland. At the meeting **Lowell Adams** reminisced on the early days of the Maryland Chapter, established in 1977, and **Rob Gano** discussed events leading to the creation of the joint chapter in 1988. We were also addressed by **Tom Franklin** on the development of The Wildlife Society's involvement with public policy. We were fortunate to have additional presentations by TWS Executive Director **Ken Williams** and **John McDonald**, Northeast Section Representative.

At the meeting **Brian Jennings** replaced **Marnie Pepper** as President, and Chapter Secretary **Kerry Wixted**, of the Maryland DNR, received our Outstanding Chapter Member Award for her efforts in the area of Chapter education and outreach.

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MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Fall Meeting



The Mississippi Chapter TWS annual meeting was held in Jackson, MS on September 26-27 at the Museum of Natural Science. The meeting was well attended with 60+ wildlife professionals from multiple state and federal agencies, NGO's, and undergraduate and graduate students from across the state. The next annual meeting will be held in Gulf Hills, MS September 25-26, 2014. More details coming...!

New officers were elected at the annual meeting:

Ray Iglay – Past President

Jessica Tegt – President

Andi Cooper – President Elect

Houston Havens – Secretary/Treasurer

Mark McConnell – Southeastern Section Representative

Board Members – **Scott Rush** and **Leslie Burger**

Mississippi State University, College of Forest Resources, Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Aquaculture

Dr. Bruce Leopold has stepped down as Department Head of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Dr. Eric Dibble was unanimously chosen to serve as interim Department Head during the search process.

Dr. Rick Kaminski received the 2013 Clarence W. Watson Award at the SEAFWA meeting in Oklahoma in October. The Watson award is the Association's most prestigious award.

Dr. Loren Wes Burger was named a Fellow of The Wildlife Society at the annual TWS meeting in Milwaukee, WI.

Mississippi Bat Working Group

Bat Seminar Held at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

On November 8, 2013, members of the Mississippi Bat Working Group sponsored an educational workshop about bats, primarily targeting individuals and companies who work with bats. Information about bat biology was presented by **Kathy Shelton** from the Museum of Natural Science, and an update on White-nose Syndrome was given by **Kathy Luncford** of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. **Melissa Tucker** from the Mississippi Department of Health gave an overview of bat rabies cases in Mississippi and discussed with the group the Health Department's interest and protocol for reporting bats for testing of rabies within the state. During the afternoon, **James Dale** with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce Bureau of Plant Industry, discussed pesticides and how none were currently legal to use for bats. **Mike McDowell** gave a presentation on how to work with bats in enclosed spaces such as attics, where bats may be causing problems and/or concerns to home owners.

Approximately 25 people attended the workshop. Snacks, coffee and drinks were provided by the Mississippi Bat Working Group, along with several door prizes.

10th Annual Mist Net Event

The Mississippi Bat Working Group (MBWG) held their tenth annual mist net event August 6 – 8, 2013 at the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Choctaw, Mississippi. The event kicked off with a potluck supper at the Mississippi State Extension building where participants enjoyed a variety of delicious foods. After a safety briefing, the group divided into three teams for the first night of netting.

On Wednesday, participants toured the Choctaw museum and were treated to a cooking demonstration by **Pearlie Thomas** detailing preparation of hominy

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and fry bread. Following that, hostess and co-coordinator **Mitzi Reed** explained the basics of stickball, a traditional Choctaw sport, and rabbit sticks (a traditional hunting method). Participants had a chance to try out the stickball sticks and rabbit sticks and it was determined that: 1) We all needed a lot of practice before we could attempt stickball and 2) We would starve to death if we had to use rabbit sticks to hunt. Luckily the group was able to partake of the hominy and fry bread prepared during the demonstration so no one went hungry!

Wednesday evening, after supper, the group divided into two groups for a second night of netting.



Supper! Hominy and fry bread, traditional Choctaw foods, prepared by Pearlie Thomas. (Photos by Shea Staten)

In all, the group caught a total of 31 bats and a southern leopard frog (go Chester!). The distinction of most bats caught was held by the team led by **Kathy Shelton**, who accounted for 21 of the 31 bats captured. Species captured included *Lasiurus seminolus* (1), *L. borealis* (15), *Nycticeius humeralis* (12), and *Myotis austroriparius* (3). Fifteen juvenile bats and 16 adult bats were captured. Nearly half (14) of the bats were captured in a triple high net stretched across a dry gravel road surrounded by bottomland forest. The group followed the national protocol for handling bats to avoid spreading White-nose Syndrome, wearing nitrile gloves, cleaning equipment between uses, and boiling nets between uses. No equipment was used that had previously been used in a white-nose positive state. Additionally, the wings of captured bats were examined for damage, using the “Wing-Damage Index” developed by **Jonathan Reichard**. No significant damage was observed.

The group would like to thank the following individuals: sponsor **Chester Martin; Mitzi Reed** and **Kathy Shelton** who helped with site selection; Chester Martin, **Alison McCartney**, and Kathy Shelton who served as group leaders. Additional thank you’s go out to Mitzi Reed and **Pearlie Thomas** for the demonstrations and to the **Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians** for providing access to their lands for this event. Thank you to everyone who attended – we wouldn’t have these events without you!



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Top, left: Triple high net, responsible for catching nearly half bats caught. Top, right: Removing a red bat from the net. Bottom, left: **Shea Staten** and **Alison McCartney** weigh a bat. Bottom, right: Measuring the forearm of an evening bat. (Photos by B. Rosamond and H. Stewart)



Alligator near mist netting site along Beaver Dam Road – just to keep things interesting!! (Photo by S. Staten)

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Outreach and Education

Kathy Shelton conducted several outreach activities regarding bats including:

- Discussed bat issues with the Wildlife/Human conflict class at Mississippi State University.
- Discussed bat monitoring with MS Wildlife Federation's Habitat Stewards class. Three bat boxes were given to the group by MBWG and will be placed around south MS and monitored by the group.
- Submitted an article on bats and WNS for MS Museum of Natural Science Newsletter and MS Outdoors magazine.
- Presented "Monitoring MS Caves for White Nose Syndrome: Implications for Mississippi's Bats" at the 2013 MS chapter of The Wildlife Society annual meeting.
- Appeared on the radio show "Creature Comforts."

Becky Rosamond presented programs on bats at two teacher workshops, speaking to approximately 50 teachers.

Shea Staten continued his work with the bat house program. Houses were donated to the Mississippi Habitat Stewards Program and to the Choctaw Reservation in Neshoba County.

Becky Rosamond and **Kathy Shelton** represented the MBWG at the Choctaw Wildlife Festival.

Shea Staten represented the MBWG at the Eagle Festival at Lake Arkabutla.

Members **Becky Rosamond** and **Candis Jones** presented a program on bats to 10 – 16 year-olds participating in the Mississippi State Extension Camp. The program was followed by a mist netting demonstration at Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge. Participants were able to see 3 species of bats.

Research

Kathy Shelton continued her work inventorying and monitoring bats in the state. She conducted summer and fall Anabat routes in Jackson and Tishomingo counties, mist netted in various locations across the state, and monitored known maternity roosts. Her newest project is an extensive culvert monitoring project: a 1-2 year project to survey box culverts to determine use by bats as hibernacula.

A second year of mobile bat acoustical monitoring was completed at 10 National Wildlife Refuges across the state. Routes were sampled 1-6 times each from June - July 15. Auto-classification of the call files is being done using BCID software. This effort is contributing to a larger effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies to look at long-term changes in bat populations.

Upcoming Annual Meeting

The next meeting of the Mississippi Bat Working Group was held January 16, 2014 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. Please contact the group at msbats@hotmail.com for more information on upcoming events.

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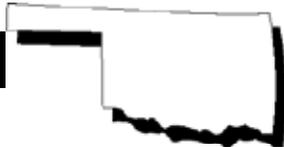
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The Tennessee Chapter of The Wildlife Society - 2014 Annual Meeting Announcement

Fall Creek Falls State Park
March 5 - March 7, 2014
<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/accommodations/fall-creek-falls>

Call for Student Papers

Students who have completed research projects (or at least significant results) are encouraged to deliver a talk (15-minute PowerPoint presentation). Please submit abstracts (250-word maximum) to Dr. Matt Gray by February 14, 2014.

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Wildlife Professional of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award.

Tennessee's Wildlife Professional of the Year Award is presented at the TWS Annual Meeting to an individual or group who has made outstanding contributions in advancing the aims of professional wildlife management in Tennessee during the previous year. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual or group who has made outstanding contributions in advancing the aims of professional wildlife management in Tennessee over the course of their career.

Deadline: February 1, 2014. If you know of someone or a group who deserves this prestigious honor, please submit the nomination electronically immediately to:

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Creation of Wetlands on the University of Tennessee-Knoxville Campus

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Andrea L. Ludwig, Department of Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

Jenny Retherford, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Thomas R. Biebighauser, Center for Wetlands and Stream Restoration, U.S. Forest Service

John Byrd, Clinch River Environmental Studies Organization

Steven Forbes, ARCADIS U.S., Inc.

Wetlands are critical ecosystems for flood control, water filtration, and groundwater recharge, and provide habitat for diverse wildlife communities. Recognizing the importance of wetlands, the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture partnered with the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK), U.S. Forest Service Center for Wetlands and Stream Restoration, and the Clinch River Environmental Studies Organization to construct three wetlands on the UTK campus. The goal of the project was to increase wetland and engineering research, teaching, and outreach opportunities for UT students, faculty and staff. Topographic and soil surveys were performed to identify ideal locations for the wetlands. Depressional wetlands were constructed over three days in November 2013 with an excavator and bulldozer using liner and surface water techniques. Woody debris, leaf litter and a hydrophyte seed mix were added to the depressions to facilitate development of wetland trophic levels once flooded. Additionally, disturbed soil in the upland was seeded to minimize erosion. Future projects will include monitoring water quality, hydrology, and plant and animal responses to wetland construction. The project can be followed at: <https://ag.tennessee.edu/watersheds/Pages/CherokeeWetlands.aspx>.

VIRGINIA



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Staff Changes

Tim Willis has a new position with DU as manager of land protection for the Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV). Tim has 13 years with DU administering various private lands programs throughout the Southern Region. His demonstrated abilities in relationship management with private landowners, NAWCA grants and wetland management make him especially well-suited for the position.

Mike Carlross has been hired as DU's manager of conservation programs for Louisiana, replacing **Bob Dew**, who moved into a new role with DU in Louisiana as director of development. Mike has had a long and successful career with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, NOAA and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Louisiana, and he will add immeasurably to DU's conservation programs in this critical delivery arena. Mike has worked in Louisiana conservation since 1978. He begins his duties with DU on January 6.

Awards

The South Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society recognized DU Regional Biologist **Jamie Rader** as the Professional Wildlife Manager of the Year for 2013.

NAWCA Update

Grants approved for funding in September:

- Mississippi Wetlands Conservation Initiative
- South Carolina Lowcountry Wetlands Initiative IV

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Southeast Conservation Unit – AR, MS, AL, TN, FL, GA, NC, SC, VA

Alabama

Alabama Increases State Grant Contribution

The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries will contribute \$68,478 last year to the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' state grants program, a \$6,000 increase over 2012 funding. Funding from ADWFF will be matched by DU, DUC and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to enhance waterfowl habitat on the Canadian breeding grounds. As approximately 46 percent of birds banded in Canada and recovered in Alabama originate in Ontario, the funding will support conservation efforts there. DU's Ontario conservation program focuses on land protection, wetland habitat restoration and maintenance of the more than 2,500 wetland projects already on the ground.

Alabama Biologist and DU Friend Retires

Longtime waterfowl biologist for the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries **David Hayden** retired in December. DU Director of Development **Shawn Battison** presented Hayden with a decoy in appreciation of his years of service to the ducks. The Southern Region greatly appreciates Hayden's long-standing support for waterfowl management not only in Alabama, but also throughout important wintering areas through his work on joint ventures and the Mississippi Flyway Council.

"David has always been a voice of reason that sought what was best for the waterfowl resource and waterfowl hunters," said SR Director **Tom Moorman**. "He has been one of our most steady and staunch partners over the years."

Swan Creek WMA Restoration

Regional Biologist **Tim Willis** and Engineer **Billy Hill** recently met with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources staff on Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area to discuss replacement of old water-management infrastructure. Interestingly,

the structure to be replaced was one of the first cooperative projects DU and the DNR worked on together in the early 1990s. The corrugated metal pipe installed then has failed, and the DNR wants to replace it with a concrete pipe. Without the water control structure, DNR staff cannot properly manage impoundments for waterfowl. At this time, DU, the DNR and the Tennessee Valley Authority are working on plans for the project, and the DNR is seeking additional assistance from Limestone County and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff from nearby Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge.

Mud Creek WMA Levee Repair

DU staff met with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources staff on Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area to examine a levee breach on one of the area's green tree reservoirs. Area staff is seeking to repair the levee and install a concrete weir water control structure to replace the pipe-and-riser structure that was there. Once project design is settled, DU will assist the DNR with securing funding for the project.

Arkansas

Enhancement Begins on Three WMAs

DU will be working with NRCS and AGFC on wetland enhancement design and construction at Raft Creek, Frog Bayou and Bell Slough wildlife management areas. This will result in approximately \$1.3 million of work over the next two years. DU has been collaborating with NRCS over the past couple of years to secure funding for this work. The projects will enlarge several moist-soil units, improve access for hunters and increase wetland management capabilities, which will in turn enhance waterfowl habitat. DU Engineer Matt Willoughby is working on final restoration plans for Bell Slough WMA, with restoration on that area to be scheduled this fall.

South Carolina

Bonneau Ferry Project Completed

DU completed a project to improve 387 acres of draw hunt area on Bonneau Ferry Wildlife Management

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Area in time for duck season. The Quarterman's Reserve project is part of the South Carolina Lowcountry III NAWCA grant. DU worked with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to enhance more than 5,000 linear feet of canals, rehabilitate existing embankments and enhance four aluminum water control structures and associated bulkhead. The project provides SCDNR staff with increased capacity for management of the semi-permanently flooded wetlands, moist-soil impoundments and flooded agricultural crops.

Pringle Tract Protected

The Pringle Tract is located in the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture ACE Basin Focus Area, where DU is a long-standing partner of the ACE Basin Task Force, a partnership that has protected more than 200,000 acres. This effort is a nationally recognized model of success consisting of several non-governmental organizations, private landowners, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Pringle Tract conservation easement is important because it permanently restricts land use on 478 acres directly adjacent to the main run of Four Holes Swamp. The easement also limits structures and provides for a forested buffer on nearly 3 miles of frontage on Four Holes. The importance of Four Holes Swamp is well recognized, as it is home to the National Audubon Society's Francis Beidler Forest, a 17,000-acre sanctuary that contains the largest remaining old-growth blackwater bald cypress and tupelo gum swamp in the world.

The Pringle Tract includes the longest section of privately held frontage along the swamp and is located immediately across the swamp from the Audubon property. The actual Beidler Forest portion of Four Holes Swamp is recognized as a Ramsar wetland of international significance.

The bottomland hardwood areas of Four Holes Swamp, including the Pringle Tract, are utilized by an extremely diverse set of wetland-dependent species, including waterfowl, wading birds, reptiles, amphibians

songbirds, small mammals and avian predators. Ducks Unlimited and the ACE Basin Task Force are very appreciative of the landowner's willingness to permanently protect this property for future generations. Those who paddle and bird watch along Fours Holes will also be appreciative in the years to come as the property will remain virtually unchanged.

"With this easement, the landowner and Ducks Unlimited have made a huge contribution to the protection of Four Holes Swamp and its wildlife, for which Audubon is most grateful," said **Norman Brunswig**, longtime manager of Beidler Forest and Audubon South Carolina executive director.

North Carolina

Alligator River NWR

Ducks Unlimited recently completed a project to improve water control infrastructure on Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge in eastern North Carolina. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hired DU to replace two aged pump stations on Creef and Laurel Bay, improving water control on more than 6,600 acres. DU removed the old pumps and installed two newer, more efficient ones. The pump stations dewater managed agricultural fields as a part of waterfowl habitat management. The fields are partially harvested and flooded for wintering waterfowl.



Alligator River existing pump site to be replaced.

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Alligator River after pump replacement in 2013.

Tennessee

State Land Improvements

DU is working with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to plan habitat improvement projects on Tully Wildlife Management Area in Lauderdale County and Eagle Lake State Refuge in Shelby County. The projects will include water management infrastructure improvements to enhance approximately 600 acres of important flooded agricultural/moist-soil habitat on the two areas. The 400 acres on Tully WMA will be open for public hunting.

DU submitted a \$1 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant application in December to fund the work. Project partners include DU, TWRA, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, West Tennessee Basin Authority, National Wild Turkey Federation and a private landowner.

Florida

Tippen Bay Project

DU is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to explore the possibility of improving 2,000 acres of wetland habitat in Tippen Bay near Arcadia, Florida. Three owners share the property, which has been

drained to use for pasturelands. If funded, DU will oversee the design, permitting and construction of hydrology restoration on the wet prairie habitat.

Virginia

Funding Boost for Princess Anne Project

DU recently received a \$150,000 challenge grant from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation in support of a restoration project on Princess Anne Wildlife Management Area. Located on Back Bay in southeastern Virginia, the WMA's mix of marshes, agricultural fields, freshwater impoundments and pine woodlands is home to numerous species of wildlife, waterfowl and shorebirds. The WMA, combined with False Cape State Park, serves as the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' primary waterfowl and deer hunting area.

The planned project will restore 199 acres on the Beasley and Whitehurst tracts through improvements to water management infrastructure. DU will be providing a turnkey project, including survey, design, permitting, contracting and contract administration. Current funding partners include DU, VDGIF, the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, Dominion Resources and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Further funding proposals are being considered by other entities.

New WMA Dedicated

Partners officially named Virginia's newest wildlife management area in late September. The Doe Creek WMA was established following an acquisition project to secure nearly 700 acres of land in Accomack County. The property, initially protected by The Nature Conservancy, contains existing managed wetlands and will provide excellent waterfowl habitat. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) used a National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant to assist in acquisition. Thanks to several generous supporters, DU provided \$162,000 toward this effort, and The Wildlife Foundation of Virginia supplied the remaining required funds.

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Nearly 80 people attended the official dedication, including Virginia DU State Chairman David Adamson and many VADU members and volunteers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives, VDGIF Director Bob Duncan and other staff, TNC Director of the Virginia Coastal Reserve Steve Parker and Wildlife Foundation of Virginia staff.

Southwest Conservation Unit – LA, OK, TX, NM

Louisiana

Bayou L'Ours Marsh Terraces

DU is wrapping up the Bayou L'Ours marsh terracing project in Lafourche Parish. Degraded coastal marsh was improved through the construction of 24,000 linear feet of marsh terraces. Gulf coastal marsh loss continues at a dramatic rate, and these terraces can promote important submerged aquatic vegetation and slow further wind and wave erosion in shallow-water habitats. Lafourche Parish experiences some of the greatest rates of coastal wetland loss in the country. Not only does this project enhance more than 220 acres, but also it is being used as match for a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant that funds restoration in other parts of the parish and the adjacent Terrebonne Basin.



Construction of marsh terraces will enhance this degraded marsh habitat for waterfowl and prevent further wind and wave erosion from destroying adjacent marsh.

Golden Meadow Marsh Creation

A partnership among ConocoPhillips, Lafourche Parish government and Ducks Unlimited was selected by the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to receive \$480,000 in funding for a coastal marsh restoration project near Golden Meadow in Lafourche Parish. The project will place locally dredged sediment within an area of eroded coastal marsh, restoring its ability to support waterfowl and provide vital wave and storm surge protection for the adjacent South Lafourche Levee District hurricane protection levee.

ConocoPhillips and Lafourche Parish will provide an additional \$600,000 to fund construction, and DU staff will design the project in early 2014. DU will also utilize this project as match in a future North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant proposal to further coastal restoration efforts in Louisiana.

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NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

11th National Wild Turkey Symposium January 2016, Tucson, AZ

The National Wild Turkey Symposium seeks original research and synthesis papers on the ecology and management of wild turkeys for presentation at the Symposium and publication in the Proceedings. The Symposium occurs every 5 years and brings together state, federal and private wild turkey researchers, land managers, and enthusiasts to exchange ideas relative to ensuring sustainability of the wild turkey resource.

For more information: Please direct questions to the Symposium Editor: Dr. Darren A. Miller, Weyerhaeuser Company, P.O. Box 2288, Columbus, MS, 39704; (662) 245-5249; darren.miller@weyerhaeuser.com.

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Aldo Leopold Award

The highest honor bestowed by The Wildlife Society is the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award for distinguished service to wildlife conservation. The basic selection criterion is the significance of an individual's contribution(s) to the wildlife field. Recipients receive a medal, plaque, and honorary membership in The Wildlife Society. The Aldo Leopold Memorial Award Committee needs your help.

This is an opportunity for you to participate in identifying and recognizing an individual who has made an enduring contribution to wildlife conservation. You are encouraged to consider individuals not only from our traditional professional realm, but also those who bring their skills and talents to wildlife conservation from across society and across the world. Each nomination should include a statement emphasizing the basis for determining "distinguished service to wildlife conservation," a detailed resume, and no more than five supporting letters. Nominations of unsuccessful candidates remain in the candidate pool for a maximum of three years, unless the individual is re-nominated. The award is not given posthumously.

Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The nomination and complete supporting documentation should be sent as a single PDF file by March 15, 2014.

Fellows Program

The Fellows Program recognizes members who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to our profession. A maximum of two TWS Fellows per Section may be appointed annually, with an annual Society-wide total not to exceed 10, by vote of Council at the March meeting. Nominations can come from Sections, Chapters, or individual TWS members.

Nominations must use the Fellows Program application form (on the TWS web site).

The nominee meets the following criteria:

- must be a TWS member (current) for at least 10 years;
- must be active in TWS at Chapter, Section, or international level;
- must have a distinguished professional record that includes significant contributions to wildlife resources and the profession.

TWS Fellows will be appointed for life and will be encouraged to engage in outreach and other activities that will benefit and promote TWS and the wildlife profession. Fellow appointments will be announced at the Society's Annual Conference, and recipients will be presented with a pin and a certificate. Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The materials should be sent as a single PDF file. Nominations must be received by February 15, 2014.



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Distinguished Service Award

The Wildlife Society Distinguished Service Award (TWSDSA) is designed to recognize TWS members who have made a long-term commitment to the Society based on membership longevity and TWS service. The award recognizes individuals who have worked throughout their careers in a variety of ways to further the mission of the Society but have not been previously recognized with other TWS awards. The nominee should be someone who is/was “always there” and could be counted on to serve the Chapter, Section, or International organization. This award is not intended to continue to recognize members that have already received other TWS awards.

Criteria

Nominees must have been a parent TWS member for at least 20 years. If membership is not continuous, evidence of membership longevity must be provided. The intent is to recognize candidates while they are still active TWS members.

TWSDSA nominees must have served TWS in such a way that furthers the goals of TWS. Examples of service are Chapter, Section, or International Board member or Officer; served in a significant manner to keep a Chapter active or to reactivate a Chapter; consistent attendance of, at least, Chapter meetings; dependable member to support Chapter, Section, and/or international activities such as review of EIS reports, positions statements, etc.; Chapter, Section, parent, or international committee chairperson or member; assist or organize Chapter, Section, or international conferences or special meetings, programs, training seminars, etc.; as appropriate, testify at hearings, etc. Basically, a collective commitment to TWS goals and activities.

Nomination Procedures

Any TWS member or members, Chapter, Section, or Working Group may submit nominations or self-nomination. Only one Distinguished Service Award will be awarded per Section per year.

Nomination should include:

1. Name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, and affiliation of nominee
2. A one-page nomination statement that clearly outlines the nominee’s contributions to The Wildlife Society.
3. Nominee’s curriculum vitae, and
4. Signed statements of endorsement from three endorsers.

Nominations are to be submitted to the TWS Section Executive Committee (<http://wildlife.org/subunits/sections>) by March 15, 2014.



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Chapter and Student Chapter of the Year Awards

The Wildlife Society annually presents the Chapter of the Year and Student Chapter of the Year Awards to encourage and recognize exceptional achievements by TWS Chapters. Winning chapters receive a plaque and their names are added to a permanent plaque on display at the Society's headquarters. Student Chapters also receive a \$1,000 travel grant to send a student delegation to the annual conference.

Chapters and student chapters are invited to nominate themselves for the award by completing the application form on the TWS website (<http://wildlife.org/who-we-are/awards/chapter-and-student-chapter-of-the-year>). Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email (materials should be sent as a single PDF file) to Awards@wildlife.org by March 15, 2014 for Chapter of the Year Award and by June 30, 2014 for Student Chapter of the Year Award.

Conservation Education Award

The Wildlife Society is accepting nominations for the 2014 Conservation Education Award in the category of "Programs." The development of appropriate conservation education programs is an activity eligible for this honor. Nominees in the program category are typically, but not exclusively, supported by either public or private organizations promoting a broad framework of goals and objectives. Unlike the writings and audio-visual works categories, the program category recognizes those people involved in long-term, continuing efforts that support conservation education. Materials reflecting programs may be similar to those submitted to the writings and/or audio-visual categories.

This award gives recognition to an important kind of professional endeavor not covered by other honors of the Society. Conservation education covers a wide diversity of activity. It encompasses particular works of great merit and also programs representing sustained effort that can achieve great significance over the years. Presumably, any kind of effort that influences public opinion in a constructive manner might be honored in this way. The award encompasses the broad field of renewable resources conservation and management, but wildlife is expected to be the focus of nominated works.

If you are submitting electronic nominations send materials as one PDF file via email to Awards@wildlife.org. If you are submitting hardcopies, mail 6 copies of your nomination with supporting materials by March 15, 2014 to Katie Edwards, The Wildlife Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Group Achievement Award

The Wildlife Society's Group Achievement Award recognizes an organization or group that accomplishes outstanding achievements to benefit wildlife consistent with advancing the objectives of The Wildlife Society. The organization or group selected for the award can be a private, state, or federal institution. Past award winners have included: the Quality Deer Management Association, the Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society, the Wyoming Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, Oregon's 4-H Wildlife Stewards Program, and the U.S. Furbearer Conservation Technical Working Group of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Nominations, with no more than 3 letters of support attached, should describe the group, its objectives, number of members, and provide a concise statement of accomplishments within the past 3 years. Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The materials should be sent as a single PDF file by February 15, 2014.

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Excellence in Wildlife Education Award

In 2010, The Wildlife Society Council asked the College and University Wildlife Education Working Group to establish the criteria, nomination procedures, and a selection mechanism for an Excellence in Wildlife Education Award. In addition to honoring individual faculty members, the award will celebrate exemplary teaching and contribute to the improvement of wildlife education. Eligible faculty will be actively engaged in undergraduate and/or graduate, wildlife-related education.

Criteria:

Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of a dossier documenting outstanding contributions to wildlife education. The dossier should provide specific evidence of outstanding performance in one or more—not necessarily all—of the 5 categories listed below:

1. **Teaching:** direct contact with students in courses and programs and in co-curricular activities. Teaching activities include instructing groups of students in classes, seminars, and laboratories; and supervising individual activities, such as practicums, internships, field-learning experiences, tutorials, performances, exhibitions, and independent study - including supervision of undergraduate and graduate research projects. Evidence of, at least, campus-level recognition of teaching excellence is desirable.
2. **Advising:** activities that aid individual students with course and major selection, career plans, and personal development, especially in ways that go beyond formal curricular advising; and those that provide guidance to student organizations or groups. Documentation should include information about accessibility to students, which ordinarily includes but is not limited to office availability. Evidence of recognition by the individual's institution of the nominees advising excellence is desirable.
3. **Research Activities related to teaching and learning:** such activities should be documented and discussed in terms of the relationship between these activities and the nominee's contributions to wildlife education. Peer-refereed publications related to education are desirable.
4. **Academic Program Development:** such activities that contribute to the planning, design, or development of improvements in wildlife education. Contributions in this area might include new courses or a cluster of courses, and valuable programmatic innovations of any kind.
5. **Educational Leadership:** extra-programmatic activities of any kind and at any level that constitute leadership and contribute substantially to wildlife education. Examples may include presenting papers, holding a position such as national or regional officer or program chair in a professional association, or being a member of a college committee which impacts the student educational experience.

Nomination Procedure:

An electronic copy of nomination dossiers should be forwarded to TWS headquarters at Awards@wildlife.org by March 15, 2014. The primary responsibility for the success of this awards program rests with the nominator who solicits the assistance of the nominee and support letter writers to complete the dossier.

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Organization and Presentation of Dossiers:

To maintain a similar format among dossiers and facilitate efficient review, brevity is encouraged in assembling materials. Use 12-point font, one-inch margins, and 1.5 line spacing in preparing materials. Each dossier should be organized according to the following guidelines:

1. Cover page with the nominee's name and college, name of nominator, and note that the nomination is for the EXCELLENCE IN WILDLIFE EDUCATION AWARD.
2. A statement by the nominator of no more than 3 pages, presenting the full case for the nomination as well as summarizing the dossier, with specific reference to the criteria listed in these guidelines. This statement forms the basis of the nomination and is extremely important for the review process. The nominator should describe the nominee's qualifications and other relevant criteria, focusing on specific details. The aim of this statement is to set out a convincing case for the nominee's outstanding contributions to wildlife education.
3. Personal statement by the candidate of no more than 2 pages addressing the criteria of the award and their impact on student learning.
4. The candidate's curriculum vitae of no more than 3 pages organized according to the following rubric:
 - a. Education
 - b. Courses Taught
 - c. Course, Program, and Curricular Development
 - d. Service/Outreach/Engagement activities (related to teaching and learning)
 - e. Publications and Grants (related to teaching and learning)
 - f. Awards and Recognitions (related to teaching and learning)
5. A numerical overview of student evaluations from courses taught in the last 5 years. Up to 1 additional page of assessment of student learning can be included.
6. Four supporting letters; one from the nominee's supervisor (if the supervisor is also the nominator, an additional letter can be included from either a colleague or student), one from a colleague, and 2 from former students. In all cases, letter writers are encouraged to cite specific examples in support of the case.

Special Recognition Service Award

The Special Recognition Service Award honors any person (doesn't have to be a member of TWS) or group that has made an outstanding contribution to the wildlife profession; the general areas of wildlife conservation, management, or science; or a specific area of endeavor, species, community, ecosystem, region, etc. Contributions over the short or long term are eligible for nomination for a Special Recognition Service Award.

Nominations should include:

- nominee's full name, present position, address, and phone number;
- nominator's and endorser's names, addresses, and phone numbers;
- a clear and concise statement justifying the nomination, including the specific nature, time, and place of the nominee's outstanding service and accomplishments. Address such criteria as difficulty, insight, scope, importance, acceptance, application, value, impact, and geographic scope of contributions;
- at least three signed statements of endorsement.

Please assist this year's committee by submitting nomination materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The materials should be sent as a single PDF file by March 15, 2014.

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Donald H. Rusch Memorial Game Bird Research Scholarship

The Donald H. Rusch Memorial Game Bird Research Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Don Rusch and to continue his legacy by contributing to studies of game bird biology. Don was an avid hunter and angler with a keen interest in all aspects of game bird biology and conservation. He advocated the wise use of our wildlife resources, and emphasized the importance of scientific research to improve our understanding of wildlife populations and their conservation.

The award is presented annually to a graduate student studying any aspect of upland game bird or waterfowl biology and management. This year only Master's degree candidates in wildlife biology, zoology, ecology, or a related discipline at a university in North America, and must be a member of TWS are eligible.

Awards are based primarily upon project merit, but also consider the candidate's academic achievement, field experience, and career interests. Research projects must be endorsed by the candidate's academic advisor. The award is intended to benefit students who show promise as wildlife educators, researchers, or managers. A \$2,000 scholarship will be presented at the 21st Annual Wildlife Society Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

The nomination should include:

- a cover letter indicating what influenced the applicant's entry into the wildlife field, philosophy of the importance of hunting personally and professionally, and future career interests. Also submit a brief project description addressing the rationale for the study, the experimental methods, other cooperators and support, and estimated term of study (maximum 3 pages double-spaced);
- a resume, including list of presentations and publications, and grade-point average (maximum 2 pages);
- and a letter of support from the student's academic advisor. The letter should address the need for and the significance of the research, as well as provide a candid appraisal of the student.

Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The materials should be sent as a single PDF file no later than March 15, 2014.

Student Chapter Advisor of the Year Award

The Student Chapter Advisor of the Year Award recognizes exceptional mentorship by TWS student chapter advisors. Active and effective student chapters are needed to achieve The Wildlife Society's goals and the advisor is the backbone of the chapter. Recipients receive a plaque. The award is presented annually to one student chapter advisor for exemplary contributions to the development of young professionals. Student chapters are invited to nominate their advisor for the award by completing the application form on the TWS web site. Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The materials should be sent as a single PDF file by March 15, 2014.



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Caesar Kleberg Award for Excellence in Applied Wildlife Research

TWS newest award recognizes those who have distinguished themselves in applied wildlife research. While the Aldo Leopold Award recognizes individuals for much broader contributions and is truly a lifetime achievement award, the Caesar Kleberg Award is focused on those whose body of work, in both inquiry and discovery, has resulted in application of management and conservation “on the ground.” The award is presented each year at the TWS Annual Conference and in addition to an award plaque and commemorative medal, it includes conference registration, travel expenses, and a small honorarium.

Award Criteria

1. The nominee must have been a member of The Wildlife Society for much of his or her career.
2. The nominee must have a sustained record of productivity in applied wildlife research. This award is intended to honor an individual’s record of applied research over a substantial period of time, rather than accomplishments involving a single research endeavor. The research must have had direct context and value for managing or conserving wildlife resources, with a focus on vertebrate species excluding fish. Any intellectual endeavors that result in acquired knowledge about wildlife and physical, biological, or social processes that affect wildlife are eligible for this award.
3. The nominee’s research responds to or has potential application to high-priority needs in wildlife management and conservation.
4. Applications from nominee’s research are realizing significant improvements in wildlife management or conservation, on-the-ground management practices, or wildlife policies, either by the researcher, wildlife managers, policy-makers, or other applied scientists or practitioners.
5. The nominee has a national or international reputation for excellence in applied wildlife research.
6. Heads of research organizations may be eligible for the award if they were intellectually involved in the research; i.e., contributed to the experimental design, analysis, and/or application of said research.

The award is not intended to honor the outstanding career accomplishments of research administrators or practitioners of wildlife management or conservation, for whom the Leopold Award is a better fit.

A nominee’s eligibility for the Kleberg Award will not be affected by other awards received from The Wildlife Society (e.g., Leopold Award, Honorary Member, and TWS Fellow).

Nominations Procedures

Nomination letters should include:

1. the nominee’s point of contact with phone numbers and e-mail address,
2. name and affiliation of nominee,
3. nomination statement,
4. nominee’s curriculum vitae, and
5. names and contact information for at least five references.

Materials for consideration should include a nomination statement that clearly outlines the nominee’s contributions to applied wildlife research, completely covering each of the five selection criteria listed above. The nomination statement must provide an explicit link between the nominee’s career and a cumulative track record relative to wildlife research findings, recognized success, and application of results that have high importance in the field of conservation and/or wildlife management. While a list of publications is useful, that alone will be insufficient.

Submission

Send one (1) PDF file of the complete nomination package to Awards@wildlife.org by March 15, 2014.

NOMINATIONS

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Diversity Award

Are you or is someone you know involved in efforts to positively affect the gender and ethnic diversity of our profession and related fields? If so, TWS wants to recognize these important contributions to the future of wildlife conservation. The diversity award is intended to recognize individuals or organizations for their outstanding efforts in promoting ethnic and gender diversity in the natural resource-related professions, especially wildlife conservation and education. The award recognizes and honors promotion of and support for diversity in the workforce, academic enrollment, or organizational membership.

The main letter of nomination should address how the nominee has excelled in one or more of the following pursuits:

- Demonstrated leadership in promoting diversity
- Demonstrated innovation in design and implementation of diversity programs
- Achieved tangible results (e.g., recruitment, mentoring, funding, program implementation)
- And may also include other relevant factors to further describe the impact and contribution of the nominee's accomplishments and the value of their efforts towards furthering diversity.

Nominations can be submitted by a second party or can be self-nominated. Packages should include a letter of nomination and at least one letter of support from another source. Please include contact information for the primary nominator and for the supporting reference(s). Preferably, nomination materials should be sent electronically as a single PDF. Nominations and questions should be directed to the current committee chair Jeanne Jones (jjones@cfr.msstate.edu). Please send a copy of the nominations to Awards@wildlife.org. Nominations are due by March 15, 2014. Paper materials can be mailed to: The Wildlife Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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BUSINESS

**Minutes from the Fall Business Meeting
of the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society
Tuesday, 15 October 2013
Oklahoma City, OK**

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – **David Cobb**

The fall business meeting was called to order at 3:00

II. Approval of 2012 Business Meeting Minutes

John Bowers moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by **Gary Moody** and passed unanimously.

III. Reports

SETWS Section Representative - **Darren Miller** gave the Section Representative report. **John Bowers** asked if it would be possible to send TWS employees through the CLFT program. Darren suggested that they should be given the opportunity, but that it could not be required of current employees.

Secretary/Treasurer - **Mike Conner** provided the account balance and informed membership that our audit suggested financials were in order. A complete finance report was attached as an appendix to the minutes.

Associate Editor Wildlife – No report. **David Cobb** pointed out that submissions were up and that **Doug Osborne** would serve as wildlife AE for the 2014 proceedings.

Student Awards – **Kelly Douglass** - 8 student presentations and 2 posters that were judged. Awards for best presentations were presented at the awards banquet. Kelly asked for people to volunteer to judge presentations and posters during next year's meeting.

C. W. Watson Award – **David Cobb** announced that there were 4 nominees and winner had been selected. Winner was announced during the awards banquet.

Deer Committee – **John Bowers** announced that the SE Deer Study Group would meet Feb 16 – 18 at UGA

Endangered Species Committee – No report

Fur Resources Committee- No report

Wetlands Wildlife Committee - Steve Rockwood gave report.

Minorities in Natural Resources Committee- No report.

Wildlife Excellence Award- **David Cobb** stated award would be presented during the awards banquet. He also stated that we needed a new chair for this committee.

Publications Committee- **Kelly Douglass** stated that there were 9 manuscripts submitted and 7 were accepted. The best paper was announced at the awards banquet.

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Newsletter Editor, Webmaster- No report.

John Bowers moved that all reports be approved. This was seconded by **Darren Miller**, and the motion passed.

IV. Old Business

SEAFWA publications - **Steve Rockwood** informed the membership that SEAFWA papers were available on the website and that the website will be redesigned to allow more efficient searches.

Strategic plan - **Eric Pelren** stated that SETWS was discussing the need for a strategic plan and feels that a plan would be helpful for prioritizing SETWS activities.

Committee Restructuring- **David Cobb** stated that we needed to establish a conservation network committee to integrate regional activities and serve as a point of contact with TWS regarding governmental affairs and conservation issues.

Joint SETWS / AFS Meeting – **David Cobb** informed that AFS had committed to a joint meeting in 2014 and that the meeting would take place. Final decisions need to be made. **Darren Miller** mentioned that a dedicated special session in Missouri was well attended, but had not been continued. **Steve Rockwood** stated that Florida would send a survey to SE Universities to determine how they could get more academic involvement in SEAFWA.

V. New Business

Scott Yaich gave a presentation of the connectivity of streams and wetlands and encouraged members to write EPA in support of science-based decision making.

Steve Rockwood asked that the executive board review a letter in support of EPA. Katie will put this letter on the website.

SETWS awards

Lauren Watine received the best poster award. Best presentation award was announced at the banquet.

The University of TN at Martin was chosen as the student chapter of the year.

Elections

David Cobb asked that nominations of candidates be submitted to the nominating committee (**Eric Pelren**, **Bruce Leopold**, and **Jim Miller**). Nominations and elections are to be held as soon as possible.

David Cobb provided closing remarks. He gave his support to **Eric Pelren** as the next President and thanked everyone for their assistance during his presidency.

Eric Pelren presented certificates of appreciation to **David Cobb** and **Mike Conner**.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:42pm.

BUSINESS

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Secretary/Treasurer Report for January 1, 2013 to October 01, 2013

Submitted by: Mike Conner, SE Section Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance (01/01/13)	\$10,886.84
Deposits	\$6,368.00
Debits	\$(4,250.00)
Ending Balance (10/01/13)	\$13,004.84

DEPOSITS

Item	Amount
TWS Reimbursement (dues rebates)	\$786.00
TWS Reimbursement (dues rebates)	\$3,188.00
TWS Reimbursement (dues rebates)	\$1,576.00
TWS Reimbursement (dues rebates)	\$808.00
Member Dues	\$10.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$6,368.00

DEBITS

Item	Amount
SEPARC Support	\$250.00
NCLI Support	\$1,000.00
Chris Moorman (SE Conclave Support)	\$1,000.00
TWS (Leadership Institute Support)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$4,250.00

TWS Spring Council Meeting

The spring meeting of TWS Council will be held March 9-10 in Denver, Colorado at the Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel in conjunction with the Wildlife Management Institute's North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference. Members are welcome to attend. Please visit http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org/index.php?option=com_content&id=348&Itemid=61 for more information on the conference, including lodging and registration.

Southeastern Student Conclave

The Southeastern Student Wildlife Conclave will be hosted by the Clemson University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society from March 20-22, 2014. For more information on lodging, registration, and schedule of events, please visit http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/safes/2014_wildlife_conclave/. Please contact the Student Chapter Advisor, **Rickie Davis** (jrdvs@clemson.edu), with questions regarding conclave.

The Wildlife Society has established a grant program to support student conclaves and the vital role they play in preparing students for a career in wildlife management and conservation. Grants of \$1,000 are now available through TWS to help support each regional student conclave (\$500 available before the conclave and \$500 after completion of the conclave). Host student chapters must complete an application form to receive funding. Please contact Katie Edwards at katie.edwards@wildlife.org for more information.

2014 Certification Program Changes

The Certification Review Board (CRB) presented recommendations to TWS Council for changes to the Certification Program during the 20th Annual Conference on October 5, 2013. Several changes were approved for the program including requirements to the Botany and Quantitative Sciences categories, submission of graduate degree material, and time for reapplication following a denial. Detailed information can be found at <http://news.wildlife.org/certification-newsletter/volume-8/certification-application-and-program-guidelines/> or you may contact **Katie Edwards**, Professional Development Coordinator, at katie.edwards@wildlife.org.

Hunting, Trapping, and Conservation Working Group

Recently, TWS Council approved interim status of a new working group, the “Hunting, Trapping, and Conservation Working Group.” Members can now join this working group (\$5.00 annual dues) via the TWS Member’s Portal (www.wildlife.org). The primary goal of this working group will be to explore hunting and trapping relative to conservation and management of wildlife resources. The working group has recently gotten started with developing a charter, etc. and welcomes input from members. If you are interested in helping get this working group off the ground or simply want to be placed on an initial list for communications about the working group, please contact the interim-Chair, **Dr. Darren Miller** (darren.miller@weyerhaeuser.com).

Molecular Ecology Working Group

A Molecular Ecology Working Group has just been added to TWS. This group will provide networking opportunities and informational resources for a wide array of genetic/genomic topics related to wildlife ecology and management. If you have an interest in conservation genetics, non-invasive genetic population monitoring, landscape genetics, evolutionary genetics, molecular forensics, or other related topics, please consider joining the Molecular Ecology Working Group to advance these fields within The Wildlife Society. Members may add the working group (\$5 annual dues) through their Member Portal. Sign up soon and look out for the inaugural meeting at the 2014 TWS conference. For more information or questions about the working group, please contact **Stacie Robinson**, Interim Chair, at stacie.j.robinson@gmail.com.



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MEETINGS OF INTEREST

FEBRUARY

SEPARC 2014 Annual Meeting

February 13-16, 2014
Lake Cumberland, Kentucky
<http://www.separc.org/meetings/registration>

2014 SBDN/Colloquium on Conservation of Mammals Meeting

February 13-14, 2014
Stephen F. Austin State University
Nacogdoches, Texas
http://sbdn.org/2014_meeting.html

38th Annual NWTF Convention and Sport Show

February 13-16, 2014
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee
http://www.nwtf.org/special_events/convention.html

2014 Southeast Deer Study Group Meeting

February 16-18, 2014
UGA Hotel and Conference Center
Athens, Georgia
<http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/conferences-events/register/southeast-deer-study>

MARCH

79th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference

March 10-14, 2014
Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel
Denver, Colorado
http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org/index.php?option=com_content%20&view=article&id=348&Itemid=61

MAY

77th DU National Convention

May 28 - June 1, 2014
St. Louis, Missouri
<http://www.ducks.org/events/National-Convention>

JULY

2014 Meeting of American Society of Ichthyologists & Herpetologists

July 30 - August 3, 2014
Chattanooga Convention Center
Chattanooga, Tennessee
<http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/jointmeeting/>

OCTOBER

SEAFWA Conference

October 19-22, 2014
Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa
Destin, Florida
<http://seafwa.org/conferences/2014/index.html>

The Wildlife Society Annual Conference 2014

October 25-30, 2014
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
www.wildlife.org

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society Membership Application

New Renewal Change of Address

_____ Number of years (multiple year membership)

(please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

PHONE _____

For new memberships or renewals, please enclose a check for \$10.00 per year (students: \$6.00) payable to Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society with this application and send to:

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