

**TWS NE Section Executive Committee Teleconference
January 27, 2014 3:00 pm**

Attendees

John McDonald – NE Section TWS Rep
Tim Green – Membership Chair
Dave Paulson – New England Chapter Rep
Mitch Hartley – NE Section President
Eric Schrading – NE Section Secretary
Sarah Boyden – ME Chapter Rep
Shawn Haskell – NE Section VP
Stacy Carpenter – NE Section President-Elect

NE Section Dues

Mitch discussed a proposal that was discussed at the November NE Section Executive Committee teleconference regarding changing how NE Section dues would be collected. This change would not require a change to the bylaws, but would require a vote by all NE Section members. The ME chapter and New England chapter agreed to move forward with the proposal. Others on the call agreed to move this forward. Mitch will prepare a proposal to send to TWS National to have this moved forward as an election item.

Bylaw Changes

Changes to the bylaws were suggested at the Spring 2013 Exec Comm meeting including changing or disbanding several committees. Since membership will be voting on dues changes, it seemed to make sense to incorporate bylaws changes in the same election. Mitch will work with Tim to come up with proposed bylaws changes and submit a draft of those changes to the Exec Committee, before moving them forward to the general membership.

NE Section TWS Rep

Two candidates for the NE Section TWS Rep were identified to replace John McDonald. Tim Green and Paul Johansen agreed to run for this post. Mitch will forward those nominations to TWS National for a membership vote. This is a separate election for the membership from the NE Section Dues and Bylaw changes.

NEAFWA Conference

NEAFWA Conference starts April 13 in Maine. There will be a Exec Comm meeting on Sunday, April 13 from 2-6 pm and a general membership meeting on Monday, April 14 from 5-6 pm. Maine Chapter will likely join the NE Section at the general membership meeting. Additionally, Eric will investigate the possibility of teleconferencing capabilities for the Exec Comm meeting on Sunday for Exec Comm members who are not able to attend the NEAFWA Conference.

Student Conclave

Mitch, John and/or Stacy will try to attend to Student Conclave at Penn State in March to provide representation by the NE Section at the conclave. Others interested in attending please contact Mitch.

Officer Elections

Three officer positions will need to have elections. Eric will send out another request to membership soliciting names to run for these positions. The Secretary (Eric) and Treasurer (Scott) positions are finishing their first term and are eligible for re-election. Both Eric and Scott have identified their interest in staying on. If no other candidates are found to run for these positions, then Eric and Scott can be “re-elected” by the Exec Comm at their annual meeting. However, the VP position (Shawn) will need to have one or more candidates to run since Shawn has served two terms and is not eligible to run for that position. We do have at least 1 willing candidate for VP already (Terra Rentz). The officer elections can be put forward to the membership in the same election as the Dues change and bylaws changes.

Next Exec Comm Call

The next Exec Comm call is scheduled for March 4 from 3-4 pm. Eric will send out call-in information.

The teleconference ended at 3:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
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