

Illinois Chapter of The Wildlife Society



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Excellence in Wildlife Conservation through Science and Education

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President's Corner

Eric C. Hellgren

I am writing this corner on 2 April, and it feels appropriate to be writing for the Winter newsletter. I am still building fires in the wood stove every night!. March has belied the predictions of Punxsutawny Phil, the famed woodchuck, who forecast a quick end to winter on 2 February. Although March was colder-than-average, southern Illinois has received plentiful winter precipitation to help allay the drought conditions of 2012.

Spring is coming, and we are looking forward to an excellent annual meeting in East Peoria at the Stoney Creek Inn on 14-16 April. The program begins with a social on Sunday night, followed by 4 sessions on Monday and Tuesday that include 22 paper presentations and a summary of TWS Council activities by Karl Martin, our North-Central Section Representative. Four posters also will be featured. The Monday night banquet will include a presentation of the Illinois Professional Award of Merit, which will be awarded for the first time in several years. We had 2 stellar nominees for the Award this year! Student paper awards also will be handed out at the banquet.

Please register if you have not already – all meals will be covered by your registration fee.

Next year will be the 50th annual meeting of the Illinois Chapter, and let this President's corner be the first call for volunteers to serve on the 50th Meeting Committee. The Executive Board has discussed having the meeting in Springfield, which was the site of the 1st meeting. Hopefully, next year's meeting can include some special activities that capture the history and historical figures of the Illinois Chapter.

See you in Peoria!



Upcoming Meetings:

**49th meeting of the
Illinois Chapter of The Wildlife Society
East Peoria, Illinois, 14-16 April 2013**

REGISTRATION MATERIALS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER!

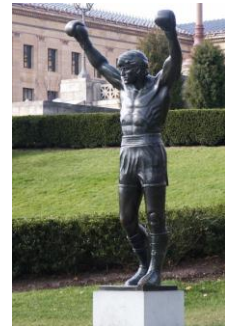
American Society of Mammalogists

93rd Annual Meeting

June 14-18, 2013

Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/mammalogists/#>



**The Wildlife Society Announces Ken Williams as New
Executive Director – TWS Staff**



(Credit: Courtesy of Ken Williams)

The Wildlife Society (TWS) is pleased to announce that Dr. Byron Kenneth (Ken) Williams will become the Society's new Executive Director effective March 4, 2013. Highly regarded for his leadership at state and federal levels, Williams brings significant natural-resources expertise to the helm of TWS, the premier scientific society for professionals in wildlife management and conservation.

Williams is currently completing his service as Co-Director of the Science and Decisions Center in the U.S. Geological Survey, where he has focused on adaptive management, valuation of ecosystem

services, and advancing the use of science in natural-resources decision making. Since 1997, Williams has also been Chief of the USGS Cooperative Research Units, a natural-resources science program with research units at 40 universities in 38 states. In that role he has been responsible for strategic planning, budget management, and coordinating research activities with federal, state, and university partners.

After earning MS degrees in mathematics from the University of Oklahoma and statistics from Colorado State University, Williams earned a Ph.D. in rangeland ecology from Colorado State. Prior to his service with USGS, he held science and management positions at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Maryland, then served as Chief of the Office of Migratory Bird Management for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, leader of the Vermont Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Vermont, and Executive Director of FWS's North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office.

Widely published, Williams has authored scholarly papers on issues including adaptive management, biological modeling, vertebrate mapping, waterfowl management, and habitat conservation. Over the past 20 years he has been heavily involved in developing an adaptive framework for integrating science into natural-resource management for the U.S. Department of the Interior, serving as lead author of the DOI Adaptive Management Technical Guide and the DOI Adaptive Management Applications Guide.

"The Wildlife Society has just celebrated its 75th anniversary and reached record membership of nearly 11,000 professionals," says TWS President Wini Kessler. "At this time of growth and celebration, we are extremely pleased to welcome Ken Williams, a leader of vision who will strengthen our mission to promote science-based wildlife management and conservation for future generations."

Notes and Contributions

Publicizing ICTWS Member Publications -- Eric Schaubert, SIUC Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory and Department of Zoology

Randy Smith had a good idea of collating citations for publications by ICTWS members that come out each season, so that each of us can see what the others have contributed to the literature. These could be journal articles, books or book chapters, accessible reports, white papers, etc. There's nothing wrong with tooting your own horns here – let me know when you have publications coming out, and I'll list them in the newsletter.

Anderson, C. W., C. K. Nielsen, C. M. Hester, R. D. Hubbard, J. K. Stroud, and E. M. Schaubert. 2013. Comparison of indirect and direct methods of distance sampling for estimating density of white-tailed deer. *Wildlife Society Bulletin* 37:146-154.

Berkman, L. K., C. K. Nielsen, C. L. Roy, and E. J. Heist. 2013. Resistance is futile: effects of landscape features on gene flow of the northern bobwhite. *Conservation Genetics* 14:323-332.

Bradford, D. F., K. A. Stanley, N. G. Tallent, D. W. Sparling, M. S. Nash, R. A. Knapp, L. L. McConnell, and S. L. M. Simonich. 2013. Temporal and spatial variation of atmospherically deposited organic contaminants at high elevation in Yosemite National Park, California, USA. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* 32:517-525.

Cooper, S. E., C. K. Nielsen, and P. T. McDonald. 2012. Landscape factors affecting relative abundance of gray foxes, *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*, at large scales in Illinois. *Wildlife Biology* 18:366-373.

Meyer, E., D. W. Sparling, and S. Blumenshine. 2013. Regional inhibition of cholinesterase in free-ranging western pond turtles (*Emys marmorata*) occupying California mountain streams. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* 32:692-698.

Springer, M.T., J. L. Bowman, and B. L. Vasilas. 2013. The effect of white-tailed deer browsing on wheat quality and yields in Delaware. *Wildlife Society Bulletin* 37:155-161.

Urbanek, R. E., C. K. Nielsen, M. A. Davenport, and B. D. Woodson. 2013. Determinants of public perceptions of suburban deer density. *Human Dimensions of Wildlife* 18:82-96.

Urbanek, R. E., and C. K. Nielsen. 2013. Influence of landscape factors on density of suburban white-tailed deer. *Landscape and Urban Planning* 114:28-36.



2013 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

When: 14–16 April 2013

Where: Peoria Stoney Creek Inn
101 Mariners Way
East Peoria, IL 61611
309-694-1300
<http://www.stoneycreekinn.com/hotel/travel/peoria/home.do>

Registration Cost: \$160 for regular members, \$80 for student members and retirees, spouses of members \$50. All meals are included! *Registration Form included!*

Room Costs: Rates for rooms are \$89/night. The chapter has reserved a room block of 35 rooms for each night. These 70 room-nights are only reserved until 14 March 2013. Guests can call (800) 659.2220 to make their own reservations. They should request to make a reservation under the “Illinois Chapter of the Wildlife Society” Business Block.

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, April 14 th	Registration and Evening Social
Monday, April 15 th	Registration continues Presentations and Posters Banquet & Raffle
Tuesday, April 15 th	Presentations (ending at noon) ICTWS business meeting

Additional Information:

The raffle will be run by our Student Chapters. The students will be bringing some items to raffle, but PLEASE BRING ITEMS OF YOUR OWN TO DONATE to the cause. The student chapters will share the proceeds to help discount registration costs for their members.

**Registration Form
ICTWS Annual Meeting
14-16 April 2013
Peoria Stoney Creek Inn
East Peoria, Illinois**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

Registration Fee (includes all meals, banquet and breaks)

Regular member **\$160.00** **\$** _____

Student or retiree **\$80.00** **\$** _____

Spouse of Member **\$50.00** **\$** _____

2013 Chapter Dues (If not yet paid or paid with TWS renewal)

Regular Membership **\$10.00** **\$** _____

Student Membership **\$ 5.00** **\$** _____

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