

Gordon R. Batcheller

Section: Northeast
Address: 250 Rabbit College Road
Petersburg, NY 12138
Employer: Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (Formerly NYS DEC)
Home: (518) 686-3166
Cell: (518) 650-5442
E-mail: Gordon.batcheller@gmail.com

Statement of Interest

As an undergraduate, I made a lifetime commitment to the wildlife profession and to The Wildlife Society. The wildlife profession best represents my interests, skill set, and passions. Our organization, The Wildlife Society, best represents the profession. While there are other organizations that meet specialized scientific and management interests, TWS best addresses the full spectrum of the wildlife profession. This is where I place my allegiance.

What matters most to me as a wildlife profession? Quite simply, our responsibility is to ensure that current and subsequent generations care enough about wildlife to take measures to secure populations and habitats in perpetuity. I am inspired by our pioneering conservationists who took steps over 100 years ago to protect wildlife for the future. They had one thing in common—a fundamental passion for all things wild and natural. TWS should play a key role in building up new leaders for our future. I want TWS to be at the forefront in advocating for wildlife conservation at all levels (local, state, national, international) by trumpeting the value of robust science through well-designed and timely research; ensuring that people from all walks of life experience the happiness that comes from enjoying wildlife; ensuring that highly trained professionals are recruited into the workforce while meeting the highest standards for academic and professional excellence; fighting to keep wildlife as a public trust resource; being a strong voice for the legitimate, democratic, and lawful use of wildlife; upholding our traditions regarding the use of wildlife while recognizing that modern reforms are needed to meet contemporary management needs; and ensuring that the interests of wildlife professionals are appropriately voiced and heard at all levels, including internationally. The Wildlife Society is a strong organization because we are dedicated professionals who work hard and care for what we do. The task of your national officers is to help you conserve and manage wildlife through the work of the chapters, sections, and working groups. I am grateful for the thousands of dedicated wildlife biologists who are the heart and soul of TWS. It would be an honor to assume a national leadership post at TWS to help advance our collective vision for the future of wildlife.

Darren Anthony Miller

Section: Southeast
Address: 9 Hickory Ridge Drive
Starkville, MS 39759
Employer: Weyerhaeuser Company - Southern Timberlands Technology
Home: (662) 324-5050
Office: (662) 245-5249
Cell: (662) 312-8387
E-mail: darren.miller@weyerhaeuser.com / zepmiller@bellsouth.net

Statement of Interest

My vision for the Wildlife Society (TWS) is to be THE professional wildlife organization for students, wildlife biologists, and the citizenry. I desire for The Wildlife Society to be the primary source of science-based information regarding management of our wildlife resources. To accomplish this, we must be sure that TWS serves member needs and stands as a unified voice for science-based wildlife management. This vision requires that we (1) have the financial and human resources to accomplish our mission; (2) strengthen relationships among sections, chapters, and the parent society; (3) address conservation issues by adhering to and promoting science-based decision-making; (4) remain mindful of our core values; (5) recognize the key role of existing partnerships and develop new partnerships; (6) continually provide tools and services to our members; (6) expand our policy program to better address local, regional, national and international issues; and (7) fully recognize the value of every TWS member and understand that, as a volunteer-based organization, we are only as strong as our membership which must reflect the human diversity of our profession and of society.

I have been a TWS member since 1990 and have remained actively engaged in TWS at all levels of the organization, allowing me to have a broad perspective on how to serve our membership and strengthen our Professional Society. Additionally, I have worked in the research, policy, and applied management arenas with a diverse constituency of natural resource professionals across state and federal agencies, universities, and non-governmental organizations. I will use these experiences to effectively engage TWS with compatible natural resource organizations and ensure that our collective expertise is used and voice heard for critical conservation decisions. As a member of the TWS Leadership Team, and as President, it will be my top priority that our Society continues to grow, is welcoming to biologists of all backgrounds, provides new and relevant membership services, and is a prominent, trusted voice in wildlife conservation.

SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE:

Please e-mail by **February 12, 2016** a (1) Résumé (in the following format), (2) a digital head and shoulders photograph, and (3) the information requested on the bottom portion of this sheet to: lilliam.matheson@wildlife.org or by mail to: **Lilly Matheson, The Wildlife Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814.**

FORMAT FOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Nominee for: Western Section

Personal Data: 9/16/1972 Chico, CA

Education: B.S. Environmental Biology/Management 1994 U.C. Davis; Graduate work CSU Chico

Present Position: Program Director, Self-Employed since 2009

Former Positions: Cal Poly Kennedy Library, Science Café, 2009-2011; Education Coordinator, Berkeley Natural History Museum - Jepson Herbarium, 2003-2008; Wildlife Biologist, California Department of Fish and Game, 2000-2003; Assistant Resource Ecologist, California Department of Parks and Recreation, 1999-2000; Scientific Aide, California Department of Fish and Game, 1994-1999

Wildlife Society Activities: Member since (1993); certification (in progress)
Western Section Representative, 2013-present;
California Central Coast Chapter Representative, 2007 – 2009;
Western Section Newsletter Editor, 2008-2009;
TWS Monterey 2009 Arrangements Committee Co-Chair, 2007-2009;
Western Section President 2004-2006;
Western Section Professional Development Committee Chair, 2002-2004 and 2007-2009;
Western Section Secretary 2001-2002;
TWS Student Affairs Committee Member, 2000;
TWS Reno 2001 Student Activities Committee Chair, 2000-2001

Other Professional Affiliations: California Native Plant Society.

Principal Professional Interests: Professional Development and Training, Conservation and Management of Wildlife, Fire Ecology, Science Informing Decision Making, Mentoring Students and New Professionals in Wildlife and Natural Resources

Views: In the past 2.5 years that I've served on Council, TWS has set strategic plan objectives and made good progress toward achieving them. Accounting methods are aligned with non-profit best management practices, and there is more oversight from Council. Member services have increased, and membership decline is slowing. Annual Meetings have provided good networking and professional development opportunities. Yet, we have room for improvement. If re-elected, I'd continue to advocate for Western Section, and for the interests of TWS members at all levels, across all organizational units -- sections, chapters, and student chapters.

TWS must be mindful of our heritage, yet remain relevant within our profession. To support a member-minded mission requires financial stability, and I'd continue encouragement of staff to secure suitable financial support from outside our organization. Listening to members, identifying strengths and ideas of sections and chapters, and sharing successful methods across

all organizational units should be a component of all operations.

Members at all levels – students, professionals, and retirees, can devote a variety of contributions to their professional society. TWS should leverage talents, ideas, service, and experience of members. I believe in applying creative solutions, and in Council advising staff to set program objectives.

I will continue to call for TWS' support of emerging wildlife professionals, and to provide outreach to under-represented and under-supported prospective members. Western Section will continue to develop and test programs that may serve as a model for The Wildlife Society and other organizational units.

Please provide the following information and return with the requested biographical data and photograph:

Name Cynthia Graves Perrine

(Print name exactly as you want it to appear in e-Wildlifer and on the official ballot.)

Address: 1745 Portola Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Business: same

Home: _____

Telephone: Business: _____ Home: (530) 570-7036

Fax: _____ **E-mail** perrine.cynthia@gmail.com

Please print clearly

SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE:

Please e-mail by **February 12, 2016** a (1) Résumé (in the following format), (2) a digital head and shoulders photograph, and (3) the information requested on the bottom portion of this sheet to: **lilliam.matheson@wildlife.org** or by mail to: **Lilly Matheson, The Wildlife Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814.**

FORMAT FOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Nominee for: Western SECTION

Personal Data: Date and place of birth.

Sacramento, California

11/17/1947

Education: Degree(s), major(s), college(s) or university (ies), and date(s).

- BA Degree in Biological Sciences from California State University Sacramento (CSUS)
- Graduate work at CSUS in Plant Ecology/Plant Taxonomy

Present Position: Title, employer, and date started.

- Retired from California Department of Fish & Game (Wildlife)
- Currently Stewardship Coordinator for the State of California, Sierra Nevada Conservancy (working as a Retired Annuitant)

Former Positions: Title, employer, and dates for each (up to 5).

- Nongame Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 10/2012-12/2013.
- North Central Regional Manager, California Department of Fish and Game, 7/2009-9/2012
- Environmental Program Manager, CA Dept. of Fish and Game, 1/2004-6/2009
- Private Environmental Consultant (Wildlife Biology/Conservation Biology) , 4/1991-12/2004
- Wildlife Biologist/Supervisor, CA Dept. of Fish and Game, 7/1970-3/1991

Wildlife Society Activities: Member since (1973); certification (1980); and Chapter, Section and Society Committees, offices, etc. (limit to 10 entries).

- Western Section News Letter Editor
- Western Section President Elect, President (1982-83), Past President
- Led Professional Ethics Review Panel considering potential ethics violations of a TWS member at the request of TWS national office.
- TWS Biodiversity Working Group
- Co-Program Chair for 2009 TWS Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA

Other Professional Affiliations: List up to 7.

- Calaveras Winegrape Alliance (to keep me busy in retirement, I am a small acreage wine grape grower in California's Sierra Foothills)
- Alpen Optics Pro Staff

Principal Professional Interests: Landscape level conservation planning, mitigation banking, maintaining and enhancing our fishing and hunting heritage, human dimensions of wildlife and wildlife management.

Views: Limit of 250 words.

As of July of 2016, I will have spent 46 years in the natural resource profession. On reflecting over those years, although more pronounced, many of the challenges we face today as wildlife professionals aren't all that new. What has changed is the technology. Advances in how we do and apply science allow us to see and visualize things in ways not possible 30, or 20, or even 10 years ago. In many cases, these advances have given us cause to re-evaluate how we do business; to re-think what is needed to achieve true long-term conservation goals and objectives.

The other thing that has changed is the culture; not just our professional culture, but the world around us as. Social media has increased the potential for any one individual to affect the thoughts and values of hundreds, if not thousands of others. We see this every day in the emotional outpourings of caring people who have little understanding of science or how the wild world really works. The Wildlife Society has always been about science, and that is as it should be. Aldo Leopold however, one of our founding fathers and for whom our most prestigious award is named once said: "*There are two things that interest me: the relation of people to each other, and the relation of people to land.*" I believe that as a professional society we can and must do more to foster this link between science and people. My commitment is to keep this fire burning.

Please provide the following information and return with the requested biographical data and photograph:

Name: Kent Smith

(Print name exactly as you want it to appear in e-Wildlifer and on the official ballot.)

Address: 4519 Hackberry Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608

Business: Same as Above

Home: Same as Above

Telephone: Cell: (916) 425-0369 Home: (916) 359-8026

Fax: N/A **E-mail** kents@surewest.net

SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE: HARRIET ALLEN

Please e-mail by **February 12, 2016** a (1) Résumé (in the following format), (2) a digital head and shoulders photograph, and (3) the information requested on the bottom portion of this sheet to:

lilliam.matheson@wildlife.org or by mail to: **Lilly Matheson, The Wildlife Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814.**

FORMAT FOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Nominee for: Northwest SECTION

Personal Data: Date and place of birth.

April 24, 1948 Spirit Lake, Idaho

Education: Degree(s), major(s), college(s) or university (ies), and date(s).

1972 - B.S. Wildlife Science, Texas A&M University

1974 - M.S. Range Science, Texas A&M University

Present Position: Title, employer, and date started.

Retired (2013) from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Former Positions: Title, employer, and dates for each (up to 5).

Endangered Species Manager; WDFW (1988-2013)

Spotted Owl Research Biologist; WDFW (1982-1988)

Project Wildlife Biologist; WDFW (1979, 1980-81)

Bald Eagle Research Biologist; Glacier National Park & University of MT (1978-1980)

Plant Ecology Research Biologist: Glacier National Park (1978)

Wildlife Society Activities: Member since (year); certification (year); and Chapter, Section and Society Committees, offices, etc. (limit to 10 entries).

Member since 1977

TWS Council:

Northwest Section Representative (2013-16)

Council Subcommittees & Ad Hoc Committees: Bylaws, Diversity, Fellows & Group Achievement, Use of Prescribed Fire Technical Review, Ding Darling Art for Conservation Award, Certification Liaison, AFWA, Position Statements, Future of TWS International Involvement

Northwest Section: Vice President, (2004-2008)

Washington Chapter: President (1990-91), President-Elect (1988-89), Secretary-Treasurer (1985-87), Board; organizational committees for annual meetings

TWS Committees: International Meeting Committee (2012-13)

Other Professional Affiliations: List up to 7.

Board of Directors, Wolf Haven International

Board of Directors, Painted Dog Research Trust

Principal Professional Interests:

Conservation Biology
Endangered Species Management and Recovery
Wildlife-Habitat Relationships
Community-based Collaborative Conservation

Views: Limit of 250 words.

I view The Wildlife Society as THE organization for wildlife professionals that are "*leaders in wildlife science, management and conservation*", as seen in our name and logo on the TWS website. I think TWS and its wildlife professional members are respected for being able to provide the sound science needed to make wildlife management decisions. In my 3 years as Northwest Section Representative I have seen how dynamic and invigorated TWS is, with an incredibly capable, dedicated, and motivated headquarters staff, and the significant role that Representatives to Council play in decision-making for TWS.

In the next 3 years, I envision TWS, the Council, and members working to:

- continue the building and monitoring of a sound TWS financial structure;
- determine the best strategies for Society publications into the future;
- increase TWS partnerships at many levels;
- increase and retain members by providing the best benefits and values to members;
- ensure strong policy influence and support for TWS positions and issues of concern;
- recruit, train, and retain a new generation of leaders of TWS and the profession;
- increase diversity in TWS and the profession;
- provide great support to chapters and sections, and
- to be recognized as the strong, scientifically-based organization for wildlife professionals.

It has been an honor to serve as the NW Section Representative to TWS Council the last 3 years. If elected, I would work hard to continue to bring perspectives from the Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington Chapters of the Northwest Section to the Council discussions and decision-making.

Please provide the following information and return with the requested biographical data and photograph:

Name Harriet Allen

(Print name exactly as you want it to appear in e-Wildlifer and on the official ballot.)

Address: Home: 6218 18th Ave SW Olympia, WA 98512

Telephone: Home: (360) 866-8754

E-mail hallen2009@comcast.net

Please print clearly

SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE:

Please e-mail by **February 12, 2016** a (1) Résumé (in the following format), (2) a digital head and shoulders photograph, and (3) the information requested on the bottom portion of this sheet to: **lilliam.matheson@wildlife.org** or by mail to: **Lilly Matheson, The Wildlife Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814.**

DANA SANCHEZ BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Nominee for: **NORTHWEST SECTION**

Personal Data: Born December 2, 1967 in San Diego, California

Education:

- 2007 **University of Idaho**, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Moscow, ID
PhD in Natural Resources, Wildlife Science
UI Presidential Doctoral Research Fellow 2002–2005
- 2002 **University of Arizona**, School of Renewable Natural Resources, Tucson, AZ
MS in Wildlife and Fisheries Science
- 1998 **University of Montana**, School of Forestry, Missoula, MT
BS in Wildlife Biology (Terrestrial Emphasis), minor in Communication Studies

Present Position:

2015-Present Associate Professor and Extension Wildlife Specialist
Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University

Former Positions:

- 2009-2015 Assistant Professor and Extension Wildlife Specialist
Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University
- 2008-2009 Instructor, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University
- 2007–2008 Information, Education, and Outreach Secretary
Whitman Conservation District, Colfax, WA
- 2002-2007 Doctoral student, GTA, & GRA
Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho
- 1999-2002 Masters student & GTA
School of Renewable Natural Resources, The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

The Wildlife Society Activities: Member since 1996; Certified Wildlife Biologist 2011

Leadership Institute participant

2009

National member

1996-Present

Ethnic and Gender Diversity Working Group 2007–present
Founding Chair, & conference activity organizer '08 & '09

Award Committee Chair

Diversity 2004–2010
McDonough 2012

Editorial Advisory Board *The Wildlife Professional* 2008–2012

Organizer, Out and allies welcome reception for
LGBTQI+ wildlife professionals Natl Conf 2014

Co-organizer, Human diversity and changing
professional identities in wildlife professions Natl Conf 2014

National Conference Organizing Committee & Quizbowl Chair 2012

Northwest Section member

1996–present

Oregon Chapter member		2008–present
Treasurer	2011-2012	
University of Arizona Student, Arizona, and Southwest Section chapters		1999–2002
University of Montana Student, Montana, and Northwest Section chapters		1996–1999
U Montana Student Chapter Treasurer		1996–1998

Other Professional Affiliations:

Society for Advancement of Chicano/as and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
 Member 2009-present
 Founding faculty co-advisor, Oregon State Univ. Campus Chapter 2012-Present
 Society for Range Management

Principal Professional Interests: Spatial, survival, and resource selection responses of terrestrial mammals; Mammalian ecology; Restoration of wildlife habitats in sagebrush steppe; Contributing to ecological literacy among public audiences via Extension and Outreach; Broadening participation in wildlife and natural resource professions; Supporting development of culturally competent, inclusive professional cultures in STEAM disciplines

Views:

I am fortunate to have had mentors at all stages who were deeply supportive of The Wildlife Society. The interdisciplinary undergraduate education and networking habits recommended by mentors and the TWS certification guidelines formed a sound foundation that supports my work as a researcher, educator, and mentor.

Regardless of the individual backgrounds and experiences we each bring to our work, our profession is one bound by shared ethics around our relationships to the land, the native wildlife resource, the public trust, and opportunities for all to engage with the resource. I find this last point especially energizing for my work. At a broad scale, wildlifers play important roles in helping people increase their ecological literacy, and I hope we can increase that reach in the future because raising our society's collective level of knowledge would yield tremendous benefits. Furthermore, I believe that all aspects of what we do and what we can achieve as a profession will benefit when we broaden participation in our field, and when our professional culture and daily practices are inclusive such that we each achieve our maximum potential in our shared work.

As I have progressed through my career stages, I have appreciated the leadership and member-supported efforts to grow the scope, professionalism, and vitality of our Society. Serving the profession, our Society, and its members – current and future – is a genuine pleasure and always a rich learning experience. I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the Northwest Section's representative to Council.

Please provide the following information and return with the requested biographical data and photograph:

Name Dana Sanchez
(Print name exactly as you want it to appear in e-Wildlifer and on the official ballot.)

Business: 104 Nash Hall, Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife

Oregon State University Corvallis, OR 97331-3803

Home: 3737 NW Camas Place, Corvallis, OR 97330

Telephone: Business: 541-737-6003 Home/Cell: 541-740-5166

Fax: 541-737-3590 **E-mail:** Dana.Sanchez@Oregonstate.edu

Patrick E. Lederle

Nominee for North Central Section Council Representative

Personal Data:

- DOB 27 July 1956, Traverse City, Michigan

Education:

- Ph.D. Zoology, 1995, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- M.S. Biology, 1982, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN
- B.S. Zoology, 1979, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Present Position:

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, Lansing, MI
 - Planning and Adaptation Section Supervisor, July 2011–present

Former Positions:

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, Lansing, MI
 - Research Section Supervisor, July 2003–June 2011
 - Acting Assistant Chief, September 2007–April 2008
 - Endangered Species Coordinator, January 2000–June 2003
- Michigan State University, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, East Lansing, MI
 - Adjunct Associate Professor, 2008–present
- Science Applications International, Las Vegas, NV
 - Animal Ecologist, April 1995–January 2000

Wildlife Society Activities:

- Member since 1983
- Certified Wildlife Biologist 1989
- President Elect, President, Past President, North Central Section 2013, 2014 and 2015
- Audit Committee, North Central Section 2000, 2013, 2014,
- Audit Committee, Michigan Chapter 2010, 2014,
- Peer reviewer, Journal of Wildlife Management, Wildlife Society Bulletin

Principle Professional Interests:

- Promoting professionalism and effectiveness of natural resource agencies with a goal of increasing our relevancy and legitimacy to the publics we serve.

Views:

These are exciting times for TWS! The overall value to members is growing more rapidly than ever, publications are increasing in quality and accessibility, recent annual meetings have been outstanding, and we are on sound financial footing. Our Society continues to play a vital role in promoting professional wildlife management during these times of constant change, competing priorities, often declining budgets, and efforts (knowingly or unknowingly) to detract natural resource agencies from meeting their public trust responsibilities. Scientific publications, position papers, efforts of the Conservation Affairs Network, and direct interactions with decision makers, are all more important than ever to help ensure wildlife and

wildlife professionals have an effective and rational voice at the table. All of these positive outcomes would not be possible without the dedication and hard work by staff, officers, and representatives.

The Wildlife Society has been an excellent professional organization to be associated with throughout my career and I've benefitted greatly from being a member. I am passionate about natural resource management and would like to contribute directly to the future positive initiatives of the Society and its efforts to promote and enhance professional wildlife management. My past experience serving TWS has been very rewarding and I would like to continue this by serving as the North Central Section Representative to the Council.

Pat Lederle
Planning and Adaptation Section Supervisor
Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division
lederlep@michigan.gov
517-243-0700

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE: JOHN J. MORIARTY

Personal Data: Born November 4, 1957 in Cromwell, CT

Education:

MS (Forest Wildlife Ecology) University of Kentucky, Lexington. December 1982.

BS (Natural Resource Conservation) University of Connecticut, Storrs. May 1980.

Present Position:

Senior Manager of Wildlife

Three Rivers Park District, Plymouth, MN (Jan 2013 to present)

Former Positions:

Natural Resources Manager

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Dept., Maplewood, MN (Nov 1998 to Jan 2013)

Adjunct Faculty

Metropolitan State University, St. Paul (Jan 2009 to May 2013)

Wildlife Specialist

Hennepin Parks (*now Three Rivers Park District*), Plymouth, MN (July 1989 – Nov 1998)

Wildlife Society Activities:

Member since 1980; North Central Section and Minnesota Chapter since 1984

Jim McDonough Award, National (2010)

Publications Awards Committee, National (2013 to present)

75th Anniversary Committee, National (2012)

Certified Wildlife Biologist© (1993)

Professional Development Certificate, National (1998, 2007)

President-elect, President, Past-President, North Central Section (2006-2008)

Chapter Liaison to Midwest F&W conf, Minnesota Chapter (2010)

Regional Representative, Minnesota Chapter (2008 to 2011)

President-elect, President, Past-President Minnesota Chapter (1993-1995)

Historian-Archivist, Minnesota Chapter (1998 to Present)

Other Professional Affiliations:

Society of the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles

Herpetologists League

Natural Areas Association

Minnesota Ornithologist's Union

Izaak Walton League

Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC)

Wood Duck Society

Principal Professional Interests:

Prairie habitat restoration and management

Urban Wildlife, especially deer, management

Reptile and amphibian conservation

Turtle ecology and habitat use

Invasive species management and detection

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE: JOHN J. MORIARTY

Views:

TWS has been a very important part of my career. I am the past-president of the Minnesota Chapter and the North-Central Section. The opportunity to serve as the North-Central Representative to council will allow me to contribute to TWS development of a stronger membership base and have greater influence in wildlife conservation.

TWS is the leading scientific organization dealing with wildlife management, biology, and policy. We have been working on these issues for over 75 years. Unfortunately, we are not seen as the go-to organization for the public or elected officials. The TWS chapters, sections, national staff and board do excellent work on providing important information to policy makers and non-profit advocacy groups. We, the TWS membership, need to get that information out to a boarder public audience. This can be done by a stronger collaboration between the National Office, Sections and State Chapters. I would like to work on making the connections even stronger so that every wildlife professional understands the importance of TWS.

Another important area is the inclusion of all wildlife in TWS activities, conferences, journals, and policies. Emphasis of our traditional wildlife species should not be diminished, but the greater inclusion of invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and other taxa should be embraced as an important part of TWS. This will provide us a wider membership by attracting members who had previously not considered TWS as an appropriate professional society for their taxa. This increased membership will provide a stronger voice in habitat and ecosystem protection.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE: JOHN J. MORIARTY

Please provide the following information and return with the requested biographical data and photograph:

Name John J. Moriarty

(Print name exactly as you want it to appear in e-Wildlifer and on the official ballot.)

Address: _____

Business: 12615 Rockford Rd., Plymouth, MN 55441

Home: 3261 Victoria St., Shoreview, MN 55126

Telephone: Business: (763) 694-7842____ Home: (651) 253-3023

Fax: (763) 557-4943____ **E-mail** jmoriarty@threeriversparkdistrict.org____

Please print clearly