Bylaws of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Inc.¹

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Article I. Name, Area, and Affiliation

Section 1. NAME – The name of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Chapter (hereinafter may be referred to as “the Chapter”) of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2. AREA – This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the State of Wisconsin.

Section 3. MISSION - The Chapter’s mission is to represent and serve the community of wildlife professionals, students, and retirees who work actively to study, manage, and conserve wildlife and its habitats in the State of Wisconsin.

Section 3. CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION – The Wisconsin Chapter shall maintain substantial conformity with the Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. (Hereinafter, The Wildlife Society, Inc., may be referred to as “the Society”).

Article II. Objectives

Section 1. OBJECTIVES – Consistent with the objectives of The Wildlife Society, the Wisconsin Chapter objectives are:

1. Develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and environments upon which wildlife and humans depend,
2. Undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation,
3. Increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values, and
4. Seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

Section 2. IMPLEMENTATION – To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

1. Provide opportunities for liaison among individual members, their Section, and The Society through active participation in local, regional, and national meeting forums to express the Chapter’s position on specific issues.
2. Evaluate and respond to the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife or its habitats.
3. Recognize and commend outstanding professional achievements in maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats for wildlife.
4. Focus the aims and objectives of The Society and the North Central Section upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and events in local situations.
5. Encourage communication between members and non-members to facilitate understanding and effectiveness of research and management for wildlife resources.

¹Incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia
Article III. Code of Ethics

Section 1. CODE OF ETHICS - All members of the Wisconsin Chapter pledge upon application, renewal, or recertification to uphold and conduct their professional and membership-related activities in accordance with the Code of Ethics as prescribed by the Society. A person accepting membership in the Society incurs the obligation to conduct his or her professional and membership-related activities in a responsible and ethical manner. The Code of Ethics as prescribed by the Society sets forth the required principles of conduct for Society members.

Section 2. ENFORCEMENT -- Violations of this Code by a member may result in censure, or censure and suspension from membership in the Chapter and Society. All reported violations will be addressed by the procedures outlined in Clause A and Clause B.

CLAUSE A -- Ethics Board – The President will form an Ethics Board of no fewer than 5 members of the Chapter and no more than 7 members of the Chapter, in good standing (Article V, Section 1 and Article VI, Section 3), and appoint one of the members as Chair.

CLAUSE B – Procedure for Addressing Code of Ethics Violations -
1. An allegation of misconduct against a member of the Chapter may be filed by transmitting a written statement to the President.
2. The President shall transmit copies of the allegation and all supportive materials to the Chair of the Ethics Board.
3. Upon receipt, the Chair of the Ethics Board shall transmit copies of the allegation and all supporting materials to all Ethics Board members.
4. Within thirty days of receiving all materials, the Ethics Board will determine if the allegation constitutes a violation of the Code of Ethics.
5. If the Ethics Board finds merit in the allegation, the member will be notified within thirty days and sent all pertinent material.
6. The member will have thirty days to file a response to the allegation to the Ethics Board.
7. The Ethics Board will review the member’s response, and determine if the Code of Ethics has been violated.
8. The member will be notified within forty-five days of the decision of the Ethics Board, and if the Code of Ethics was deemed violated, the Ethics Board will impose such disciplinary action that includes either censure, or censure and suspension from membership in the Chapter and Society.
9. The Chair of the Ethics Board will notify the President, in writing, of the Board’s decision.
10. The member may appeal the decision of the Ethics Board within thirty days to the Executive Board of the Wisconsin Chapter. Upon receipt of an appeal, the Executive Board will review all pertinent materials regarding the allegation and render a decision via a majority vote at either of its regular meetings.
11. The member will be notified within forty-five days of the decision of the Executive Board.

Article IV. Chapter Year
The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin April 1, although the Chapter’s financial reporting must follow the Society’s calendar year schedule.
Article V. Membership

Section 1. VOTING MEMBER – Voting membership in the Wisconsin Chapter shall be available to any member in good standing of the Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society who resides or conducts professional activities within the organizational area of the Chapter (Article I, Section 2). Good standing is defined as a member who pays his/her annual chapter dues. Only Chapter voting members may hold office in the Wisconsin Chapter, vote on official matters affecting The Society or Wisconsin Chapter, and officially represent the Chapter on business of The Society by board or officer appointment.

Section 2. CHARTER MEMBER – Members in good standing on the membership rolls of the Wisconsin Chapter prior to December 31, 1972.

Section 3. HONORARY MEMBER – Honorary Members of the Wisconsin Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all Chapter members in good standing, have been thus recognized for their achievements. A Chapter Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary members shall have the same rights and privileges as Chapter Voting Members (Article V, Section 1).

Section 4. DUES – Annual dues shall be based upon the costs for operations and services of the Chapter and the Chapter’s official publication of record. The executive board may adjust the annual dues within the limits indicated by the change in the Consumer Price Index occurring from May to May. Adjustments in the annual dues in excess of that limit shall be submitted to the membership in good standing at the annual meeting for approval. Annual dues shall be payable by each member to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than January 1. Annual Chapter dues may also be paid to The Society’s headquarters, along with Section and Society dues that will subsequently be remitted to the Chapter.

Section 6. RESIGNATION – Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter’s Secretary-Treasurer or will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid. Dues are not refundable.

Section 7. REINSTATEMENT – Persons who are omitted from the rolls of the Chapter for nonpayment of dues or resignation may be reinstated into the Chapter membership upon payment of appropriate dues.

Article VI. Elections and Officers

Section 1. NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – The 3-member Nominating and Elections Committee, selected by the Executive Board (Article VI, Section 3) of the Wisconsin Chapter shall prepare a slate of candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and additional Executive Board members known as Delegates, from the Chapter voting membership. This committee shall send the completed ballot to the Chapter membership.

CLAUSE A – All nominees must be Voting Members (Article V, Section 1).

CLAUSE B – Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidate.

CLAUSE C – Nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual business meeting.

CLAUSE D – Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee’s slate upon the signed support of 6 or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

CLAUSE E – A member may be elected for no more than 2 consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Section 2. BALLOTING – Written and/or electronic ballots shall be received from current members in good standing and counted by the Secretary-Treasurer.

CLAUSE A – Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their
delinquency.

**CLAUSE B** – The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. No one may hold more than one elective position simultaneously.

**Section 3. OFFICERS** – Officers of the Wisconsin Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Past-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Immediately upon election, each officer must not only be a member in good standing of the Wisconsin Chapter, but also a member in good standing of The Wildlife Society. Their Duties are:

**CLAUSE A – PRESIDENT** – The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers, shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, the Chairperson of all regular and special committees, shall preside as the Chair at meetings of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. President, with assistance from the Executive Board, will co-plan with the President-elect, the Annual Meeting (Article VII, Section 1) and plan the Annual Technical Training. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint an alternate representative(s) to other Chapter, Section, or Society boards, committees, or meetings, including the Executive Board of the North Central Section. The Chapter Representative shall represent and serve as liaison to the Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter area, and serve as a contact among the Section, Chapters, and members in their respective areas. The Representative will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routing Section Business.

**CLAUSE B – PRESIDENT-ELECT** – The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the President-Elect cannot serve in the President’s absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore. President-elect, with assistance from the Executive Board, shall be responsible for co-planning the Annual Meeting (Article VII, Section 1). If Chapter budget allows, President-elect is eligible for reimbursement of travel, lodging, and registration expenses to attend the national Wildlife Society meeting the year of election to office.

**CLAUSE C – PAST-PRESIDENT** – The Past-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of or upon the inability of the President or the President-Elect to serve until the Executive Board appoints a President, pro tempore. The Past-President is responsible for organizing and awarding the best student presentation award at the Annual Meeting (Article VII, Section 1).

**CLAUSE D – SECRETARY-TREASURER** – The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the files, records, and funds of the Chapter, and shall submit complete financial reports at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer, in conjunction with the Executive Board, will submit a past year, a present year, and a future year budget for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Duties shall also include the receipt and disbursement of funds, recording and issuing the minutes of all meetings, maintenance of the membership rolls, and updating by-laws annually to reflect membership vote. The Secretary-Treasurer shall compile and announce election results to the President for proclamation at the Annual Meeting (Article VII, Section 1).

**CLAUSE E – EXECUTIVE BOARD** – The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be made up of the above named officers, two Delegates elected for staggered two year terms, and the Chapter’s Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor is a non-voting member of the Executive Board. Executive Board is responsible for overseeing and planning of Annual Meeting and Annual Technical Training, can receive proposed
resolutions and public statements from 2 or more members for consideration at any time, and is responsible for ruling on appeals to the Ethics Board.

**CLAUSE F – EXECUTIVE BOARD DELEGATES** – The 2 Executive Board Delegates are current members in good standing of both the Wisconsin Chapter and The Wildlife Society, and are full voting members of the Board.

**CLAUSE G – Student Chapter Representative** – The Student Chapter Representative shall be president of their respective student chapter. This position shall rotate alphabetically among the student chapters of The Wildlife Society within Wisconsin. The representative shall be a current member in good standing of both the Wisconsin Chapter and The Wildlife Society. The student representative is a full voting member of the Board. The Student Representative shall provide a monthly update on chapter activities to the Board, as well as a monthly update on Board activities to the student chapters.

**CLAUSE H – NEWSLETTER EDITOR** – The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the Executive Board and compose, edit and distribute the Chapter’s electronic newsletter, *Intelligent Tinkering*. The Newsletter Editor will compile the slate of elective office nominees provided by the Executive Board for publication in the Chapter’s electronic newsletter.

**CLAUSE I – WEBSITE WEBMASTER** – The Webmaster shall be appointed by the Executive Board and will maintain and update the Chapter’s website in a timely manner. The Website Webmaster reports to the Executive Board on an as-needed basis.

**CLAUSE J – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – The Executive Board may, by majority vote of Chapter members in good standing, appoint an Executive Director for the Wisconsin Chapter. The Executive Director shall report directly to the chapter president and shall have no authority to act on behalf of the chapter without having received prior approval of the Executive Board. Upon the decision of the Executive Board to appoint an Executive Director, the board shall publish a solicitation for applications in the Chapter publication of record one month prior to the due date for applications. The Executive Director need not be a voting member of The Wildlife Society or Chapter to be appointed. In making the appointment, the Executive Board may give special consideration to the applicant’s current employment and whether or not that employment would adversely impact upon the ability to serve as Executive Director. Appointment by the Executive Board will be finalized through signed contract with the selected applicant. The function of the Executive Director will be to assist the executive board in carrying out all administrative and managerial affairs necessary to implement the policies and programs developed by The Society, North Central Section, and Chapter, and specifically the Objectives of the Chapter.

**Section 4. TERM OF OFFICE** – The Officers, Delegates, and Student Chapter Representative take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed, except the President-Elect who shall be installed as President and the President who shall be installed as Past-President. President-elect, President, and Past-President will serve 1 year, Secretary-Treasurer will serve 2 years, and the 2 Delegates will be elected for staggered 2-year terms. The Student Chapter Representative serves a one year position, although their term of office will follow chapter Constitutions, and not necessarily the Annual Meeting cycle.

**Section 5. VACANCIES** – If the office of President is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. The Past-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of or upon the inability of the President or the President-Elect to serve until the Executive Board appoints a President, pro tempore. All other vacancies, excluding Student Chapter Representative, in any unexpired term of an elective office shall
be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must members in good standing of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society. In the event that the Student Chapter Representative cannot or will not perform duties for a period of less than one month, that student chapter’s vice president will preside. If the Student Chapter Representative cannot or will not perform duties for a longer period, the Representative position will rotate to the next chapter in line to fill out the remainder of that year and the next.

Article VII. Meetings

Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS – Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

CLAUSE A – ANNUAL MEETING – The regular meeting, historically held in February or March, shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purposes of electing or installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, acting as a forum for education and/or information exchange, and for any other business that may arise. The Annual Meeting is typically held in the vicinity of Madison and Stevens Point on alternate years.

CLAUSE B – MEETING NOTICE – Members must be notified at least 1 month prior to annual and regular meetings and at least 10 days prior to special meetings.

CLAUSE C – QUORUM – Quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over 50 percent of the membership or 10 members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board meetings, 3 members of the Board.


CLAUSE E – BYLAWS – Chapter Bylaws shall be available on the Chapter’s website and electronically from any Officer upon request for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised and approved by a majority of the Chapter members voting, the new revision must be approved by The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS – Special Meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (Article VII Section 1B) and the purpose of the meeting is given.

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

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

Article VIII. Management and Finances

Section 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD – The Wisconsin Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers, and 2 Chapter members known as Delegates, duly elected to the Board.

CLAUSE A – CONDUCT – The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding Annual Meeting. All official Board actions shall be recorded in the minutes of the Chapter and electronically published in *Intelligent Tinkering* which is available on the Chapter’s Website. Any Board action may be overridden by two-thirds of the Voting Members in good standing attending a membership meeting or by electronic and/or written ballot of two-thirds of the Chapter’s Voting Members in good standing.

CLAUSE B – ATTENDENCE – Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.
Section 2. FINANCE – Funds of the Wisconsin Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board and shall be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer. The financial records of the Wisconsin Chapter shall be examined annually by the Audit Committee (Article IX, Section 2).

CLAUSE A – The Secretary-Treasurer need not be bonded.

CLAUSE B – Funds shall be derived from any of the following: dues, special assessments, work projects, contributions, or interest and dividends from investments in the financial markets.

CLAUSE C – Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank, savings and loan association, or credit union with the exception of funds in the Bjerke Fund.

CLAUSE D – The Bjerke Fund (named in honor of the donor, Floyd Bjerke) can be invested in financial markets under the direction of the Executive Board with advisement from the Fund Raising and Investment Committee. The corpus of the Bjerke Fund will be invested and protected from expenditure to provide long term stable income for the Mission (Article I, Section 3) of the Chapter. If agreed upon by a 2/3 vote of the Chapter membership, in good standing, the corpus can be drawn upon for emergency situations. Funds raised by the Fund Raising and Investment Committee will be permanently added to the Bjerke corpus and protected from Expenditure.

CLAUSE E – The Chair of the Fund Raising and Investment Committee shall inform the President and the Executive Board of the status of the Bjerke Fund and any earnings that are available for distribution on an annual basis.

CLAUSE F – Interest or dividends resulting from the Bjerke Fund will be available for the Chapter’s normal operating expenses. Programs and projects that shall be given priority consideration are:
• Continuing education that advances the skills of practicing wildlife biologists,
• Scholarships to deserving college students enrolled in wildlife biology curriculum,
• Publications of symposia, workshops or projects sponsored by the Chapter,
• Research that advances the knowledge and understanding of wildlife biology

CLAUSE G – If the Chapter budget allows, the Executive Board may provide grants for up to two members, in good standing, the attend the national Wildlife Society meeting.

Section 3. REPORTS – Within 20 days after an election or other official actions, the Secretary-Treasurer shall report such actions to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, the North Central Section representative, and the North Central Section President. An annual report shall be forwarded to these same parties. To meet IRS reporting requirements the Secretary-Treasurer will send to TWS (1) A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society in January of each year for federal tax reporting by the Society office and (2) If the Chapter obtains its Employer ID Number through The Wildlife Society, the Chapter shall also submit required IRS forms to the IRS and the IRS confirmation receipt to The Wildlife Society; the Chapter may contact The Wildlife Society to determine the appropriate form to submit for IRS reporting purposes.

Section 4. FILES – The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, the North Central Section, and the Wisconsin Chapter; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs; all committee reports; financial statements and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A “procedure for filing” shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary-Treasurer. Pertinent chapters from The Wildlife Society’s “Operations Manual” are provided on the TWS Officers’ website (www.wildlife.org/officers). All minutes, correspondence, committee reports, financial statements and records, and other related pertinent correspondence shall become archived in the President’s office.

Section 5. POLICY AND POSITION –
CLAUSE A - Two or more members may submit resolutions or statements for consideration by the Chapter’s Executive Board (Article VI, Section 3). Position statements will be approved in the following manner:
1) Draft position statement is written by an Issues Committee or a group of WCTWS members with expertise on the issue.
2) WCTWS Executive Board reviews the draft and provides feedback to authors.
3) Revised position statement is sent to WCTWS membership with a maximum 30-day comment period. A shorter period may be deemed necessary by the Executive Board. Comments are sent to the Executive Board and forwarded to the authors.
4) Authors review and consider comments and prepare the final position statement.
5) Final position statement is given to the Executive Board for approval.
6) Approved position statement is posted on the Chapter website and members are notified.
7) A copy of the approved position statement is forwarded to the Director of Government Affairs at TWS headquarters.

CLAUSE B - On issues where there are no previously established Chapter policies and action is required on a reasonably short notice, the President, or designated representative, may present a Public Statement on behalf of the chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement is brought to the Executive Board’s attention and is accepted by them prior to public issuing of the statement; and 2) electronic copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after public issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the Wisconsin Chapter may issue statements pertaining to subjects in its locale:
   a) when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Wildlife Society; and
   b) in the absence of existing position statements by The Wildlife Society.

The Wisconsin Chapter will not issue statements that may be in conflict with the policy of The Wildlife Society without prior approval of The Society’s Council. All statements will follow the “Subunit Policy Guidelines” (www.wildlife.org/officers).

Article IX. Committees
Section 1. APPOINTMENTS – The Chapter President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairpersons for all regular standing committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee (Article VI, Section 1), and all special committees such as awards. Committee chairpersons shall complete their committee assignments with the President’s assistance. All resolutions or reports requiring formal Chapter action will be made available at the annual meeting and/or via the Chapter’s website. Reports will include the following: (1) Objective; (2) Progress; and (3) Recommendations. The President-Elect will distribute the report with the minutes of the annual meeting and will prepare a list of all committees and their recommendations for distribution at the annual meeting. Committees and committee reports will be published in Intelligent Tinkering which is available on the Chapter’s Website.

Section 2. COMMITTEES:
   CLAUSE A – NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS – See Article V, Section 1.
   CLAUSE B – MEMBERSHIP – This committee shall consist of 3 members in good standing and encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing or working within the Chapter’s organizational area to become members of The Wildlife Society, the North Central Section, and the Wisconsin Chapter.
   CLAUSE C – ISSUES – Committee(s) shall consist of a minimum of 3 members in good standing to review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental
assessments, impact statements, develop position statements and respond to issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Wisconsin Chapter. The Chairperson may ask any Chapter member in good standing to assist with reviews. Issues committees as of March 1, 2016 include Climate Change, Deer Management, Farm-Wildlife, Government Affairs, Wildlife Damage Management, Wolf Management, and Furbearer Issues.

**CLAUSE D – INFORMATION AND EDUCATION** – This committee shall consist of the website webmaster, the newsletter editor, and the current President. The current President shall chair the committee. The committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic wildlife management concepts and of Chapter and Society activities, interests, and policies.

**CLAUSE E – AUDIT** – This committee shall consist of 3 members, all in good standing. It shall review the financial records and support documents of the Chapter at least annually. The committee shall also review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer. The audit committee shall submit their annual audit report to the Executive Board for approval, the approved report shall be entered into the minutes for that Executive Board meeting.

**CLAUSE F – PUBLIC COMMENT** – This committee shall consist of a minimum of 5 members in good standing, including the President-elect, President, and Past-President, plus a minimum of 2 members in good standing recommended by the Executive Board. Any member of this committee, singularly or in combination, shall represent the Chapter’s position at public hearings, legislative proceedings, or other venues as requested. A non-committee member, with approval from the Executive Board, can be asked to testify on the Chapter’s behalf. We recommend members of this committee represent different geographic regions of the state, employment entities, and expertise in subject area.

**CLAUSE G – FUND RAISING AND INVESTMENTS** - This committee shall consist of 3 members in good standing, including the Secretary-Treasurer, President, and one other appointed by the Executive Board to research and implement sound management of the Chapter finances. The Bjerke Fund will be managed by the Fund Raising and Investments Committee of the Chapter following investment guidelines approved by the Executive Board. Only interest earned on the Bjerke Fund may be utilized for funding appropriate projects.

**CLAUSE H – AWARDS** – This committee shall consist of a minimum of 3 members in good standing. The Awards Committee solicit nominations and select the winner, with approval from the Executive Board, for the Don Rusch Memorial Award, Wisconsin Award, and Outstanding Student Award. All awards are presented at the annual winter meeting.

**CLAUSE I – LEOPOLD SCHOLARSHIP** – This committee shall consist of a minimum of 3 members in good standing to solicit nominations and select the winner, with approval from the Executive Board, for an undergraduate and graduate student Leopold scholarship. Each scholarship winner receives a $1,000 cash award, if budget allows.

**Section 3. ACCOUNTABILITY** – All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under the general supervision of the President.

**Section 4. TENURE** – All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

**Article X. Lobbying and Public Affairs**
Section 1. It shall be the duty of the executive board to limit Chapter lobbying activity to no more than 5% of the total hours expended by members on Chapter business. No Chapter funds shall be appropriated to pay for Chapter members who lobby at the state or national level.

Section 2. The Chapter may foster information exchange among Chapter leaders and members regarding policy issues. The opinions expressed by Chapter members clearly must be identified as those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect official policy of Chapter unless so stated and approved by the Executive Board.

Article XI. Dissolution

Section 1. PROCEDURE - The Council of The Wildlife Society may dissolve the Wisconsin Chapter, following a 1 year grace period during which time the Wisconsin Chapter can come back into compliance, if (1) it finds the Chapter is not meeting the standards established in Article IX, Section 1 and/or (2) if the Chapter fails to file required IRS reports, as set out in Article VI, Section 3, for 3 consecutive years. Upon dissolution of the Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to The Council of The Wildlife Society with the understanding that said assets will be held for a maximum of 5 years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for redistribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said 5-year period. If another chapter is not established, in said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as best determined by The Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

Article XII. Amendments to Bylaws

Section 1. PROCEDURE – These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of the Chapter members voting electronically or at any annual or special meeting if due notice (at least 30 days) of the proposed changes is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an electronic or written absentee ballot.

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