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Remarks from the President



Happy New Year!!! It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. It seems like just yesterday that we were wrapping up the third Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference. Last year's conference was another success with a large turnout (269 attendees and 72 presenters) and very diverse and informative presentations that covered the myriad of natural resource topics and issues in the state. I was especially impressed by the number and quality of the student presentations.

This year's conference, which is February 21-23 in Tulsa, is shaping up to be another success. We have 75 submitted abstracts (67 oral and 8 posters) and a plenary session entitled "Human Dimensions in Natural Resources for Collaborative Conservation" scheduled on the opening morning of the conference.

Our goal for the plenary session is to focus on human dimensions in natural resources with an emphasis on highlighting successful partnerships and programs as well provide insight on some of the problems and issues that may hamper them. We have invited 4 outstanding speakers (Mike Sorice, a faculty member from Virginia Tech University who investigates human behavior as it relates to environmental stewardship; Mike Fuhr, state director of Oklahoma TNC; Christian Hagen, science advisor with NRCS who has been involved with the lesser prairie chicken initiative and other initiatives; and Ashley Tanner, who is employed by Western Ecosystems Technology, Inc. as their deputy science director for the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program) who will bring a wealth of experience and interesting insights about human dimensions in natural resources. Additionally, we have two interesting symposia entitled "Effective Communications for Natural Resource Professionals" and "Growing Season Burning" scheduled for the afternoon on Wednesday, February 21. I hope that many of you can make it to Tulsa next month for the conference.

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Executive Board

President:

Craig A. Davis

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Vicki Jackson

Past President:

Josh Richardson

Treasurer:

Kristen Gillman

Secretary:

Mike Porter

Board Members at Large:

Mike Sams, Matt Fullerton

Please visit the Oklahoma Natural Resource Conference website www.oknrc.com for further information about the conference. A big thank you to the 2018 Conference Planning Committee!!

I also want to encourage our members to submit nominations for the Chapter's publication awards, Private Land Management Award, Harold C. Stuart Conservation Excellence Award, and Oklahoma Award. These awards are a great way to recognize outstanding achievement and contributions of individuals and groups around the state. We also have a \$500 scholarship available to an undergraduate student majoring in wildlife biology or management or a closely related field. Please encourage worthy students to apply for the scholarship. The deadline for award nominations and the undergraduate scholarship is now February 2. Guidelines for the awards and the undergraduate scholarship are included in the newsletter. I also need three volunteers to serve on the awards committee. It will not take much time and we can meet via conference call to decide on award recipients. Please email me at craig.a.davis@okstate.edu if you are interested in serving on the committee.

Finally, it is election time again. We are seeking nominations for President-elect, Secretary, and two Executive Board Members. To run for office, you need to have your Oklahoma TWS membership up-to-date. You can check with Kristen Gillman, our Chapter Treasurer, to see if your membership is up-to-date. Please consider serving the chapter as either an officer or board member. It is a great way to serve your professional society and guide the direction of the society. If you are interested running for a position or would like to nominate someone, please email me.

Again, I wish everyone a productive, safe, and enjoyable New Year and I hope to see you at the conference next month.

- Craig Davis

UCO - TWS Student Chapter Update

UCO TWS Student Chapter Board

President:

Abby Moore-Lee

Vice-President:

Jane Watkins-Warner

Treasurer:

Wendy Monterosso

Secretary:

Theron Blunck

UCO's Wildlife Society is now a recognized student chapter. During the spring semester, we established our presence on campus by arranging recruitment events to attract potential members to our chapter. In April, we elected new officers and began the transition of roles. The newly elected officers met in the summer before classes began to plan the fall semester as far as recruitment and activities are concerned. During the fall semester, our chapter was responsible for creating our official club shirt with a design submitted by one of our members. This shirt also served as a fundraiser to generate funds for future activities and events. The organization also held recruitment events, volunteered at WildCare OK, attended Oklahoma Bioblitz, invited a national member

of The Wildlife Society to speak at one of our meetings, and went on a nature walk with our members. A few members of our chapter attended the annual TWS conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For the upcoming spring semester, we are looking forward to partnering with one of our members on their Chinese Privet project, organizing more educational seminars, visiting the local osteology museum, volunteering at the OKC Zoo, attending the Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference, and lastly, seeking to provide members with more outreach opportunities.



Oklahoma Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Business Meeting Minutes Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference February 23, 2017 at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tulsa, OK

President Josh Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:27 PM. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

Awards - OKTWS Awards Committee Chairman Craig Davis presented annual OKTWS awards.

- No award presented for Honorary Membership.
- No awards presented for Publication and Creativity Award for books and Publication and Creativity Award for technical publications.
- Evan Tanner, Dwayne Elmore, Sam Fuhlendorf, Craig Davis, David Dahlgren and Jeremy Orange received the Publication and Creativity Award for peer-reviewed scientific articles for “Extreme Climatic Events Constrain Use and Survival of a Ground-nesting Bird” published in Global Change Biology. Chairman Craig Davis was not involved in voting for this award.
- Andrew Little, Stephen Webb, Kenneth Gee and Steve Demarais received the Publication and Creativity Award for popular articles for their succession of articles “Vanished” published in Quality Whitetails.
- Michael Porter and Scott McNeill received the Publication and Creativity Award for electronic media for the video “Snakes of Oklahoma” produced by the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation and available on www.noble.org website.
- Erica Perez received first place in the Student Research Award, which was announced after this meeting at the end of the Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference. First place in the Student Research Award is also known as the Moser Award.
- Ashley Tanner received second place in the Student Research Award, which was announced after this meeting at the end of the Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference.
- Elliott Lustig received third place in the Student Research Award, which was announced after this meeting at the end of the Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference.
- Sean Votaw from Northeastern Oklahoma State University received the Undergraduate Scholarship Award. Six nominations received for Undergraduate Scholarship Award.
- No nominations received for Private Land Management Award.
- Ouachita District of US Forest Service received the Harold C. Steward Conservation Excellence Award.
- Sam Fuhlendorf received the Oklahoma Award, which is the highest honor bestowed by OKTWS to a wildlife professional.

Officers

Josh Richardson announced the following nominations for OKTWS offices:

- Victoria Jackson for President-elect
- Michael Porter for Secretary
- Kristen Gillman for Treasurer
- Mike Sams and Matthew Fullerton for At-large Board Members

Josh Richardson explained voting for officers will occur via email after conclusion of the Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference. Josh Richardson said new officers will start their positions 30 days after the email vote. Craig Davis is President-elect and will become the next President.

Josh Richardson made a recommendation and after considerable discussion, Rex Umber made a motion to hold a vote via email to change OKTWS Bylaws so Secretary and At-large Board Members would become 2 year-positions while President and President-elect remain 1-year positions. Victoria Jackson seconded the motion and those present unanimously approved the motion. Treasurer was already a 2-year position. If the change is approved through email vote, officer positions will be staggered in the following manner during April 2017 to February 2018: Mike Porter will serve the second year of his 2-year term, Kristen Gillman will serve the first year of her 2-year term, Mike Sams will serve the first year of his 2-year term, and Matthew Fullerton will serve the second year of his 2-year term.

Oklahoma State University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society Update

The student chapter has 65 paid members.

Approximately 280 people are included in their announcements and information dissemination via email.

Usually, 20-30 people attend meetings.

Usually, a guest speaker presents at each meeting.

Recent activities:

- Wildlife rehabilitator field trip
- Arcadia bobcat project in conjunction with University of Central Oklahoma Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society— they built traps, set traps, collected hair samples, and will analyze hair samples
- Volunteered at Oklahoma Wildlife Expo

University of Central Oklahoma Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society Update

During November 2016, TWS approved its status as a preliminary Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society. If everything goes well, it will obtain full Student Chapter status in 3 years.

Recent activities:

- Performed volunteer work at the Oklahoma City Zoo
- Arcadia bobcat project in conjunction with Oklahoma State University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society— they built traps, set traps, and collected hair samples

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Michael Sams provided the following report:

January 1, 2016 OKTWS balance was \$21,267.47.

2016 income was \$38,469.98.

2016 expenses were \$39,153.46.

December 31, 2016 balance was \$20,583.99 (includes both OKTWS main account and OKTWS Byron Moser account).

OKTWS main account had \$13,913.73 on February 23, 2017.

OKTWS Byron Moser account had \$4,126.30 on February 23, 2017. The Byron Moser account pays for the first place Student Research Award. Pam Moser donated about \$229 to the Byron Moser account recently.

OKTWS had 62 paid members during 2016.

Previously, Northeastern Oklahoma State University students requested and OKTWS gave them \$600 financial assistance to help defray their participation expenses in the Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference.

Previously, OKTWS paid for drinks and part of lunch during the October 11 Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Oklahoma State University Fire, Wildlife, Timber and Cattle Field Tour at Pushmataha Wildlife Management Area. OKTWS co-sponsorship was acknowledged with signage at the event.

Josh Richardson suggested OKTWS consider financial support of some Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation educational events such as White-tailed Deer Management Workshops and Prescribed Burning Field Days when OKTWS co-sponsorship is acknowledged with appropriate signage at the event.

During this meeting, Oklahoma State University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society requested \$2,000 financial assistance from OKTWS for 10-11 students to participate in the Western Conclave. After considerable discussion, Craig Davis made the motion that OKTWS provide up to \$2,000 for students from the Oklahoma State University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society and University of Central Oklahoma Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society to participate in the West-

Minutes continued

ern Conclave. Steven Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Josh Gaskamp announced the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation will host the International Wild Pig Conference in Oklahoma City during April 16-18, 2018.

Meeting concluded at 5:17 PM.

Can you guess what Wildlife Management Area?



A. Broken Bow, B. Optima, C. Spavinaw GMA, D. Mountain Park

Upcoming Events

📍 National Society for Range Management Meeting
January 29-February 2, 2018, Sparks, NV

📍 International Wild Pig Conference
April 16-18, 2018, OKC OK

📍 American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting
August 19-23, 2018, Atlantic City, New Jersey

📍 Oklahoma Wildlife Expo
September 22 & 23, 2018, Guthrie

📍 The Wildlife Society National Meeting
October 7-11, 2018, Cleveland, Ohio

📍 Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting
October 21-24, 2018, Mobile, Alabama

OSU TWS Student Chapter Board

President:

KaLynn Branham

Vice-President:

Jennifer Knutson

Treasurer:

Lauren Auld

Historian:

Kayleigh Locke

Chapter Representative:

Erin Caldwell

The Oklahoma State University student chapter of The Wildlife Society was very active in the fall semester. Some of our members started the semester off by volunteering for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation at their annual Oklahoma Wildlife Expo. Meanwhile, other members attended the TWS Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM. Later in the semester, we took students to the Tall Grass Prairie Preserve and WildCare Foundation in Noble, OK. Members also spent a weekend camping and visiting with the park ranger at Robbers Cave State Park. On the open-

ing day of rifle season, we pulled deer jaws for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. We are planning more camping trips and field trips in the spring as well as attending the Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference and the TWS Western Student Conclave.



Oklahoma Natural Resources Conference



February 21-23, 2018
Hyatt Regency Tulsa Hotel

Please join us at the 2018 Oklahoma Natural Resource Conference February 21-23, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa Hotel. The OKNRC is hosted by the Oklahoma Chapters of The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, Society for Range Management, Oklahoma Invasive Plant Council, Prescribed Fire Council, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, Oklahoma Ornithological Society and the Oklahoma Division Society of American Foresters. The conference will have presentation topics on range, wildlife, fisheries, forestry and environmental sciences.

Room Blocks

The OKNRC has rooms blocked at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa Hotel. The Hyatt hotel is located at 100 East 2nd St., Tulsa OK 74103 and just steps away from Downtown. This location makes it very convenient for meeting attendees. Room block rate deadline is **January 31, 2018**. Prices cannot be guaranteed after that date.

Registration

Is available online at www.oknrc.com. Early registration ends February 1, 2018.

Proudly Hosted by the Oklahoma Chapters of The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, Society for Range Management, Oklahoma Invasive Plant Council, Prescribed Fire Council, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, Oklahoma Ornithological Society and the Oklahoma Division Society of American Foresters

Call for Student Papers for TWS Research Award

This award rewards undergraduate and graduate students who conduct outstanding research in natural resource ecology and management. Subject matter includes topics in range, wildlife, natural resource, and environmental sciences. Please send electronic files to Craig Davis, craig.a.davis@okstate.edu. Contact Craig for more information. Entries are due by **February 2, 2018**. Awards of \$500, \$200 and \$50 and plaques will be given to the top three competitors.

Eligibility

Graduate and undergraduate students are eligible. Students who have graduated since the last OCTWS meeting are eligible if they are members of OCTWS at the time of the annual meeting. Students must be the senior author of the abstract and oral presentation. The work being reported must be primarily that of the student. Research projects should be based on at least one season or year of data collection. Only students who are affiliated with an Oklahoma college or university at the time of research or students who conducted field work in Oklahoma, but are affiliated with an out-of-state college or university, are eligible to compete.

Extended Abstract Submission

The extended abstract must follow the style of The Journal of Wildlife Management (JWM; see example and visit [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/store/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1937-2817/asset/homepages/JWMLGuidelines2011Final.pdf?v=1&s=2b3c697db77509e634f2612b03449ed67b435687](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/store/10.1002/(ISSN)1937-2817/asset/homepages/JWMLGuidelines2011Final.pdf?v=1&s=2b3c697db77509e634f2612b03449ed67b435687) for complete style guidelines). Limit abstract length to 300 words. Abstracts will include 1) a statement of justification for the research; 2) a statement of research objectives or hypotheses tested; 3) brief description of methods; 4) concise presentation of salient findings; and 5) implications of findings. Do not include tables, appendices, or literature cited. Submit abstracts in Microsoft Word as e-mail attachments.

TWS Publication and Creativity Award

Please consider nominating someone for the TWS Publication and Creativity Award presented to member(s) of the Oklahoma Chapter who, as individuals or members of a team, make outstanding contributions to natural resource management and conservation through books, technical articles, popular articles, videos, or other media or programs completed within the last 3 years, including the current year. The award will be presented at the annual meeting, February 21-23, 2018.

Entries are due by **February 2, 2018**. Send your nomination for the Publication and Creativity Award in the form of an electronic letter and any other documents needed to support your nomination, to Craig Davis, Chair, OCTWS Awards Committee (craig.a.davis@okstate.edu). For further information, contact Craig Davis.

Harold C. Stuart Conservation Excellence Award

This award recognizes a lay person or group that has contributed significantly towards enhancing conservation stewardship and perpetuating a conservation ethic through activities in Oklahoma. The award will be presented at the annual meeting, February 21-23, 2018.

Entries are due by **February 2, 2018**. Send your nomination for the Private Land Management Award in the form of an electronic letter, with attached photo, maps, and any other documents needed to support your nomination, to Craig Davis, Chair, OCTWS Awards Committee (craig.a.davis@okstate.edu). For further information, contact Craig Davis.

Private Land Management Award

This award recognizes exemplary contributions to natural resource management on private land. Nominations should include descriptions of the landowner's goals, property, and wildlife management practices. The nominator should be prepared to give a brief slide presentation about the recipient and the property at the annual meeting, February 21-23, 2018.

Entries are due by **February 2, 2018**. Send your nomination for the Private Land Management Award in the form of an electronic letter, with attached photo, maps, and any other documents needed to support your nomination, to Craig Davis, Chair, OCTWS Awards Committee (craig.a.davis@okstate.edu). For further information, contact Craig Davis.

Oklahoma Award

The Chapter's most prestigious award, the Oklahoma Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the profession of wildlife management in the state of Oklahoma. The award will be presented at the annual meeting, February 21-23, 2018.

Entries are due by **February 2, 2018**. Send your nomination for the Oklahoma Award in the form of an electronic letter, with attached photo, maps, and any other documents needed to support your nomination, to Craig Davis, Chair, OCTWS Awards Committee (craig.a.davis@okstate.edu). For further information, contact Craig Davis.

General criteria to be used for nominations for the Private Land Management Award, the Harold C. Stuart Conservation Excellence Award, and The Oklahoma Award :

1. A nominee should live or work in Oklahoma or have done so during period pertinent to the nomination.
2. A nominee may have received professional training or be a layman in the field of wildlife management.
3. A nominee is not required to be a member of The Wildlife Society or the Oklahoma Chapter.
4. A nominee's achievement need not have occurred in the 12 months prior to the date his accomplishments are recognized.

The information for nominations should include:

1. Name, title.
2. Education – place, degree(s).
3. Pertinent Employment – past and present, place and dates.
4. Distinguishing activities (may include papers).
5. Reason for which nomination is being made.
6. Signature of nominator.

Entries are due by **February 2, 2018**. Submit nominations in writing via an electronic letter to, Craig Davis, Chair, OCTWS Awards Committee (craig.a.davis@okstate.edu). For further information, contact Craig Davis.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) APPLICATION

Name

Phone number

Email

Street address

University

Major

Hours Completed

GPA

Names(s) of the TWS chapter(s) of which you are a member

Criteria the must be met to qualify:

1. Member of a chapter of TWS (if not a member, you may join using the attached form)
2. Classified as a junior or senior (at least 60 semester hours completed)
3. Majoring in wildlife biology/management or a closely related field

Application materials:

1. A current resume
2. A current transcript (unofficial is acceptable) indicating total hours and grade point average
3. An essay (300-600 words, double spaced) on "What are the most important issues confronting wild life conservation today?"

Scoring Criteria

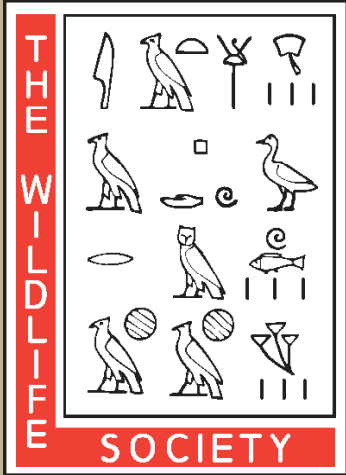
Resume	Low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 High
Transcript	Low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 High
Essay	Low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 High

Applications will be scored by a panel of judges at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Wildlife Society. Judges will be the same as those for the Student Presentation Award. The panel includes at least 3 members selected on the basis of objectivity and experience.

Submit scholarship and membership form by February 2, 2018. Return scholarship application to Craig A. Davis (craig.a.davis@okstate.edu). Return membership form below to Kristen Gillman (address on form).

Membership in the Oklahoma Chapter of

The Wildlife Society



Please print,
complete and mail
this page with your
check to:

Kristen Gillman
OCTWS Treasurer
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife
Conservation
P.O. Box 53465
Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma 73152

Name

Affiliation (Agency, University, Company, etc.)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone #

Email address (Important to receive newsletter)

_____ Regular Membership (\$10 per year)

_____ Student Membership (\$5 per year)

_____ Supporting Membership with Numbered Certificate (\$100 per year)