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## Message from the President

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Challenges and opportunities—that's a well-used, and some may say well-worn, phrase. But both the depth and breadth of those simple words are enormous. At the 2016 TWS Annual Conference, several leaders in our profession spoke of challenges in the current political climate, and opportunities for us at all levels of TWS—from



Student Chapters to international involvement—to persevere, educate the ill-informed, and never lose sight of the science that drives the daily decisions we make as wildlife experts. Just recently in my own corner of the profession here in Wyoming, I was challenged with uncooperative spring and early summer weather that thwarted or delayed my nongame bird surveys. However, the opportunity, as I saw it, was the incredible vegetation growth—from lush grasses and forbs, to huge leaders on shrubs and a vibrant explosion of leaves on trees—along with an amazingly prolonged spring run-off that recharged habitats and provided a nearly unprecedented amount of water well into the start of summer.

Another challenge we all seem to face these days is the new reality of larger workloads; shrinking budgets; and difficulty getting travel approval to some important meetings where the seeds of innovation are sown, new colleagues convene, and long-time friends are reunited. The opportunity here is to find different ways to participate and communicate that are just—or nearly—as successful as traditional methods of doing our daily jobs.

A new challenge for me as your CMPS President (although certainly not new in our profession) is enticing and convincing others to embrace the opportunity to serve The Wildlife Society as a CMPS Executive Board member. With over 1,000 members in the Central Mountains and Plains Section geographic area, I thought this would be a rather straightforward task, but that task has proven to be a bit daunting for me and the entire Board.

## Message from the President (continued)

I applaud those who have chosen to serve in the past on our Executive Board, which has kept CMPS a significant and vibrant part of TWS. I also thank those who have stepped up to run for the upcoming Executive Board openings (see our slate of candidates in this newsletter). However, at the time of this writing, we lack even a single candidate for the President-Elect position. This is disturbing, indeed. As Winston Churchill stated so well, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” This certainly holds true for our vocation and our professional organization—The Wildlife Society—at all levels of the institution. Without leaders, there can be no organizational structure, no supporters, no strong and unified voice. The challenge here is that we are all incredibly busy people in a world that just seems to go faster, urge more from us, and take more of our free time. The opportunity is that, by serving our profession, the strength of one becomes the strength of all of us combined.

I’ll close this message with the salient words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.” Here’s to a wonderful summer and the opportunity for all of us to be great!!

Andrea Orabona  
CMPS President





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## Section Business

### CMPS Voting—Elections and Bylaws Revisions

The Wildlife Society Central Mountains and Plains Section

2017 Election of Officers

(Please see biographical information below)

#### President-Elect (Vote for One)

No candidate

Write-in candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

#### At-large Board Member (Vote for Two)

Adam Behney

Michel Kohl

Eric Maichak

Krysten Zummo-Strong

#### 2017 Bylaws Revision

(Please see all revisions below)

A vote “For” the revision would accept the updated version of the CMPS bylaws as titled below:

BYLAWS OF THE  
CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION  
OF  
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Organized: April 22, 1955  
Amended and Approved: May 2, 2017

A vote “Against” the revision would retain current language of the CMPS bylaws as titled below:

BYLAWS OF THE  
CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION  
OF  
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Organized: April 22, 1955  
Amended: July 27, 2015

**To vote, visit the SurveyMonkey poll at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XLL7PRZ>**

## Section Business

### **CMPS Elections—Meet the Candidates for At-large Board Member**

#### **Adam Behney**

I am an avian researcher with Colorado Parks and Wildlife where I study birds and their habitats. I earned a B.S. degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Penn State University, a M.S. in Wildlife Science from Texas Tech University, and a Ph.D. in Zoology from Southern Illinois University. Currently, I have research projects focused on waterfowl foraging ecology in northeastern Colorado and grassland bird response to various habitat treatments. Through my schooling and technician positions, I have acquired a diverse array of experiences working on many different species and systems. My thesis was on interactions between raptors and Lesser Prairie-Chickens in Texas, and my dissertation focused on waterfowl foraging ecology in Illinois.

My involvement with The Wildlife Society began as an undergraduate at Penn State, where the Student Chapter was instrumental in helping me develop as a wildlifer. Throughout my schooling I have attended as many TWS conferences as possible and greatly value these opportunities to share the results of my research projects and to stay informed of new information. I have been an At-large Board Member with the Central Mountains and Plains Section of TWS for about six months now. I am pleased to be considered as a candidate for a full term, and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve CMPS in this position.





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### **CMPS Elections (continued)**

#### **Michel Kohl**

I am currently the Utah Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Assessment Framework Coordinator at Utah State University (USU). This position, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, focuses on the seasonal habitat mapping of sage-grouse populations across Utah via a state-wide GPS deployment effort. I am also nearing the completion of my dissertation from USU where I am studying the effects of wolf and cougar predation risk on elk habitat selection and movement patterns in northern Yellowstone. Prior to my time in Utah, I received my Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana (UM) in 2008, and my Masters of Science in the Boone & Crockett Wildlife Conservation Program at UM in 2012. My thesis examined the ecological similarities and differences between domestic cattle and reintroduced bison populations in north-central Montana and southern Saskatchewan.

Broadly speaking, my research has focused on the use of GPS technology to address questions related to the habitat and resource selection of wildlife in a variety of settings including conservation biology, applied management, and basic science.

However, my other passion has focused on increasing the recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented groups, as this diversity of views is critical for our profession to address the ever-increasing wildlife challenges we face. The Wildlife Society has provided an avenue for me to pursue that passion. At the National level, I have served on the executive board of TWS Native People's Wildlife Management Working Group for the past 8 years. I have also served on the executive board of the Student Development Working Group and was a member of the 2014 TWS Leadership Institute. I have organized multiple national symposiums focused on ethnic and gender diversity. I have served on the review committees for both the TWS and USFS Native American Professional Development Programs. In each of these cases, my goal has always been to increase involvement and opportunities for students to excel in wildlife, so that they may better suited to succeed in our profession. I am interested in continuing my service to TWS by running for a Board Member At-large position within the Central Mountains and Plains Section so that I can expand these student initiatives to the regional and state levels of TWS.

Outside of the professional world, I enjoy hunting, hiking, camping with my family, and exploring the uniqueness that is Utah.



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### **CMPS Elections (continued)**

#### **Eric Maichak**

High atop the Continental Divide, a dirt-stained cornice, overloaded from a winter of wind and precipitation, finally yields to summer rain and gravity in the storm. Breaking free, racing to the bottom of the chute, potential energy becomes kinetic energy as the snow is unleashed. Steered by topography and consumed by the mountain stream, frozen joins liquid water and begins the long, turbulent journey eastward. As tributaries feed each other, extracting and delivering nutrients along the ever-widening path, the river provides opportunity for life. And sometimes change.

Hello fellow members of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society, my name is Eric Maichak. This year I too am breaking free from the Wyoming Chapter and am excited to flow into this year's CMPS election as a candidate for Board Member At-large. I have been a member of TWS since 2000, and the Wyoming Chapter and CMPS since 2004. Since 2004, I have served the Wyoming Chapter and wildlife profession as Assistant Newsletter Editor, Newsletter Editor, Communications Committee Chair, Chapter President, and Certified Wildlife Biologist (disease/habitat ecology). Among working in those capacities, my favorite achievements involved innovation through building and working with teams in a democratic setting. A few examples include expanding the creativity and color of our communications; coordinating with WY, CMPS, and Parent TWS members to develop and host the CMPS 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference; providing mutually beneficial funding, training, and mentoring opportunities with our past Fellowship program; assisting government and non-government organizations with 3<sup>rd</sup> party review and/or development of plans, proposals, and policy; and being awarded Chapter of the Year in 2015.

If elected, it is my understanding that I would help coordinate the upcoming conference in Nebraska.

I would seek to merge ideas and talents with other individuals to help create a unique event with maximum opportunities for training and fun. I would assist the Section as needed, yet would also promote the development of travel grants for professionals to attend trainings and the Parent conference. Being a disease ecologist and seeing the creep of various maladies across CMPS (e.g., chronic wasting disease), I would seek to include diseases to the list of priorities addressed by CMPS.



Thank you for taking the time to consider my candidacy and your commitment to the resource.

## Section Business

### CMPS Elections (continued)

#### Krysten Zummo-Strong



Krysten received her Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from SUNY Cobleskill in 2011. It was here where she first became an active member of The Wildlife Society.

Upon becoming involved with TWS, she immediately recognized the importance of The Society in addressing current issues in the field, providing networking opportunities for both students and professionals, and creating positive relationships for effective wildlife conservation.

She has been working with the Student Development Working Group since graduation with her Bachelor's degree, serving in each board position, and as the Student Liaison to Council.

In 2013, she participated in TWS's Leadership Institute, an experience that made even clearer the importance of building relationships for a positive and effective work environment.

She has previously served on the New Mexico Chapter board

and currently serves as the Chair of the Early Career Professional Working Group and as the NE Representative to the Colorado Chapter.

After graduation with her Bachelor's degree, Krysten was hired by the college as the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, & Environmental Studies' Wildlife Technician. After two years, she left to begin her Master's degree, studying the effects of climate and habitat on scaled quail populations in south-central New Mexico. Her research focused on how climate variables, such as timing and amount of rainfall, and habitat structure influenced the survival and reproduction of scaled quail.

Currently she lives in Northeast Colorado where she is a wildlife biologist for Pheasants Forever, NRCS, and CPW. In this position, she works with landowners across multiple counties to create habitat for wildlife.

Krysten's personal focus is on implementing effective communication both within the field of conservation and between wildlife professionals and the public. In her roles in TWS, she aims to find new and more effective means for TWS units to communicate with one another and bolster their goals through collaboration.



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### CMPS Bylaws Revisions

#### BYLAWS OF THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Organized: April 22, 1955  
Amended and Approved: April 6 May 2, 2017

#### ARTICLE I – NAME, AFFILIATION, COMPOSITION

Section 1. NAME – The name of this organization shall be the CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as the “Section”.

Section 2. AREA – The Section shall have as its geographic area of organization the states of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Section 3. AFFILIATION – The Section shall and hereby does adopt and shall always conform to current bylaws of The Wildlife Society, Inc.<sup>1</sup>, hereinafter referred to as the “Society”.

Section 4. COMPOSITION – The Section shall be composed of those Chapters that affiliate with the Section, and those professionals and others, regardless of race, religion, sex, or nationality, who are interested in wildlife resources, who subscribe to the Society’s objectives and Code of Ethics, and who pay their annual Section dues.

Section 5. EXECUTIVE BOARD – The Section Executive Board shall consist of the following elected officers: President, Vice-President, President-Elect, immediate Past President, and 4 Members At-large. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be a non-voting member of the Section Executive Board appointed by the President. The Section Representative to The Wildlife Society Council shall be a non-voting member of the Section Executive Board. Voting and non-voting members hereinafter shall be referred to as the “Executive Board”.

#### ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

Section 1. OBJECTIVES – The Section shall promote principles, policies, and objectives of the Society as stated in the Society bylaws:

- To encourage proper management of all wildlife in the geographical area of the Section, the ecosystems in which they live, and the other natural resources of the

<sup>1</sup>Incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia.





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region in a manner that reflects sound biological principles and benefits to wildlife and humans.

- To create and maintain an organization that promotes professional association, solidarity, and exchange of ideas among persons interested in wildlife management.
- To support the objectives of the Society and its Code of Ethics.

Section 2. IMPLEMENTATION – To aid in the achievement of these objectives, the Section will do the following:

CLAUSE A – NEWSLETTER. Publish an electronic newsletter at least 3 times per year for all members.

CLAUSE B – WAYNE SANDFORD STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT. Provide members with opportunities for better liaison within all organizational levels of the Society. To fulfill this purpose, the Executive Board may sponsor student travel to the Society's Annual Conference, as budgets allow.

CLAUSE C – SECTION COMMUNICATIONS. Encourage communication between members and non-members within the Section, and create circumstances under which the arts and sciences of resource management will be used effectively. In this regard the Executive Board may:

- i. Conduct at least 1 Technical Session at the Annual Section Meeting.
- ii. Sponsor workshops on wildlife needs and management problems, as budgets allow.
- iii. Co-sponsor, with Chapters, workshops on wildlife needs and management problems, as budgets allow.
- iv. Maintain and update, as needed, the Section's website. The Executive Board will review the website, as needed, to provide up-to-date and effective content and make recommendations to the President to be provided to the Society's webmaster for implementation.
- v. Engage in other activities deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

CLAUSE D – SOCIETY SUPPORT. Support the aims and objectives of the Society and the Section in written correspondence and events.

CLAUSE E – EVALUATIONS AND RESPONSE. Evaluate and respond to principles involved in proposed or enacted actions of the Society, which may affect wildlife resources.

CLAUSE F – AWARDS. Recognize and commend outstanding achievement in wildlife-related activities within the Section through an Awards Program.

- i. An Awards Committee shall consist of the Executive Board and shall be chaired by the Vice-President.
- ii. The Awards Committee shall develop minimum requirements for a nomination application and will develop criteria for ranking applications. These requirements



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and the subsequent ranking of applications are at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

- iii. Nomination applications for awards shall be presented, in writing, to the Vice-President 45 days prior the Annual Business Meeting.
- iv. The awards shall be presented at the Annual Section Meeting. Every effort should be made to encourage the award winners to attend this meeting.
- v. The Awards that may be bestowed include:
  - An award known as THE PROFESSIONAL AWARD may be presented annually at the discretion of the Awards Committee to an individual or group that has made outstanding contributions towards furthering the enhancement of wildlife endeavors within the Section. THE PROFESSIONAL AWARD shall consist of a plaque which shall have the recipient's name engraved on it and be engraved as follows:

THE PROFESSIONAL AWARD  
Established by  
THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS & PLAINS SECTION  
of  
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
Presented for  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE PROFESSION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
(Name) (Date)

– An award known as THE CITIZEN'S CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD may be presented annually at the discretion of the Awards Committee to a lay individual(s) or group(s) that has made outstanding contributions towards enhancement of wildlife endeavors within the Section. THE CITIZEN'S CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD shall consist of a plaque which shall have the recipient's name engraved on it and be engraved as follows:

THE CITIZEN'S CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Established by  
THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS & PLAINS SECTION  
of  
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
Presented for  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
(Name) (Date)

Section 3. PURPOSE – The purpose of this organization shall be to achieve the Section objectives, and shall not be for profit.



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#### ARTICLE III – SECTION YEAR

The Section business and fiscal year shall be 1 January through 31 December.

#### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP – Regular Membership in the Section shall be available to any member of the Society who resides or works within the Central Mountains and Plains. ~~Section's~~ geographic boundary as ~~listed-defined~~ in Article I, Section 2.

Section 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – Associate ~~m~~Membership in the Section shall be available to any person who is a member of the Society but ~~lives-resides~~ or works outside the ~~Section's~~ geographic boundary as ~~listed-defined~~ in Article I, Section 2, or who is not a member of the Society, but has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Section and Society. An ~~a~~Associate ~~m~~Member shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Regular Members except as otherwise reserved for Regular Members.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP YEAR – The membership year shall be 1 January through 31 December.

Section 4. DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STATUS – Annual dues shall be payable by each member to the Secretary ~~/~~Treasurer. Membership dues may be paid through the Society, through a ~~State or provincial c~~Chapter, at the Section's ~~a~~Annual ~~m~~Meeting, or by direct payment to the Secretary ~~/~~Treasurer of the Section.

CLAUSE A – DUES MODIFICATION. Any change in the annual membership dues will be advised by the Executive Board and approved by the Section membership.

CLAUSE B – PAYMENT. Dues collected prior to the opening of the Annual Business Meeting shall be for the current calendar year. Dues collected after the opening of the Annual Business Meeting shall be for the year beginning the following January, except as provided for in Article IV, Section 6.

CLAUSE C – REGULAR MEMBERSHIP STATUS. Members who have not paid their Society dues shall lose their Regular Membership status in the Section.

CLAUSE D – DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIPS. Members who have not paid current Section dues become delinquent and lose all rights and privileges upon the opening of the Annual Business Meeting. Those persons who have not paid their dues by the following 1 January shall be dropped from the rolls of the Section.

Section 5. RESIGNATION – Any member may terminate Section membership by giving written notice to the Secretary ~~/~~Treasurer. No refund of Section dues will be made.



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Section 6. REINSTATEMENT – Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Section for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year in which a reinstatement application is made.

#### ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – A 3-member Nominations and Elections Committee, selected by the President, shall prepare a slate of 2 candidates for each elective position; Vice-President (in even numbered years), President-Elect (in odd numbered years), and 2 Members At-large (each year) 2 Members at Large.

CLAUSE A – ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES. Only Regular Members may be nominated and hold office.

CLAUSE B – SECTION AREA REPRESENTATION. The Nominations and Elections Committee is encouraged, to the extent practical, to find candidates for the Executive Board that represent an array of member states of the Section and provinces.

CLAUSE C – NOMINATION~~S~~ STATEMENTS AND DISSEMINATION. Candidates selected by the Nominations and Elections Committee shall submit nomination statements to the Committee Chair. The Committee Chair will compile these statements and forward them to the Newsletter Editor by the deadline established by the Newsletter Editor for submission~~s for in~~ the Summer Newsletter. Nomination statements and ballots will be submitted to the membership via the Summer Newsletter at least 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Business Meeting via the summer newsletter or by July 15<sup>th</sup>, whichever occurs last during the election year.

CLAUSE D – ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS. Additional nominees may be added to the Nominations and Elections Committee's slate upon signed support of 5 percent of the Regular Members and delivered to the Secretary~~/~~Treasurer within 20 days of mailing of the slate proposed by the Nominations and Elections Committee. The Secretary~~/~~Treasurer shall place the additional candidates on the ballot.

CLAUSE E – APPROVAL BY CANDIDATES. Approval shall be obtained from ~~all~~ each candidates prior to placing their name on the ballot.

Section 2. BALLOTING – Ballots shall be counted by the Nominations and Elections Committee. Ballots shall be provided to the membership via electronic ~~on-line~~ voting methods or paper copy ballots. All ballots must be received via electronic voting or faxed/mailed paper copy 14 days prior to the start of the Annual Business Meeting or by July 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs last during the election year. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominations and Elections Committee who has been nominated for office. The new Section officers shall be





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announced and assume office at the close of the New Business session of the Annual Business Meeting.

CLAUSE A – VOTING ELIGIBILITY. Only members in good standing as defined in Article IV, Section 4 are eligible to vote in Section elections.

CLAUSE B – ELECTION. Candidates will be elected on a plurality basis. No member may hold more than ~~one~~ <sup>(1)</sup> Executive Board position simultaneously.

CLAUSE C – TIES. If an election for the Executive Board results in a tie, the outgoing Executive Board ~~Members~~ shall select the winner by a coin toss.

#### Section 3. DUTIES OF SECTION OFFICERS

CLAUSE A – PRESIDENT. The President shall have general supervision of the Executive Board; ~~shall issue notices of meetings;~~ shall appoint a Secretary ~~/~~ Treasurer, a Newsletter Editor, ~~a web master~~ and a Regular Member to chair each standing committee specified in Article VIII, Section 1; shall appoint a member of the Executive Board to serve as a liaison between the Section and the host Chapter for the Annual Section Meeting; shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominations and Elections Committee; and may represent the Section or appoint alternate representatives to other Sections, Chapters, or Society boards, committees, ~~or~~ meetings.

CLAUSE B – PRESIDENT-ELECT. The President-Elect shall assist the President in administration of Section affairs and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. The President-Elect shall chair the Mission and Strategic Plan Review Committee. The Executive Board shall hear recommendations of this committee at the Annual Business Meeting. Any changes adopted by the Executive Board shall become effective at the close of the New Business session of the Annual Business Meeting.

CLAUSE C – VICE-PRESIDENT. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of President during any absence or upon any inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. This office shall preside over the Awards Committee. In the event the Vice-President cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

CLAUSE D – SECRETARY ~~/~~ TREASURER. The Secretary ~~/~~ Treasurer shall be responsible for Section files, records, and funds; shall record the minutes of all meetings; ~~shall~~ maintain the membership rolls noting whether individuals are ~~Regular or Associate~~ <sup>Members</sup>; ~~and issue notices of meetings;~~ shall be responsible for receipt and disbursement of Section funds; ~~and~~ shall, within 20 days after the close of the Section year, report all official actions of the Section, including a calendar year financial statement, to the Executive Director of the Society, the Section Representative to the Society, the



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Executive Board of the Section, and to Section membership in the first newsletter of the new Section year; shall complete reports required in Article VII, Section 2; and shall make available to the Nominations and Elections Committee updated information on membership status. The Secretary/Treasurer's report at the Annual Business Meeting shall provide to the membership a financial statement covering the period since the last Annual Business Meeting.

CLAUSE E – PAST-PRESIDENT. The immediate Past-President shall assist the incoming President with issues involving continuity and Section history, and assist in the general administration of Section business affairs.

CLAUSE F – MEMBERS-AT-LARGE. Members-At-Large shall assist in the general administration of Section business affairs.

Section 4. CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SECTION – Chapters within the organizational area of the Section shall be encouraged to name a Representative to the Section. They Chapter Representatives shall provide the Editor of the Section newsletter Section's Newsletter Editor with news and items of interest from the Chapters and members in their respective areas. Chapter Representatives will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting with routine Section business.

Section 5. TENURE OF OFFICE – Newly elected officers will be installed immediately prior to adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting or by August 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs last during the election year.

CLAUSE A – PRESIDENT. In even numbered years, the President-Elect succeeds to the Office of President for a 2-year term starting at the adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting or by August 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs last during the even numbered year.

CLAUSE B – PRESIDENT-ELECT. The President-Elect shall be elected and installed each odd-numbered year for a 1-year term starting at the adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting or by August 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs last during the election year.

CLAUSE C – PAST-PRESIDENT. In even-numbered years, the outgoing President serves as immediate Past-President for a 1-year term starting at the adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting or by August 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs last during the even numbered year.

CLAUSE CD – VICE-PRESIDENT. In even numbered years, the Vice-President shall be elected and installed for a 2-year term starting at the adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting or by August 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs last during the election year.



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CLAUSE ~~DE~~ – SECRETARY/~~–~~TREASURER. The Secretary/~~–~~Treasurer will be appointed by the President for a 2-year term starting at the adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting or by August 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs last during the appointment year.

CLAUSE ~~EF~~ – MEMBERS-~~AT-LARGE~~. Members-~~at-Large~~ shall be elected for 2-year terms starting at the adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting or by August 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs last during the election year, with 2 Members-~~at-Large~~ being elected each year.

Section 6. CONSECUTIVE TERMS – The President may not serve 2 consecutive terms. No other elected officer may serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Section 7. VACANCY – When not otherwise specified, a vacancy in any un-expired term of office shall be filled by an appointee selected by the Executive Board. An appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Section election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be Regular Members of the Section that reside in the organizational area of the ~~Section~~.

#### ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – The Annual Business Meeting of the Section will be held at such time and place as determined by the Executive Board. Members shall be notified of the time and place at least 30 days in advance via the newsletter or electronic communication.

CLAUSE A – MEETING RULES. Parliamentary procedures at meetings of the Section shall follow *Robert's Rules of Order*, latest revision.

CLAUSE B – BYLAWS. Bylaws shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these ~~By~~laws are revised, the new revision must be approved by the Society before becoming effective. The Section's "Operations Manual" ~~also~~ shall also be available for inspection at all Section meetings.

CLAUSE C – QUORUM. A quorum for the ~~Section~~ Annual Business Meeting and any Special Meeting called by the Executive Board shall be ~~five~~ 5 voting members of the Executive Board and 5 other Regular ~~Members~~. If a quorum is not present, agenda items requiring a vote of the membership may be discussed but no formal action can occur. If there is not a quorum of the membership but there is a quorum of the Executive Board, the Executive Board may act on those issues not requiring a vote of the membership. Executive Board members may participate in ~~Section~~ Annual Business Meetings and Special ~~Meetings~~ electronically, as long as their voice can be heard by other members present, and shall be considered present for the purposes of determining a quorum of the Executive Board.



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CLAUSE D – VOTING RIGHTS. Section members in good standing, as defined in Article IV Section 4, may participate in and vote on any item on the agenda that requires a vote of the membership.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS – Special Meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided members are notified of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting at least 30 days in advance.

CLAUSE A – AGENDA. Only items listed in the call for a Special Meeting shall be acted upon at the Special Meeting.

CLAUSE B – PROTOCOL. All Clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to Special Meetings.

Section 3. ~~EXECUTIVE~~ BOARD MEETINGS – ~~Executive~~ Board Meetings may be called at the pleasure of the Section President. A quorum at these meetings shall be 5 members of the Executive Board. Section members may participate in ~~Executive~~ Board Meetings, but may not vote.

Section 4. ITEMS REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP – The following items require a vote of the membership prior to adoption by the Section:

- Changes to the ~~By-Laws~~bylaws;
- Changes to annual dues;
- Accepting Executive Board election results and destroying the ballots;
- Accepting the report of the Secretary/~~Treasurer~~ at the Section's Annual Section Business Meeting;
- Adoption of new policy for the Section as defined in Article VII, Section 5, and
- Other items as decided by the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VII – MANAGEMENT, REPORTS, AND FINANCES

### Section 1. MANAGEMENT

CLAUSE A – GOVERNANCE. The Section shall be governed by the Executive Board.

CLAUSE B – CONDUCT. The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of the ~~By~~laws of the Section and of the Society. The Executive Board is authorized to act for the Section between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members by newsletter, by electronic notification, or at the next Annual Section Meeting.

Section 2. REPORTS – Within 20 days after an election or other official action, the Secretary/~~Treasurer~~ shall report such action to the Executive Director of the Society and the Section Representative to the Society. An annual report ~~and activity time sheets~~ from





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the Secretary/Treasurer shall be forwarded to these same parties. In January of each year, the Secretary/Treasurer shall submit a statement of calendar year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, to the Executive Director of the Society.

Section 3. FINANCE – The Section shall be financed with funds derived from dues, special assessments, work projects, contributions, and an auction held at the Annual Section Meeting. The Executive Board will confer with each hosting state regarding arrangements for auction proceeds at least 6 months prior to the Annual Section Meeting. Such funds shall be received and disbursed by the Secretary/Treasurer under the supervision of the Executive Board.

CLAUSE A – BONDING. The Secretary/Treasurer need not be bonded.

CLAUSE B – FUND ACCOUNTS. Funds shall be placed in a Section account in a federally insured bank. Each disbursement shall be made by a check or debit transaction drawn on said account.

CLAUSE C – REIMBURSEMENTS. The Secretary/Treasurer may, with approval of the Executive Board, reimburse members for out-of-pocket expenditures made on behalf of the Section.

CLAUSE D – MINIMUM SECTION BALANCE. An end of calendar year balance of \$2,500 must be maintained in the Section account in order to provide for unforeseen expenses. If the Section account falls below \$2,500, actions must be taken by the Executive Board in the following year(s) to raise the account back up to the minimum level.

Section 4. FILES – The Section shall maintain a file containing ~~the~~ bylaws of the Society and the Section minutes of all regular meetings and ~~the~~ Special Meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board, correspondence pertinent to Section affairs, all committee reports, financial statements and records, and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board.

CLAUSE A – PROCEDURE FOR FILING. A “procedure for filing” shall be kept in the Section file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary/Treasurer.

CLAUSE B – OPERATIONS MANUAL. A Section “Operations Manual” provided by the Society shall be maintained by the Section President, and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and the Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5. POLICY, STATEMENTS, AND RESOLUTIONS – The following key terms are defined for clarification:

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- **POLICY:** The existing body of principles found in the Bylaws, minutes of previous Executive Board and membership meetings, previous position and public statements, and resolutions. Policy is broader than statements and resolutions in that it provides direction rather than specific action.
- **POSITION STATEMENT:** Describes the Section's position on a specific issue. A position statement recommends action and is primarily for internal documentation of the Section's position on a specific issue.
- **PUBLIC STATEMENT:** A position statement in a format suitable for external distribution. Public statements are intended to stimulate action on a position of the Section on a specific issue.
- **RESOLUTION:** A formal statement designed to set forth logic and conclusions regarding a specific issue.

CLAUSE A – SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS. Two or more members may submit statements or resolutions to the Resolutions and Statements Committee (see Article VIII, Section 1).

CLAUSE B – EXECUTIVE BOARD REVIEW. Those statements or resolutions with merit are forwarded to the Executive Board for review, editing, and disposition. Statements and resolutions involving new policy, shall be prepared for approval by the Section membership.

CLAUSE C – ACCEPTANCE OF STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS. Statements and resolutions involving new policy are accepted when approved by 2/3 of the Section membership voting at the Annual Business Meeting, Special Meetings, ~~or~~ via the Section newsletter, or by electronic ballot.

CLAUSE D – TRANSMISSION TO THE SOCIETY. Those statements and resolutions adopted must be transmitted to the Society and the Section Representative. The Society and Section Representative must receive copies of any statement or resolution within 20 days of adoption.

CLAUSE E – PUBLIC STATEMENTS. The President, or designated representative, may represent a public statement on behalf of the Section for actions falling within previously established Section or Society policies or that demand action-attention on reasonably short notice, provided that:

- The concept of the statement ~~be is~~ brought to the attention of the Executive Board and is accepted by ~~it the Executive Board~~ prior to release of the statement, and
- Copies of the statement are ~~sent~~ made available to the membership within 15 days or published in the next Section newsletter after public issuance of the statement.

CLAUSE F – SOCIETY POLICY. The Section will not issue statements that are in conflict with the policy of the Society without prior approval of the Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Policy Guidelines" (<http://wildlife.org/network/tws->



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~~local/annual-reporting/)/“Guidelines for Conservation Affairs Activities” (App. 4.421b of the Operations Manual) and conform to the Society’s Policy regarding conservation affairs (App. 4.421a of the Operations Manual).~~

#### ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES – Each President, after assuming office but prior to presiding over an Executive Board meeting, shall appoint a member to chair each of the following committees: Audit, Membership, Nominations and Elections, Publicity, and Resolutions and Statements. The host Chapter for the Annual Section Meeting shall be responsible for the Program Committee and Arrangements Committees for the Annual Section Meeting.

CLAUSE A – AUDIT. This committee shall audit the financial records before the Annual Business Meeting and report ~~such said~~ audit at that meeting. They shall also audit the annual financial statement and the financial records at such times as directed by the Executive Board, and report such audits to the Executive Board.

CLAUSE B – AWARDS. Duties of this committee are ~~given defined~~ in Article II, Section 2.

CLAUSE C – MEMBERSHIP. This committee shall work with Chapter Membership Committees to encourage all persons engaged in professional wildlife endeavors within the Section area to become members of the Section and the Society.

CLAUSE D – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. Duties of this committee are ~~given defined~~ in Article V, Section 1.

CLAUSE E – PUBLICITY. ~~This committee shall be co-chaired by the newsletter editor and web master. Its duties shall include maintenance of the Section web site.~~ Duties of this committee shall include –preparation of the Section newsletter, announcing Section events and actions, maintaining the Section’s social media outlets, and submitting ~~them~~ publicity materials to the Society and other appropriate media.

CLAUSE F – RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS. This committee shall receive, review, and prepare resolutions and ~~position~~ statements for consideration by the Executive Board. All statements resulting in a change in Section policy require a vote of the membership (see Article VII, Section 5).

Section 2. SPECIAL COMMITTEES – The President shall appoint members to chair such special committees as may be deemed necessary for specific tasks.

Section 3. MEMBERS – Each standing or special committee shall consist of at least 3 members; 1 appointed, and 2 or more selected by the appointee.



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Section 4. ACCOUNTABILITY – All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board.

Section 5. TENURE – All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

#### ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

##### Section 1. AMENDMENTS

CLAUSE A – VOTING. The ~~by~~laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the members voting at the Annual Business Meeting of the Section, a Special Meeting, electronic ballot, or by mail ballot any time of the year provided the details of such alterations or amendments have been submitted to all members via the newsletter or electronic communication at least 30 days prior to such meeting or vote.

CLAUSE B – VOTING BY PROXY. Any member in good standing not able to attend a meeting when ~~by~~laws amendments are to be acted upon, may authorize in writing another member as proxy, such proxy being valid only during the vote on such amendments.

Section 2. CONFORMANCE – No amendment to these ~~by~~laws shall be enacted that results in a conflict with Society ~~by~~laws. If these ~~by~~laws are revised, the new revision must be approved by the Society before becoming effective.

#### ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of the Society with a request that said assets be held for a minimum of 5 years from the date of dissolution of the Section for distribution to another Section that may be established in approximately the same area (as defined in Article I, Section 2) within said ~~5~~-year period. If another Section is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as determined best by the Council in accordance with Society ~~by~~laws.

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##### PREVIOUS BYLAW~~S~~ AMENDMENT DATES<sup>42</sup>

Amended: May 15, 1980  
Amended: April 28, 1986  
Amended: October 8, 1987  
Amended: August 11, 1990  
Amended: August 29, 2006





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Amended: January 24, 2008

Amended: August 25, 2009

[Amended: July 27, 2015](#)

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<sup>2</sup> [All previous amendment dates are superseded by the amendment date shown on page 1.](#)

<sup>4</sup> [All previous amendment dates superseded by the amendment date shown on page 1.](#)



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### ***CMPS Provides Travel Assistance through the Wayne Sandfort Student Travel Grant***

The Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society (TWS) announces the availability of travel grants for students planning on attending the Society's 2017 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A Wayne Sandfort Student Travel Grant of up to \$500 each will be awarded to a limited number of Student Chapters of TWS to assist with expenses incurred while attending the TWS Annual Conference. Students may apply through their college Student Chapter of TWS or individually to CMPS.

**Applications must be submitted electronically by August 15, 2017** (deadline has been extended) to CMPS President, Andrea Orabona (Andrea.Orabona@wyo.gov).

#### **Preference will be given to:**

- Current undergraduate students.
- Students who are currently or who have recently been involved in activities of TWS, CMPS, or a local TWS Chapter.

Group applications of up to three individuals may be submitted through Student Chapters of TWS located within the CMPS geographic boundary.

#### **To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- Be a member of the State or Student Chapter.
- Be a member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section.
- Be a member of The Wildlife Society.
- Be a recent Baccalaureate graduate or enrolled at least half time in a program leading to a degree in wildlife biology or a closely related field at a college or university within the geographic boundary of CMPS.

**For more information and to download the application**, visit the Student Travel Grant link on the CMPS website: <http://wildlife.org/cmp/student-travel-grant/>.

### ***CMPS Member, Patrick Magee, Honored with the Rich Levad Award***

Patrick Magee, President of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society and member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section, recently received the Rich Levad Award from the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies! This award honors Pat for his accomplishments in ornithology and for instilling a passion for wildlife in his students at Western State Colorado University in Gunnison. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement, Pat! To read the entire article, visit TWS's website at: <http://wildlife.org/tws-member-patrick-magee-honored-for-ornithology-work/>.

## The Wildlife Society Journals

### **It's All About the Impact!**

**TWS Journals Deliver Science-Based Wildlife Management and Conservation to a Broad Audience**

**By Nancy Sasavage**

**Director of Publications and Communications for The Wildlife Society and the Editor-in-Chief of *The Wildlife Professional***



At the beginning of 2017, The Wildlife Society made a major commitment to increasing the impact of the Society's peer-reviewed publications: online access to TWS' three journals for all members — from students to retirees — became our newest membership benefit. This means that you can read all the latest papers in each issue of *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, and *Wildlife Monographs* on *any* internet-connected device, *anywhere*, at *any* time. Plus you have access to the complete archives of these journals as part of your TWS membership. This new benefit, worth \$75 and nearly the cost of an \$81 full membership, reinforces TWS' mission to inspire, empower and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitats through science-based management and conservation. It also means that *everything* TWS publishes, which includes *The Wildlife Professional* and Technical Reviews, is free to all members.

### **Higher Impact in 2016**

Of course, a journal's impact is also measured by its impact factor. Love them or hate them, impact factors have a large, but controversial, influence on the way published scientific research is perceived and evaluated. We were pleased to learn that the impact factors for each of TWS' three journals increased in 2016. The Thomson Reuters' impact factor ranking system is based on the number of times an average article is cited during the previous two years. The *Journal of Wildlife Management's* 2016 impact factor was 1.897, up from 1.725, *Wildlife Monographs's* was 5.750, up from 5.125, and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin's* was 0.967, up from 0.781. This good news is truly a testament to the leadership of each journal. Paul Krausman serves as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Wildlife Management*, Dave Haukos is the *Bulletin's* editor-in-chief, and Eric Hellgren, who recently stepped down, served as editor-in-chief of *Wildlife Monographs* for 10 years. Merav Ben-David was selected to replace him earlier this year.

### **Planning for Future Impact**

The impact factor increases are an important milestone in TWS' 2015 – 2019 strategic plan, which includes themes of being an organization recognized for expertise in science-based wildlife management and conservation and supporting, encouraging, and enabling members to conserve and manage wildlife through the application of science. You may also recall that earlier this year, you received an invitation to participate in a survey conducted by the Publications Subcommittee chaired by Mike Conner. We were pleased that nearly 900 members participated in the survey, as well as 79 individuals who are not members, but have published in a TWS journal. The results, which are now being analyzed, will help inform the next steps we can take to improve our journals and attract more submissions. Speaking of submissions, members interested in submitting papers to TWS' journals can easily access the recently updated unified **author guidelines** to find out more. We want to encourage all members to submit papers to our journals.

## The Wildlife Society Journals

### **More Readers Equals More Impact**

Without a doubt, the impact of TWS' journals is growing! In 2017, when online journal access became a TWS membership benefit, we greatly expanded the number of members who can regularly read each issue. In addition, last year the number of subscribing institutions grew by 25 percent for *Journal of Wildlife Management* to 4,251 worldwide and nearly tripled for the *Wildlife Society Bulletin* to 1,503. This means wildlife biologists nearly everywhere have access to and potentially can read our journals. By more widely disseminating research on wildlife management and conservation that is scientifically based, TWS is working to have a positive impact on the sustainability of wildlife populations for future generations. As always, watch for announcements about TWS' journals on [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org) and in the weekly *eWildlifer*.

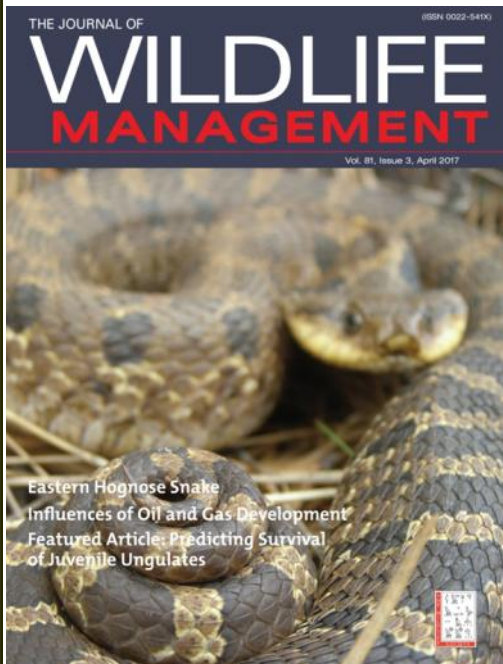
### **How to Access TWS Journals**

To view the journals in the Wiley Online Library, simply **login** to the TWS website. Under the "Publications" tab, you will find the list of journals. Click on the one you want to view, which will take you directly to that journal's landing page on the Wiley website. You can also **sign up** for automated delivery of the table of contents so that you are notified when each new issue is posted. This service is not part of your membership, so must register on the Wiley website. Free apps for the TWS' journals are available for both Apple and Android users. Go to the app store and search for the name of the journal to download the app. To access the content, you will need to enter your TWS user name and password.



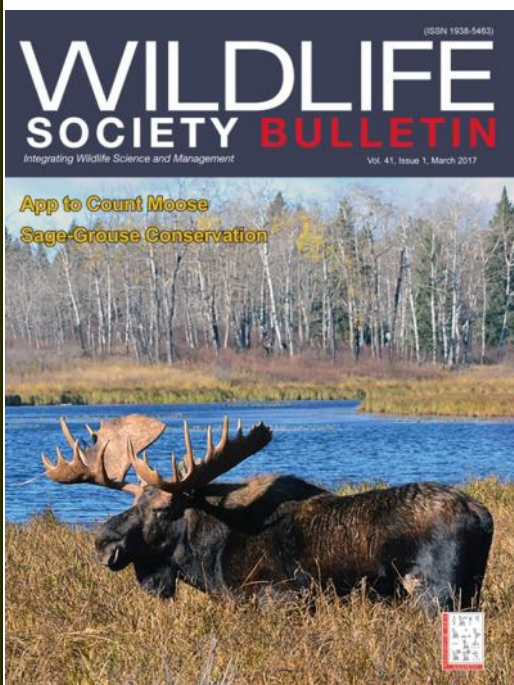
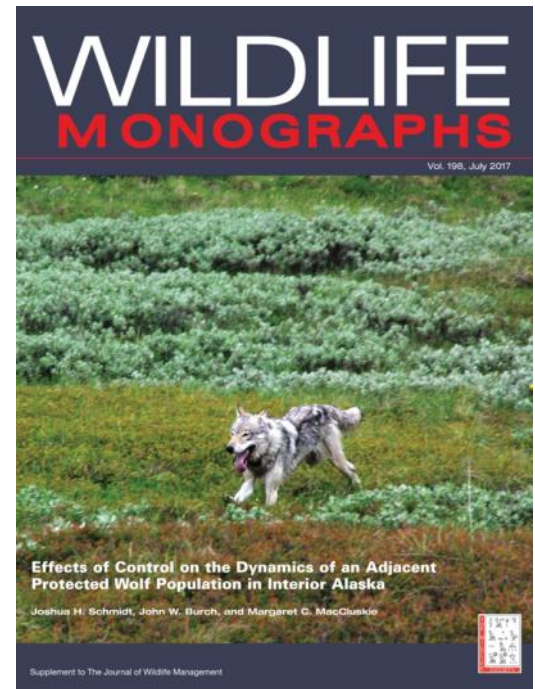


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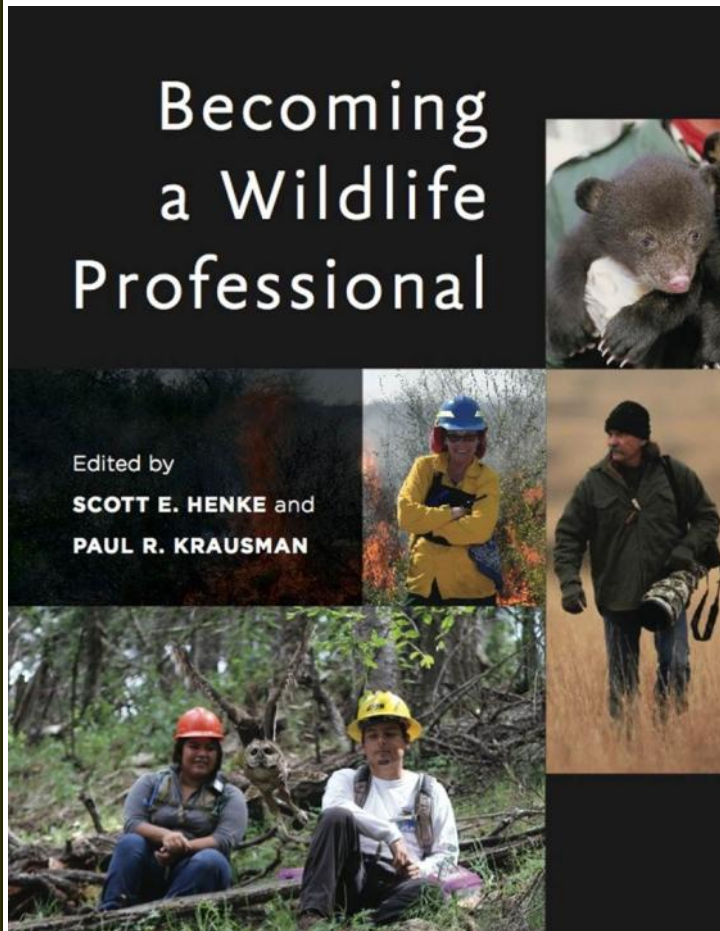
*The Journal of Wildlife Management*, published since 1937, is one of the world's leading scientific journals covering wildlife science, management, and conservation. Published eight times per year, Editor-in-chief Paul R. Krausman emphasizes that the journal publishes papers focusing on aspects of wildlife that can assist management and conservation by providing life-history data, modeling, new analytical and quantitative approaches, theory, and new approaches to understand human dimensions.

*Wildlife Monographs*, published since 1958, are single-topic, peer-reviewed studies on specific problems and issues in wildlife science, management, and conservation. After 10 years, Editor-in-chief Eric Hellgren stepped down early this year. He was replaced by Merav Ben-David.



Editor-in-chief David Haukos says the *Wildlife Society Bulletin* focuses on manuscripts that directly assist with on-the-ground management and conservation. The Bulletin got its start in 1973. After a brief hiatus, it was re-launched as an online-only journal in 2011. This peer-reviewed publication, published four times per year, contains papers related to wildlife management, law enforcement, education, economics, administration, ethics, and more.

## New TWS Book!



### **New from TWS and Johns Hopkins University Press**

**A must-have book for aspiring wildlifers:**

**Order your copy today!**

**By Nancy Sasavage**

**Director of TWS Publications and Communications**

“Becoming a Wildlife Professional” is the first comprehensive book to describe the entry-level jobs available for the next generation of wildlife biologists and conservationists. If you are a student preparing for a wildlife career or new professional looking for career advice, this new book published by The Wildlife Society in cooperation with Johns Hopkins University belongs in your library!

Editors Scott E. Henke and Paul R. Krausman include detailed chapters on how students should prepare for a vocation in the wildlife profession while offering pragmatic advice about applying for and obtaining a job. The book presents over 100

diverse career options that are available to aspiring wildlife workers, including work in biological field research, forestry, rehabilitation, ranching, photography, and refuge management. It also details each position’s educational and technical requirements, challenges, salaries, and opportunities for advancement, and offers advice from a range of seasoned experts who actually hold these jobs and have used these techniques to secure employment.

“Becoming a Wildlife Professional” also conveys important philosophical messages about the responsibilities and challenges of a career in wildlife conservation and management.

With all this information in one place, the book is an essential text for wildlife science students interested in making themselves marketable for employers across a wide spectrum of wildlife jobs.

TWS members receive a 30 percent discount on all titles published by the Society in cooperation with Johns Hopkins University Press. Be sure to enter the discount code HTWS at checkout.

Order your copy today. TWS member price is **\$59.50**

## Chapter Updates

### **Emporia State University**

Emporia State University elected their new leadership on April 27. The new officers are:

President — Curtis Defore

President-Elect (Fisheries) — Chase Beyer

Chapter Representative (Wildlife) — Tameren McMullen

Secretary — Kelsey Porter

Treasurer — Mallory Reynolds

Student Chapter Advisor — William Jensen

### **South Dakota**

South Dakota has released a Breeding Bird Atlas II. Breeding Bird Atlas projects have been conducted thus far in 46 of the 50 United States and a few Canadian Provinces, with some states, like South Dakota, able to complete a second Atlas round. Highlights from South Dakota's second Atlas conducted from 2008-2012 include 252 species recorded, confirmed breeding for 239 species, 13 new species detected in the second Atlas, an average of 57 species were detected per block, and 433 blocks were surveyed. Learn all about the South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas II on their interactive website: <http://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife/management/diversity/breeding-bird-atlasII.aspx>

### **Nebraska**

The Nebraska Chapter of The Wildlife Society will host the Central Mountains and Plains Section meeting in 2018. The NETWS Programs Committee has started to work on ideas and is planning the joint NETWS/CMPS meeting around the Sandhill Crane migration, with a possible meeting location in Grand Island or Kearney. The Nebraska State Chapter is very active in TWS, so this meeting will, no doubt, be interesting, engaging, and relevant to all Section members! Look for details in future issues of the CMPS Newsletter. We hope to see you there!







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## Upcoming Events

### **The Wildlife Society 24th Annual Conference**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

September 23-27, 2017

#### WEBSITE AND REGISTRATION

Updates and more information will be available at <http://wildlife.org/tws-24th-annual-conference/> as they become available.

#### VENUE AND LODGING

Holiday Inn, Albuquerque, New Mexico.



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### **2017 Wyoming Chapter Annual Meeting**

Jackson, Wyoming

December 4-8, 2017

#### WEBSITE AND REGISTRATION

Information forthcoming at <http://wytwsconference.org/>.

#### VENUE AND LODGING

Virginian Lodge, Jackson, Wyoming. A room block will be available for \$65-78 per night.



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### **31st Annual Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Workshop**

Billings, Montana

June 18-21, 2018

#### WEBSITE AND REGISTRATION

Information forthcoming at [http://www.wafwa.org/workshops/sage\\_and\\_columbian\\_sharp-tailed\\_grouse/](http://www.wafwa.org/workshops/sage_and_columbian_sharp-tailed_grouse/).

#### VENUE AND LODGING

The Northern Hotel, Billings, Montana.





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## Executive Board Meeting Minutes (April 18, 2017)

CMPS President, Andrea Orabona, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM MDT.

Present: Andrea Orabona, Jim Hays, Karie Decker, Justin Hamilton, Shelly Deisch, Stephanie Ferrero, Adam Behney, and Aleshia Fremgen. This constitutes a quorum.

Approve Minutes: Stephanie Ferrero made a motion to approve the January 13, 2017 Executive Board Meeting minutes as amended; Karie Decker seconded; no discussion; motion passed unanimously. Shelly Deisch made a motion to approve the February 28, 2017 Executive Board Meeting minutes; Justin Hamilton seconded; discussion to accept as written; motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws Changes: All Executive Board members agreed to send the bylaws changes to The Wildlife Society for approval. Andrea Orabona will take care of this.

Newsletter: Aleshia Fremgen reported that there were lots of newsletter submissions for the Spring 2017 edition, including updates from State and Student Chapters. The newsletter is 31 pages long! The next newsletter deadline is July 1, 2017. Andrea Orabona reported on behalf of COTWS that their next newsletter deadline is June 1, 2017. Send content to Pat Magee at [pmagee@western.edu](mailto:pmagee@western.edu).

Executive Board Openings: In August, the following positions will be open – President-Elect and 2 At-large Board Member positions. Adam Behney agreed to run for his current At-large Board Member position; thanks Adam for serving your Society! All Section members are encouraged to run for a position on the CMPS Executive Board! We need to have candidates by July 1, 2017 as per our bylaws.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Letter: All Executive Board members agreed to send the letter.

2017 TWS Conference: Who will attend – Andrea Orabona (yes); Karie Decker (pending); Adam Behney (likely); Justin Hamilton (maybe); Jim Hays, Shelly Deisch, Stephanie Ferrero, Aleshia Fremgen (no).

Fundraising Committee: CMPS-assisted student travel will continue through the Wayne Sandfort Student Travel Grant. Andrea Orabona will alert State and Student Chapters about this grant program and how to apply. Do we want to contribute to the TWS Fundraising Committee in the \$400-600 range? Discussion about how much to contribute. Jim Hays suggested \$500; Justin Hamilton concurred it would be good to contribute. Karie Decker stated we contribute ~\$3,000 in STG funding; ask the Fundraising Committee if we can direct funding to a specific target rather than just the general pot of funds; all agreed that was a good idea. We have about \$12,500 in our account right now. Jim Hays made a motion to contribute \$500 to TWS's Fundraising Committee for the Annual Conference; Justin Hamilton seconded; no further discussion; motion passed unanimously.

CMPS Editorial Advisory Board Representative: Former EAB Representative, Lindsey Messinger, moved out of the Section region so we need another representative. Andrea Orabona asked Executive Board members to think of anyone who might be interested. Adam Behney is interested, but would like more information about the position and the time commitment for the position. Will touch base during the next conference call.

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes (April 18, 2017), continued

Program Committee: Karie Decker and Andrea Orabona will serve on this committee for the joint annual meeting with Nebraska TWS in 2018.

Arrangements Committee: Jim Hays, Stephanie Ferrero, Shelly Deisch, and Andrea Orabona will serve on this committee for the joint annual meeting with Nebraska TWS in 2018. Justin Hamilton will be off the Board, but can help out on this committee.

Other Business: Jim Hays asked about the bylaws. Andrea Orabona sent our proposed changes to TWS for review and approval. Our summer newsletter should have open voting accessible via a link; open a SurveyMonkey voting link for 2 weeks; 30 days after closing for voting. Karie Decker will send a Survey Monkey link to Andrea Orabona.

CMPS President, Andrea Orabona, adjourned the meeting at 9:53 AM MDT.





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## CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION DIRECTORY

### Position Held By

#### STATE CHAPTERS

##### COLORADO

President Pat Magee  
Past-President Tony Gurzick

##### KANSAS

President Brad Rueschhoff  
President-Elect Justin Hamilton

##### NEBRASKA

President Jennifer Prenosil  
President-Elect Matt Steffl

##### NORTH DAKOTA

President Rick Nelson  
President-Elect Rick Warhurst

##### SOUTH DAKOTA

President Joshua Stafford  
President-Elect Alex Solem

##### UTAH

President Riley Peck  
President-Elect Stephanie Graham

##### WYOMING

President Holly Copeland  
President-Elect Ben Wise

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##### CO STATE UNIVERSITY

President Bryce Davis  
President-Elect Griselda Landa-Posas  
Advisor Stewart Breck  
Advisor Larissa Bailey

##### WESTERN STATE COLORADO UNIVERSITY

President Mady Smith  
President-Elect James Antley  
Advisor Patrick Magee

##### EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY, KS

President Curtis Defore  
President-Elect Chase Beyer  
Advisor William Jensen

##### KS STATE UNIVERSITY

President Caroline Skidmore  
President-Elect Richard Rogers  
Advisor David Haukos

##### CHADRON STATE COLLEGE, NE

President Grant Gydesen  
President-Elect Will McClintic  
Advisor Teresa Frink

##### UNIVERSITY OF NE - KEARNEY

President Emma Keele  
President-Elect Nicole Pauley  
Advisor Dustin Ranglack

##### UNIVERSITY OF NE - LINCOLN

President Courtney Anderson  
President-Elect Jessie Hall  
Advisor Dennis Ferraro

##### WAYNE STATE COLLEGE, NE

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President-Elect Marty Kreitman  
Advisor Mark Hammer

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President-Elect Hanna Karevold  
Advisor Erin Gillam

##### UNIVERSITY OF ND

President Lucas Knowlton  
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Advisor Jay Boulanger  
Advisor Susan Ellis-Felege

##### VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY, ND

President Dalton Scheuring  
President-Elect Nicholas Kramer  
Advisor Bob Anderson

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President Heidi Becker  
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Advisor Kent Jensen

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President Sydney Lamb  
President-Elect Ben Hoose  
Advisor Thomas Smith  
Advisor Steve Petersen

##### UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

President Colter Dye  
Advisor Amy Sibul

##### UT STATE UNIVERSITY

President Margaret Hallerud  
President-Elect Daniel Johnson  
Advisor Dan MacNulty  
Advisor Frank Howe

##### WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY, UT

President Austin Grimes  
President-Elect Eric Atwood  
Advisor John Cavitt

##### UNIVERSITY OF WY

President Britany Wagler  
President-Elect Trevor Throrvaldson  
Advisor Merav Ben-David