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### **President's Column**

Greetings Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society Members,



The annual cycle of wildlife is ticking. As migrant birds head south, songbird researchers pack up their equipment and wait out the long, silent winter. Duck hunters begin to feel autumnal passion coursing through their minds and blood. Herpetologists prey for a warm sunny day and a snake sighting in the middle of a rural road. Big game hunters are increasingly giddy in anticipation of the rut and the privilege of hiking and camping in some of Colorado's greatest places. For many field biologists it is time to enter data and write reports. Students and faculty are back in the classroom and taking field trips. As with the migratory birds and herds, the courting mallards and rutting elk, the fattening bears and the already sleeping ground squirrels, the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife

Society is engaged in the fall of our cycle. We began planning for the 2018 annual meeting back in July and now the agenda is coming together and board members are gathering facts and calling speakers and planning socials and trying really hard to find donated beer. Please mark 7-9 February 2018 on your calendars for the CCTWS annual meeting which will convene at the Double Tree Hilton in Grand Junction. We are collaborating with Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (Luke George) to bring you an exciting symposium/workshop on the Integrated Monitoring of Bird Conservation Regions effort that has reached its 10th year anniversary. Our plenary session focuses on road ecology highlighting innovative research and management projects that address the varied impacts of roads on wildlife and habitat. This year we will offer an IGNITE session (see details later in this newsletter) and a special poster session. There's plenty of opportunities for you to participate as a presenter (see later in this newsletter). We have many more exciting developments that we'll divulge as the planning continues. Registration details will be forthcoming – if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me. I wanted to publicly recognize the CCTWS board for all their energy, ideas, and hard work in preparing our biggest event of the year – you are being served by a highly competent and passionate group of people.

### The Road Show

In addition to the annual meeting, we are excited to announce our fall-winter travel grant recipients (see more information in this newsletter). The board had a challenging time choosing just two recipients out of a very deserving pool. This fall **Stacy Lischka** will be traveling to the TWS annual meeting in Albuquerque, while **Megan Jones** will share her research at the Pathways conference in Estes Park. Congratulations Stacy and Megan and thanks to all our members who submitted applications. Spring/summer travel grants will be announced in December and the deadline for applications is February 1.

# President's Column, Cont.

### Small is beautiful

Speaking of grants it is time to put out the call for applications for our annual small research, management and/or education grant awards. Applications are due 1 November 2017. Please see more details later in this newsletter. Special thanks to **Chris Mettenbrink** for organizing our grants programs.

### Channel your KING/QUEEN energy

An important function of the CCTWS is to provide a mechanism to honor our members for dedicated service, innovation, productivity and influence. This is a direct invitation to **each one of you** to take a few minutes right now and think of a colleague who has worked hard, accomplished significantly, mentored students and co-workers, created lasting benefits for wildlife and wildlife professionals, among many other efforts. Think of someone who has helped you personally and professionally. Remember **Isaac Newton's** famous quote: "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants". Please see the call for professional and student awards nominations later in this newsletter which includes a list of the awards that will be given this year. The intention of this professional recognition is to honor distinguished accomplishments of members. In addition, the awards may inspire more successes and hopefully generate positive feedback from employers and colleagues.

### "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others" – Mahatma Gandhi

Guess what? There are opportunities waiting for you to serve this organization which serves wildlife and wildlife professionals. Committee leadership positions have been filling thanks to the likes of **Jesse McCarty, Michelle Cowardin** and Aleshia Fremgen. Currently we have vacancies for a board position and President-elect. We also have 7 other committee chair vacancies. Thank you for considering a service and leadership role with the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society. Nominate yourself or a colleague for the upcoming board elections – see more later in this newsletter.

Treasure beyond measure: our public lands

On 20 May 2017 Colorado celebrated Public Lands Day and in just two weeks on 30 September National Public Lands Day arrives. In Gunnison, BLM employees **Brian Stevens and wildlife biologist Kathy Brodhead** worked with Western State Colorado University (including the Western Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society) to organize an early public lands day event to collect seeds for future habitat restoration efforts. These events highlight the value we place on public lands. The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society, working with the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society (and our old friend **Rob Magill**, the current president of Idaho's chapter) on the development of a position statement on the transfer of federal public lands to states or other entities. This science-based position statement explores the history of public lands and their disbursement to the states and private citizens and companies. We also document the importance of these lands to wildlife, as well as the recreational, spiritual, and economic value of federal lands to U.S. citizens. Thanks to board member **Krysten Zummo-Strong** for her leadership on drafting this position statement. All insights are welcome!

### What name is used to describe a flock, herd, gathering, group of wildlife biologists?

The largest gathering of wildlife biologists in the world in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 23-27 September 2017 for The Wildlife Society Annual Conference. I hope to see many of you at the conference. By the way what do you call a group of wildlife biologists?

Take care and please let me know how the CCTWS can best serve you as a wildlife professional.

Patrick Magee!

President, Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society

# **Treasure's Report**

# Treasure's Report Current balances in our CCTWS accounts are: Checking \$23,478.73 Savings \$20,004.83 Total = \$43,483.56 Submitted by Nathan Seward, CCTWS Treasure

# **Board Meeting**

### Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society June Board Meeting Minutes 21 June 2017, 9 am. Summer Solstice

Conference Call (1-866-951-1151; conference room 479-292-893)

Members present: Patrick Magee!, Joel Humphries, Nathan Seward, Steph Durno, Chase Taylor

Members excused: Chris Mettenbrink, Tony Gurzick, Andrew Don Carlos, Marcella Fremgen, Aran Johnson, April Estep, Krysten Zummo-Strong,

- 1. April Estep thanks for thinking about April and if you feel like you have the means you can support her and her family financially: https://www.youcaring.com/chrisandaprilestep-836964?
  - 2. Treasurer's report: Nate

Great news CCTWS received a donation from Candace J Taylor

A \$15,000 donation was received – the board will discuss how we will use these resources at the August board meeting. Pat will continue to research the identity of Candace J. Taylor so CCTWS can appropriately thank her and her family for this generous gift. Nate suggested we could use the funds as a challenge grant for fund raising for the Jim Olterman Scholarship endowment.

- 3. Approval of May Minutes as we only had 5 members call in today we postponed approval of minutes until the July meeting.
- 4. Annual Cycle of CCTWS
  - a. Newsletter (June was disbursed this week, next up September 15)
  - b. Travel grants (2 @ \$500 each) June 15 call, August 1 deadline, paid by Sept 1
  - c. Travel grants (2 @ \$500 each) Dec 15 call, Feb 1 deadline, paid by March 1
  - d. Small grants (research, management and/or education) (2 @ \$1,000 each)

Sep 15 call, Nov 1 deadline, paid by Dec 1 (last cycle grants were paid on March 2 and 6 2017)

e. 12 July 2017 – in-person meeting Silverthorne, Dillon Ranger District 10 am – 4 pm Annual conference planning: Brainstorm about conference themes, workshops, speakers, location, enhancements

In discussion of the June newsletter the board discussed membership. We currently have 91 members whose memberships have expired. Mindy Rice, the membership committee chair, sends out emails to remind people when their membership is expiring and a second email when the membership has expired. After memberships have expired she removes them from the membership list. The board discussed how we can retain members. The main way members renew is through their renewal of their TWS membership; secondly they renew at the CCTWS annual conference. The board also discussed that one category of membership is lifetime membership which is bestowed on members who have exemplary service to the chapter by the board. Nate suggested we recognize Candace J Taylor, the recent donor, as a lifetime member.

5. CCTWS Committees – Marcella and Pat!

<u>Webpage review</u> – volunteer needed; we may have a nomination for the web page/social media ad hoc committee

<u>Policy/Resolutions committee</u> is chaired by Krysten Zummo-Strong. She is hoping to work more closely with the TWS Conservation Affairs Network. Recently Randy Ghormley who chairs the Conservation and Land Use Committee, sent Pat an email to inform him that Randy serves as the CCTWS representative on TWS's Conservation Affairs Network. The board directed Pat to encourage Krysten to work closely with Randy and the CAN to better inform our members.

# **Board Meeting, 21 June, Cont..**

<u>Professional Awards</u> – we had a nomination for Michelle Cowardin, Pat has contacted Michelle. CCTWS board wants to restructure our awards ceremony at annual meeting to honor awards recipients in a prestigious way. Also board is aware of the need to have members nominate their colleagues.

Audit – a nomination of Skip Shelton has been forwarded for the Audit committee. Pat will contact him.

### **CCTWS Committees Recommendations:**

CCTWS Board directed Pat and Marcella to review Article VIII, section 2 of the bylaws and the CCTWS webpage in the context of committees and chairs as the bylaws and webpage and what the board publishes in newsletters are not aligned. Pat and Marcella proposed new language in the bylaws that retains 12 standing committees including Nominating and Elections, Membership, Program (proposed new name Annual Meeting Program), Conservation Review (new name Review of Land Use and Conservation), Education and Information, Policy, Finance (new name Finance and Fund Raising), Audit, Awards, Newsletter, Legislative, and Wildlife Management. The board will further discuss in August and decide whether to bring these proposed changes to the membership for vote at the next annual business meeting. Also, new language in Article VIII of the bylaws was proposed to provide opportunity for the board to set up ad hoc committees. Currently the CCYWS has 7 ad hoc committees. Pat will work with Brett Walker to get the web page updated (last update was 2011) to reflect the new committee names and chairs.

- 6. TWS Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM 23-27 September 2017 June 30, 2017 is deadline for early bird registration (save \$50) cost is \$500
- 7. Corporate sponsors Steph, Pat, Joel and Chase Goal: develop relationships with partners to help serve our members. Mutually beneficial relationships where we connect companies to wildlife biologists and give them more exposure and they provide funding, products, expertise, exposure at meetings, on webpage or in newsletters. Steph volunteered to develop a draft sponsorship level package that would be used in discussions with potential partners. This will include various contribution levels and what a sponsor would receive from CCTWS (advertisement/educational piece in CCTWS newsletter, presence on CCTWS web page, a booth or workshop at annual meeting. Steph will have this prepared for the July meeting. Suggestions from Steph and others for potential partners include: Reconyx, Find-it-Detection Dogs, Telonics, ATS, Maven, Vectronics, Lotek, Daninject Dart Guns, Pnuedart, Western State Colorado University, Colorado State University.
- 8. Jim Olterman Scholarship Fund Raising Campaign Ed Thompson willing to investigate how TWS can invest our funds
- 9. Round Table no additional comments
- 10. Next Meeting: 12 July 2017, 10 am, Dillon Ranger District Office in Silverthorne Lunch provided

# **Board Meeting**

### Annual CCTWS In-person Board Meeting July 12, 2017, Silverthorne, CO 10:00-3:00

**Members Present**: April Estep, Steph Durno, Aran Johnson, Marcella Fremgen, Nathan Seward, Pat Magee, Joel Humphries, Chase Taylor, Andrew Don Carlos (remote)

### Agenda Items-

- COWCH (Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage) Looking for a coordinator to help conduct interviews and video archives of retiring wildlife professionals.
- Awards Michelle Cowardin has agreed to take over the awards committee. Expecting more board involvement in finding deserving nominees.
- Web Page/ Social Media We are looking for a coordinator to take over the role of liaison. Follow up on interested personnel (M.F).
- \$15,000 Candice Taylor made a generous donation to CCTWS. Looking for ideas to utilize funds to benefit the membership (fundraising campaign, challenge grant, more sustainable research grant).
- Position Statement Idaho draft of position statement for federal lands to state management sent to the board. CCTWS will consider drafting a statement for Colorado (K.Z.S). Consider issuing/updating other position statements on relevant Colorado issues (K.Z.S).
- Partnerships/Fundraising Continue sending ideas to design a sponsorship level contribution program. Potential for higher level sponsors to speak to captive audience. Board members send ideas for potential sponsorship partners (academic, agencies, foundations, organizations, Blue Ribbon Panel) to CCTWS Board President. Create letter for reaching out to potential sponsorship by August board meeting (S.D).
- May & June Minutes Minutes have been approved as read (S.D. and A.J.).

### **Annual Meeting 2018-**

Annual meeting location should be on the Western Slope in keeping with previous rotation (P.M.). Planning on 7, 8, & 9 of February. Second choice is 14, 15, & 16 of February.

### **Location Logistics-**

- Grand Junction
- Compare Two Rivers and Doubletree Hotel as venues.
- Tony, Steph, and Pat! have agreed to serve as a working venue committee.

### **Potential Conference Topics**

- Communication Science (ignite talks)
- Pollinators (hold off)
- Management on the Plains (hold off)
- Future Funding Mechanisms (Citizen science, broadening constituents, agency adaptation, \* (success stories from other states Missouri/Minnesota)
- Recruitment (hold off)
- Invasive Species Monitoring (hold off)
- Agency Adaptation (roll into Funding)
- Changing Interest in Wildlife Management
- Broadening Constituents (roll into funding)
- ESA (hold off)
- Habitat Management & Wildlife (foraging ecology, bird monitoring)\*
- Foraging Ecology (roll into others)
- Disease Ecology (hold off)
- Climate Change Research (hold off)
- Citizen Science (roll into other)

# **Board Meeting, July 12, Cont...**

### **Plenary Session**

- Value of Federal Public Lands (hold off)
- Anthropogenic Disturbance Noise/Dark Skies (roll into roads)
- Road Ecology and Migration (travel management, hydrologic/watershed impacts, foraging ecology, anthropogenic disturbance (Chair: A.J./Co-chair C.T.)

### Workshops

- Bird Monitoring (Luke George, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies) (Full day)
- (Morning symposium format, afternoon workshop ort applied content for practitioners)
- Sage grouse
- Travel Management Plans (roll into road ecology)
- Necropsy workshop (Lab in Grand Junction hemorrhagic sampling, morning classroom portion, afternoon field portion)

### **Plenary Sessions/Meeting Logistics**

- Provide poster boards for poster session (S.D. recently bought some, Tony has easels).
- Official Poster Session before banquet. Thursday
- September Newsletter: call for papers, call for awards, save the dates.
- Necropsy Workshop (C.M. & S.D.) Wednesday
- Bird Data Workshop (P.M. & Luke George, BCR) Wednesday
- Social Food and Beverage (S.D & A.D.C) Wednesday
- Road Ecology plenary (AJ, CT, PM). Thursday A.M. and could continue for first half of afternoon
- Partners CDOT, CPW. Topics: amphibian monitoring spadefoot toads (Dan Neubaum), Jesse Barber's Phantom Road, wildlife corridors, ecosystem dysfunction – impacts on hydrology and wildlife movements, travel management, camera monitoring of passages......
- Annual Business Meeting (Student chapters, national chapter, CMPS, bylaw changes, treasurer's report) Thursday Afternoon 2 hours for lunch and meeting
- Venue discussions banquet, alcohol, extra fees, breaks, etc. (P.M. & Tony)
- Ignite session and Friday concurrent sessions. Awards for students. (ex: 4:30-5:30 Thursday) (M.F & A.E.)
- December 1<sup>st</sup> due date for poster and paper abstracts.
- 20 Minute talks including questions.
- Plenary sessions potentially 45 minutes and then 30 minute talks.
- Student volunteers for Audio Visual, Auction, Registration (N.S & A.D.C). Registration details (N.S & C.M).
- Consider paying speaker registration. We have offered hotel room and airfare in some cases.

### **Keynote Speaker-**

• Find a keynote speaker for plenary session on road ecology topic (A.J & C.T.).

### Auction/Sponsorships-

- Hold event during the banquet. All board members seek auction items. (J.H.).
- Mindy Rice will be invited to perform live auction portion.
- Michelle Cowardin and Jesse McCarty will have a call for awards in September.

### RoundTable-

• Think of catchy theme for the meeting (N.S.).

# **Board Meeting**

### Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society August Board Meeting Minutes 8 August 2017, 9 am

Conference Call (1-866-951-1151; conference room 479-292-893)

Members present: Patrick Magee!, Chris Mettenbrink, Tony Gurzick, Steph Durno, Krysten Zummo-Strong, Andrew

Don Carlos, Aran Johnson

Members excused: Marcella Fremgen, Chase Taylor

Members absent: Nate Seward, April Estep, Joel Humphries

- 1. July minutes Aran moved that the July minutes be approved and Krysten seconded the motion, all board members voted to approve the CCTWS July minutes, except Tony who abstained because he was not in attendance at the July meeting
- 2. Treasurer's report: Nate (treasurer was not present, no report was provided)
- 3. Annual Cycle of CCTWS CCTWS board reviewed the upcoming events in the organizational annual cycle including:
  - Newsletter (next up September 15)
  - Travel grants (2 @ \$500 each) June 15 call, August 1 deadline, paid by Sept 1
  - Chris reported that 4 applications were received and they were distributed to the board for review and ranking. Ranking due back to Chris by August 18.
  - Travel grants (2 @ \$500 each) Dec 15 call, Feb 1 deadline, paid by March 1
  - Small grants (research, management and/or education) (2 @ \$1,000 each)
  - Sep 15 call, Nov 1 deadline, paid by Dec 1 (last cycle grants were paid on March 2 and 6 2017)
  - Annual meeting preparations (July Feb)

### 4. September Newsletter

The newly adopted newsletter process worked well in June and the board will repeat this process in September as such: All materials are due to Aran by September 1. Aran will organize and send to Greg and Pat by September 5. Greg will create newsletter publication draft and send to Aran and Pat by September 13. After any edits, Pat will send the final newsletter to Mindy for membership disbursement on September 15.

Newsletter items:

President's column – Pat!

Announcement of travel grant winners – Chris

Call for management, research and education small grants (Nov 1 deadline) – Chris

Board meeting minutes (June, July, and August) – Chase and Pat!

Financial report – Nate

Announcement: TWS annual meeting in Albuquerque, NM on 23027 September 2017

CCTWS Annual meeting save the date, location and timing (7-9 Feb 2018, at Double Tree Hilton

in Grand Junction, Colorado) -- Pat!

CCTWS annual meeting call for papers and posters, Ignite session – Marcella and Krysten

Call for nominations for professional awards – Michelle Cowardin, Chair Awards Committee

Call for nominations and application for student awards – Jesse McCarty, Chair Student Awards

PSA on public lands transfer position statement – Krysten

Western State student chapter update – Marcel Such

Colorado State student chapter update – Bryce Davis

Invitation and opportunity for CCTWS sponsors for annual meeting – Steph

CCTWS membership application and website links to CCTWS and TWS to join – Aran

List of board members, committee chairs – Pat!

Certification - Tony

# Board Meeting, 8 August, Cont...

Call for nominations for candidates for coming election cycle – Tony

TWS Council update – Bob Lanka

CMPS update – Andrea Orabona

Membership update – Mindy and Pat!

Coming events:

International Deer Biology Congress – Aran

Black Bear meeting – Chris

Jim Olterman Scholarship Fund Raising Campaign update - Pat!

### 5. Position statement – Conservation Affairs, Krysten

Krysten is working on a draft of a CCTWS position statement on the value of public lands for wildlife with emphasis on opposition by CCTWS to federal land transfer to states. She is working with Rob McGill, formerly a board member of CCTWS and now the President of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society. ICTWS is in the process of developing a similar position statement. TWS does not want to have a national position statement on this issue. The position statement will be a science-based literature review and provide context with information about the history of the American Public Domain and past land transfers, evidence of the importance of federal lands as habitat for sustainable wildlife management, the value of public lands for hunting, fishing and wildlife watching access by the public, and a set of clear statements reflecting the CCTWS's science-based position regarding federal lands transfer. Krysten will provide a draft of the position statement to Pat! by mid-August and the next draft will be shared with the board by September 1. Comments will be due back by September 15. A further draft will be shared with TWS for comments by October 1.

### 6. 2018 Annual Meeting

When: 7-9 February 2018 (coincides with the dates of several other CMPS state chapter meetings)

Venue: Double Tree Hilton in Grand Junction – Tony, Steph and Pat!

The venue choice was based on cost savings – Hilton was 25% less expensive than the Two Rivers Convention Center. Pat and Tony are working on the details. The contract will be sent to Pat in a couple weeks.

Zero Waste Goal (Recycle, compost...) – Pat! suggested we keep sustainability practices in mind as we plan for the conference. Board agreed we could provide electronic versions only of the agenda and Tony will investigate options for creating an APP so members can access the agenda on their cell phones. He will report back on this in September.

Workshop – necropsy – Steph and Chris

IMBCR Symposium – Luke George, BCR and Pat!

Pat! talked to Luke and he will work on the agenda and will create a hybrid workshop/symposium with hands-on opportunities for participants to search the database.

Plenary session: Road Ecology – Aran and Chase

Plenary session will include 6-8 speakers. The keynote will have 45 minutes and the other speakers will have 30 minutes each. With 8 speakers we will extend the plenary session into the afternoon after the business meeting and before the IGNITE session. Some potential speakers include: Marcel Heiser (CDOT?), Jeff Gannon (spelling)(AZ G&F), Pat Basting (MT DOT), Patty Kremmer (spelling), Dale Becker (Tribal Hwy 93), Matt Kaufmann (WY), Joe Reece (Nat Geo photographer – Wyoming migration of mule deer), Jesse Barber (ID), Dan Neubaum (CPW)

Social – Andrew and Steph

Will work with Western and CSU students to organize this. Hilton confirmed beer donations are ok.

Poster and contributed paper presentations and IGNITE – Marcella, Krysten, April

Contributed papers Friday morning with two concurrent sessions

IGNITE session on Thursday afternoon before the banquet – Krysten will put together details of this to share with members in September newsletter

Poster session will be on Thursday after the IGNITE session and before the banquet

# **Board Meeting, 8 August, Cont...**

Auction – Joel\* WILL NEED TO REPLACE JOEL

Registration – Nate and Chris

Banquet – Pat!

Business meeting - Pat!

Will be two hours long.

Special presentation – Aldo Leopold or John Muir – Tony

Tony investigated options for a unique speaker to represent a historical wildlife personality. He found information about an Aldo Leopold actor (Jim Pfitzer) and a John Muir actor (Lee Stetson). Muir generally charges \$3000 but is willing to work with us on price and we could look for a co-host in the Grand Junction area. Leopold charges \$2,500 but requires the host to construct a set of the famous Shack. Pat! will work with Nate to see if we have funds available or think we could afford this with the registration fees

7. CCTWS Committees – Marcella and Pat!

We have filled two important committee chair vacanices:

Webpage and Social Media – Aleshia Fremgen

Professional Awards – Michelle Cowardin

Board please think about:

Restructuring our awards ceremony at annual meeting Nominating your colleagues

8. TWS Annual Meeting

Albuquerque, NM 23-27 September 2017 CPMS Travel grants for students (Deadline August 15)

9. Corporate sponsors – Steph and Pat!

Goal: develop relationships with partners to help serve our members. Mutually beneficial relationships where we connect companies to wildlife biologists and give them more exposure and they provide funding, products, expertise, exposure at meetings, on webpage or in newsletters. Steph had several suggestions of potential partners: Reconyx, telemetry companies, Find-it-Detection Dogs

Steph provided board with a draft of sponsorship levels and opportunities

Board will send Steph ideas of companies, non-profits, academic institutions that might be interested in partnering with CCTWS as sponsors.

One potential sponsor mentioned was GOCO.

10. Jim Olterman Scholarship Fund Raising Campaign Ed Thompson willing to investigate how TWS can invest our funds

#### 11. Round Table

Tony announced that the outdoor recreation industry publishes a list of outdoor manufacturers – this could be helpful to identify sponsorship partners. Further, the Outdoor Industry Association has moved their 3 big conventions to Denver (because Colorado is a public lands friendly state!) – this may open up opportunities for CCTWS to collaborate with this entity.

Steph mentioned that the Mesa Land Trust is trying to reach out to consumptive users of wildlife (hunters and anglers). The issue is how can Land Trusts work more closely with this user group and can CCTWS facilitate a discussion? The board agreed that we should invite a speaker to or consider having a panel at the 2018 annual meeting. Steph will follow up (this could be a mini-session on Thursday afternoon before the IGNITE session). The board also noted that this topic could be a great plenary for the 2019 annual meeting. A partner for this plenary session could be the Private Lands Conservation Initiative at CSU.

12. Next Meeting: 13 September 2017, 9 am, conference call

# **Travel Grant Recipients**

# 2017 Fall/Winter Travel Grant Recipients

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society executive board would like to congratulate Stacy Lischka and Megan Jones on being selected to receive the 2017 Fall/Winter Travel grant award. This year the chapter was able to fund two awards in the amount of \$500 each.

Stacy will be using her award to attend the 2017 Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Stacy will be giving a presentation entitled "Understanding Motivations for Human Behaviors to Limit Human-Wildlife Conflict" in the talk session on Ecology and Conservation of Ursids. Stacy's presentation offers methods that wildlife managers can use to encourage people to voluntarily bear-proof residential waste. This opportunity will allow Stacy to connect with other researchers and managers in the US working to address similar issues threatening the sustainability of bear populations.

Megan will be using her award to attend Pathways to Success: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fish and Wildlife Management Conference and Training in Estes Park in September. Megan has been invited to present her research titled "Identifying Barriers and Supports for Women Conservation Leaders". Megan's research involved interviewing over 60 women employed at conservation agencies and NGOs in Colorado and across the US to identify the most compelling and pervasive barriers holding women back from conservation leadership and the most meaningful supports helping them advance. Megan's research is useful for wildlife conservation and management professionals who seek to make their workplaces more inclusive of diverse voices and underrepresented groups. The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be offering additional opportuni-

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be offering additional opportunities to apply for travel grants in December of 2017 for the spring/summer travel grant. Please check our website or newsletters for those announcements.

# **2017 Small Grant Programs**

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society is pleased to announce its Small Grants Program for 2017. The purpose of the program is to encourage and support those projects that have a direct impact on the management and conservation of wildlife and promote wildlife education. For 2017 year, the chapter is offering two grants for projects that focus on research and management or projects that focus on wildlife education. One grant will be awarded to a research and management project and one grant will be awarded to an education project. The chapter is accepting applications from both members and student members of the chapter. For more details regarding application requirements, please visit our website at

http://wildlife.org/colorado/small-grants/

We encourage the winners of these grants to present their projects at the winter meetings.

The deadline for applications is November 1st, 2017. Applications can be emailed to <a href="mailed-to:chris.Mettenbrink@state.co.us">Chris.Mettenbrink@state.co.us</a> or can be submitted by mailed to:

Chris Mettenbrink 5222 Longs Peak St. Brighton, CO 80601

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting

**7-9 February 2018** 

Double Tree Hilton in Grand Junction, Colorado

Registration will open later this fall

(Stay tuned for details)

Please mark your calendar for the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society annual meeting. This year we will focus our plenary session on road ecology and address this issue from a variety of perspectives. We are organizing a workshop/symposium in collaboration with the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies focusing on the Integrated Monitoring in Bird Conservation Regions (IMBCR) project, plus we'll offer a western slope necropsy workshop. Look out for an IGNITE session, contributed papers and a special poster session. A key function of our conference is the gathering of colleagues and friends; as usual we'll create time and space for catching up, networking and making new acquaintances at our social and a banquet where we'll also honor our members.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN GRAND JUNCTION!





## Call for Abstracts

# Presentations and Posters **The Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society**



Annual Meeting: February 7-9, 2018, Grand Junction, Colorado

We invite you to present an oral presentation (traditional format) or poster on the topics of wildlife research, ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy at the 2018 annual meeting of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society. All topics are welcome, but we especially encourage topics related to bridging the gap between research and management, habitat restoration, and science communication. We strongly encourage students to present. All student presentations will be considered for the "best presentation" and "best poster" awards, which include a gift certificate and recognition at the end of the conference.

Traditional oral presentations: 20 minutes are allotted for each presentation (15-18 minute presentations followed by 2-5 minutes for questions and answers). Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft Power-Point. No other formats will be accepted.

Poster Presentations: maximum dimensions are 4 feet by 4 feet in size. Easels will be provided. At this year's conference we will schedule a formal poster session before the banquet allowing presenters to accompany their posters and discuss their work with conference participants. Attendance is required for poster presenters.

Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday, December 1, 2017

### There are two options for submitting abstract:

- **1.** Submit abstracts as a Microsoft Word attachment to: Marcella Fremgen at Marcella.fremgen@co.usda.gov.
  - Provide all required information in one Word document or use the new fillable PDF form in this newsletter.
  - Provide the presentation title, author name(s), author affiliation(s), presenter address, and presenter e-mail. Be sure to indicate which author is presenting at the meeting. Also indicate if the presenter is a student, and, if so, if they are graduate or undergraduate level.
  - Abstract text cannot exceed 250 words.
- 2. Download, complete, and submit the Abstact Submission PDF (included in the email with this newsletter).



### IGNITE SESSION: Call For Abstracts!!! Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting

Are you currently involved in creative new research?

Do you have an interesting case study to share?

Do you have a passion for a new perspective or methodology in wildlife management or conservation?

# IGNITE Abstract Submission Deadline: Monday January 8, 2018

### **Ignite Presentations:**

These "To the Point" sessions have been an exciting new staple in recent conferences, and provide a great platform for members to quickly share updates and information that don't require a full 20-minute presentation. Ignite talks include automated slide progression condensing the talk to 5 minutes! Talks can be funny, inspirational, or informative, but should all strive to be engaging and entertaining. Our Ignite session will be on Thursday afternoon, February 8, 2018.

### **Ignite Rules:**

20 slides – no more, no less 5 minutes – each slide displays for 15 sec. (15 sec. x 20 slides = 5 min) No Animation

To be considered for an Ignite Talk slot, please submit your name, talk title, and a **3-5 sentence explanation** of your talk or provide all required information in the new fillable PDF form in this newsletter. Send to Krysten Zummo-Strong at <a href="Kzummo11@gmail.com">Kzummo11@gmail.com</a> by **January 8, 2018**.

For Additional information about Ignite Talks:

- · http://www.slideshare.net/IgnitePhoenix/ignite-presentation-tips-1524584 Why give an Ignite talk?
- · https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGENcskRGRk#t=88 Want to see some example Ignite presentations? Go here: http://igniteshow.com/ Ignite Slideshow Tips

### A slideshow is a tool that helps enhance your presentation. Here are a few tips to make your slideshow great!

- · Keep It Simple. Use relevant images/photos and a few key words to capture the idea you're trying to convey.
- · Bullets and Text. Avoid using lots of text. If necessary, use brief 1-3 word statements.
- Timing. Slides advance every 15 seconds, so avoid cramming too many topics or ideas into one slide. Instead, give yourself breathing room by spacing ideas and topics across multiple slides. You have 20 slides, so don't be afraid to use them.
- · Final Suggestion Slide. We highly recommend that your last slide be a "Next Steps" or Call to Action slide.

### There are two options for submitting abstract for the Ignite session:

- 1. Submit your name, talk title, and a 3-5 sentence explanation of your talk or provide all required information in the new fillable PDF form in this newsletter. Send to Krysten Zummo-Strong at <a href="mailto:Kzummo11@gmail.com">Kzummo11@gmail.com</a> by January 8, 2018.
- **2.** Download, complete, and submit the Abstact Submission PDF (included in the email with this newsletter).

# Call For Awards



# Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society Call for Awards

### Awards to be presented in 2018 include:

Douglas L. Gilbert Award for Outstanding Achievements in Wildlife Sciences

Jim Olterman Scholarship Award

Professional Achievement in Wildlife Management

Professional Achievement in Wildlife Education

Professional Achievement in Wildlife Law Enforcement

Honorary Chapter Membership

Allen E. Anderson Award for Outstanding Wildlife Undergraduate Student
Chapter Service Award
Meritorious Service Award
Blown Blunderbuss Award

For details, visit our website (<a href="http://wildlife.org/colorado/awards/">http://wildlife.org/colorado/awards/</a>)

Nominations due to Michelle Cowardin (<u>michelle.cowardin@state.co.us</u>) by January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### Call For Awards



# ALLEN ANDERSON OUTSTANDING WILDLIFE STUDENT AWARD REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society (CCTWS) is seeking nominations for the Allen Anderson Outstanding Wildlife Student of the Year award, which recognizes an outstanding undergraduate student at a Colorado college or university. Any undergraduate student is eligible to receive the award; preference will be given to students in wildlife and wildlife related programs. Any professional may nominate students. The student's transcripts and resume are required as part of the submission materials, which may necessitate involvement of the student in the nomination process. Nominations will be evaluated with respect to academic excellence, applied wildlife-related experience, and extracurricular activities.

The award will consist of a personalized award plaque, inclusion of the student's name and year of award on a traveling perpetual plaque (which will be displayed at the student's educational institution for one year), and a wildlife-related book that CCTWS will select. The awardee will be recognized at the 2018 CCTWS Annual meeting February 7-9, 2018 in Grand Junction.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### Nominators/students must submit the following materials for evaluation:

- 1. A current transcript of all completed coursework.
- 2. A resume describing the student's extracurricular wildlife-related activities, including employment, volunteer work, participation and service in wildlife-related organizations, or self-directed activities. The resume should include an email address, mailing address, and telephone number.
- 3. Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the student's wildlife activities.

### Incomplete applications will be rejected.

All materials must be submitted to the email or address below by January 2nd, 2018.

### SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

Jesse McCarty
Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society
46525 US Highway 114
Saguache, CO 81149
jmccarty@fs.fed.us (electronic submissions preferred)

If you have questions about the application process, please contact Jesse McCarty at 719-655-6110 or via email <a href="mailto:jmccarty@fs.fed.us">jmccarty@fs.fed.us</a>

# **Call For Awards**

### 2018 Jim Olterman Scholarship Award – Request for Applications

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society (CCTWS), in cooperation with Robin Olterman, are requesting applications for the 2018 Jim Olterman Scholarship Award, to honor Jim and his contributions to Colorado's wildlife legacy.

The Jim Olterman Scholarship Award is offered annually to encourage and support an upper-level Colorado college student in the pursuit of a career in wildlife biology and management. The recipient will receive \$500 and a plaque, and will be recognized at the 2018 CCTWS Annual meeting February 7-9, 2018 in Grand Junction.

Jim Olterman, a Colorado Division of Wildlife Senior Terrestrial Biologist and pilot, died in a plane crash on September 4, 2002, while conducting aerial fish stocking operations in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in southeastern Colorado. During the crash, Jim's actions saved the life of a CDOW hatchery technician flying with him.

Jim was born and raised in Kingsport, Tennessee where he gained a deep appreciation for the outdoors in general and wildlife in particular while hunting, fishing and exploring the backwoods of his aunt's farm. In 1964, Jim headed west to enroll at Colorado State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology. In 1968, he joined the U.S. Army and later left the service as a decorated Vietnam Veteran. During his early years in the army, Jim learned to fly and flying quickly became one of the great passions of his life. After his time in the service, Jim received a Master's in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University. Jim led a spectacular career of 30 years in the CDOW. Starting our as a District Wildlife Manager in 1972 he successively assumed the positions of Wildlife Biologist in Montrose, Senior Terrestrial Biologist in the Southwest Region, and finally Senior Terrestrial Biologist for the western slope. He was also a fully commissioned peace officer and a Division pilot frequently flying survey, radio tracking, stocking, transport and law enforcement operations for the agency. Jim played an integral role in bringing desert bighorn sheep into Colorado, and moose, lynx and game birds into the southwestern part of the state. He was also an active supporter of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the parent organization, The Wildlife Society. He served on the CCTWS Executive Board in 1979 and 1980 and encouraged his colleagues and employees to be active members of this and other professional organizations.

Jim's main passions in life were the wildlife resources, fishing, flying and above all, his family: daughters Lara and Sally, son Tandy and his wife Robin. Robin claims that no one "new" rode in Jim's plane without hearing of his family. Shortly after his death, Sally gave birth to a daughter: Abigail James.

Rick Kahn, CDOW Wildlife Management Supervisor, a colleague and close friend of Jim's, once stated so well: "Jim was proud to live in Colorado, proud to be a wildlife biologist in this great state and proud to be part of the wildlife family. He was an inspiration to many who knew him. He was passionate about the resource and the people who appreciate it. Jim Olterman epitomized the professional wildlife biologist; he lost his life while doing the job he truly loved."

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

You must meet the following criteria to be considered for the Jim Olterman Scholarship Award:

You must be a member of either The Wildlife Society or the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society. (You may submit a membership form with payment to the Colorado Chapter of TWS when submitting your scholarship application if you are not currently a member. Please see attached membership application.)

By December 2017, you must have completed two-thirds of the credits required for graduation with a Bachelors Degree in Wildlife Biology or Management or a related natural resource field.

The application consists of the following materials:

- 1. A current resumé.
- 2. A current transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable) indicating your current number of credits and grade point average.
- 3. Two letters of reference. One reference shall be from a professor familiar with your academic capabilities and accomplishments. The second reference shall be from a supervisor whom you worked for in a natural resources-related position (volunteer work is acceptable).

A short essay (1-2 pages in length) describing (1) your interests in the biological field, (2) your career goals and how they relate to wildlife management, and (3) how you would use the award to further your professional development.

Please direct questions to Jesse McCarty: 719-655-6110, <u>imccarty@fs.fed.us</u>

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be submitted to the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society electronically no later than January 2<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please submit applications to:

### Jesse McCarty

imccarty@fs.fed.us (subject line must include Jim Olterman Memorial Scholarship)



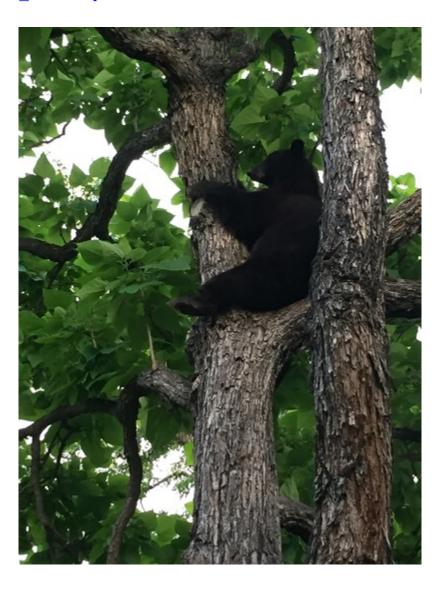
For Registration Information please visit <a href="http://wildlife.org/tws-24th-annual-conference/">http://wildlife.org/tws-24th-annual-conference/</a>



# **Workshop Announcement**

# Save the dates!

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 13th Western Black Bear Workshop will be held May 21-24, 2018 in Grand Junction, CO. Details will be available on WAFWA's website at: <a href="http://www.wafwa.org/workshops/">http://www.wafwa.org/workshops/</a> western black bear workshop/



# **Section News**

### News and Views from the Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS)

Andrea Orabona, CMPS President

Our recent SurveyMonkey election for CMPS bylaws changes and new Executive Board members closed at the end of August, with great results. Thank you to all Colorado Chapter members who took the time to vote!

The bylaws revisions, which were accepted by The Wildlife Society in May, were unanimously accepted by our members. The revised bylaws can be found on the CMPS website at <a href="http://wildlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/CMPS-Bylaws-2017-5-2.pdf">http://wildlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/CMPS-Bylaws-2017-5-2.pdf</a>.

The newly-elected Executive Board members have been notified, so I'd like to present the 2017-2018 CMPS Executive Board: President – Andrea Orabona (WY), Vice-President – Jim Hays (KS), President-Elect – Adam Ahlers (KS), Secretary/Treasurer – Laurel Badura (NE), At-large Member – Stephanie Ferrero (KS), At-large Member – Shelly Deisch (SD), At-large Member – Adam Behney (CO), At-large Member – Krysten Zummo-Strong (CO), Newsletter Editor – Aleshia Fremgen (CO), and Section Representative to TWS Council – Bob Lanka (WY). You can meet the current Executive Board at http://wildlife.org/cmp/officers/.

Sincere thanks to all who ran for these positions – Adam Ahlers (KS), Adam Behney (CO), Krysten Zummo-Strong (CO), Michel Kohl (UT), and Eric Maichak (WY), and to Section members for voting! Our Section remains strong and viable thanks to the involvement of YOU.

I'd also like to give a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to our out-going Executive Board members, Karie Decker (NE) and Justin Hamilton (KS)!! Karie and Justin proved to be outstanding and engaged members of the CMPS Executive Board, and I appreciate all their contributions to the Section and me personally as I transitioned from my original involvement as At-large Member to President.

Looking to the future, it's never too early to consider running for a position on the CMPS Executive Board! We'll have two At-large Member positions and the Vice-President position open next August. Feel free to contact me any time with questions about the Executive Board, or any topic related to CMPS (<u>Andrea.Orabona@wyo.gov</u>). I'm here to serve you.

Hope to see many of you at The Wildlife Society Annual Conference in Albuquerque!

# **Chapter Update**

### **CSU TWS Chapter Update**

The Colorado State university student chapter of the Wildlife society has already started off with a bang. CSU TWS has planned different events for our new members for the coming year to get them engaged with professionals and hands on experience in the wildlife field. Certain events we are planning on doing this semester are various different work days and volunteering projects with Colorado parks and wildlife. This includes visiting McGregor ranch in Estes Park that is managed by CPW, where our members will get hands on experience with wildlife management and trapping techniques. We will be doing work with NGO's, and other organizations that are geared toward getting new and returning members hands on experience and knowledge that they might not have had before.

CSU TWS chapter will also be conducting certain fundraisers throughout the semester to help ensure our help our interested members can participate in both the upcoming state and national meetings for The Wildlife Society.

# **Chapter Update**

# Western State Colorado University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society Fall 2017 Update

President: Marcel Such 720-255-5853

marcel.such@western.edu

Vice-president: Erin Blair Secretary: Haley Barnard Treasurer: James Antley

Greetings from Gunnison! Our members rejoined on campus after summer break to great excitement and anticipation for our Student Chapter's upcoming slate of events. The very first weekend of the semester, several of our members and Colorado Chapter president Pat Magee! joined biologists and land managers from the Bureau of Land Management for their annual Public Land Day. We travelled into the nearby sagebrush steppe in order to collect native seeds as part of a preemptive project against the eminent invasion of cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) into these high desert basins.

Our chapter also joined a campus wide club fair to recruit new members and participation, which resulted in an incredibly successful first weekly meeting, with our meeting room being pushed well past its maximum comfortable capacity. In an additional effort to find new members, we are joining forces with a couple of other related campus clubs in a group barbeque. We will also be participating in a riparian restoration structure project in conjunction with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District. We feel a great, positive energy from this year's chapter members, are looking forward to an incredible fall semester, and hope to see many of you at the national meeting in Albuquerque soon!

### Marcel Such, Student Chapter President



A mix of seeds collected on Saturday August 26 by Western State Colorado University students from the Biology Program and Master of Environmental management program. Several members of the Western's Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society joined in. These efforts were in collaboration with the local BLM for their Public Lands Day



Under a big blue sky and waist high in sagebrush, volunteers take a break from seed collection to discuss wildlife habitat improvement projects in the sagebrush. The local seeds will be used for planting following cheatgrass treatments.



Two Western Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society members Austin Lewandowski and Marcel Such (President), along with Pat Magee! (student chapter advisor, center), gather mature seeds for grasses, forbs and shrubs for use by the BLM in habitat restoration efforts in the Gunnison Basin.

# **USFS Update**

USFS update provided by Jesse McCarty, District Wildlife Biologist, Rio Grande National Forest, Saguache Ranger District

"Wildlife crews on the Rio Grande National Forest in south-central Colorado are intensely focusing on Engelmann spruce salvage projects as the spruce beetle (*Dendroctonus rufipennis*) has impacted over 600,000 acres on the Rio Grande NF. Numerous species may be impacted by salvage operations, yet with the guidance of skilled Forest Service Wildlife Biologists the wood can make it to market with minimal effects. The aspen are really taking off in light of an opening canopy in many of these stands (pun intended) and crews are still smiling as they see the results of their surveys documenting life in a "dead" forest."



Photo: Jesse McCarty

# **Announcements**

# **Partnership Opportunity**

CCTWS is actively cultivating partnerships and seeking sponsors to help further the great work we're doing to benefit wildlife and wildlife professionals in Colorado. New partnerships help connect wildlife professionals with the agencies, companies and non-profits and the products and services they deliver and facilitate the great work for wildlife in Colorado. If you're interested in participating in a new partnership opportunity, contact Pat! Magee at 970.943.7121 or pmagee@western.edu.

### **Chapter Opportunities**

Are you interested in being more involved with the society? We currently have openings for 7 committee chairs

We especially need a chair for our finance and fund raising committee to organize this year's auction at the annual meeting

Please contact Patrick Magee! (<u>pmagee@western.edu</u>; 970-641-3959) or any current board member if you have interest in serving as a committee chair.

# You Can Make a Difference – Join the CCTWS Executive Board Tony Gurzick, Past President

I am constantly reminded about the professionalism and dedication of CCTWS members. I am proud to be part of such an amazing group of people dedicated to Colorado's wildlife. I would like to invite you to share your passion for wildlife with all of us. Consider joining the CCTWS Executive Board. We are especially seeking candidates for President-elect and an at-large board member. The time commitment is minimal but the impact you have on the profession is significant. Whether you have recently graduated from college or have been a wildlifer for years, your insight, ideas and leadership are valuable to all of us.

For more information or to nominate yourself or a colleague, please contact me at <u>to-ny.gurzick@hotmail.com</u> or call me at 970-799-0052. Also, feel free to reach out to any board member. Our contact information is found at the end of the newsletter.

# **Colorado and Our Public Lands**

### Colorado & Our Public Lands

In recent years, small but growing groups, especially in the western states, have expressed an interest in transferring our public lands to state or private interests. While other states are considering the possibility and feasibility of land transfers, Colorado has taken pride in its 24 million acres of public land, and everything that they offer to Coloradans.

In 2016, Colorado became the first state to establish a holiday recognizing the importance and value that public lands bring to its residents. In Colorado, these public lands include national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, national wilderness areas, and state parks, among others. Each year, over 90% of Coloradans use these public lands for hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, exploring, and other recreational purposes. These lands also provide economic benefits, such as sustainable use of natural resources, clean drinking water, energy development, and much more.

This legislative statement in support of public lands impacted Colorado not just through in-state recognition, but lead to the prestigious Outdoor Retailer trade show making the move from Utah to Colorado. For the past 20 years the trade show had been held in Salt Lake City, Utah, but due to a perception of a lack of support for its public lands, the trade show began looking elsewhere. Numerous cities vied to host the event, but ultimately Colorado's dedication to public lands swayed the Outdoor Industry Association and other boards to make the move to Denver. The trade show is estimated to draw 85,000 people a year to the Denver area bringing an economic impact of nearly \$110 million.

With Colorado's public lands bringing in over 7.5 million visitors and \$722 million dollars annually, they are an important part of the state's economy and personality. As Coloradans and members of the wildlife profession, we fully support the continued maintenance of these wild spaces so that they are conserved for future generations.



Red Cloud Peak Wilderness Study Area Photo courtesy Flickr user Bureau of Land Management

### **CCTWS** Board

### **CCTWS Board – September 2017**

**Officers** 

President: Patrick Magee!

Past-President: Tony Gurzick

President-Elect: Vacant

Treasurer: Nathan Seward Secretary: Chase Taylor

**Executive Board: Regional** 

NE Representative: Krysten Zummo Strong NW Representative: Stephanie Durno SE Representative: April Estep

SW Representative: Aran Johnson

**Executive Board: At-Large** 

Andrew Don Carlos Chris Mettenbrink Joel Humphries

Marcella Fremgen

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Marcella.fremgen@co.usda.gov

Many thanks to **Joel Humphries** for his service on the CCTWS board. Joel has organized the auction at the annual meeting for the last couple of years – this is a big task that not only generates funding for the chapter, but also is a popular and fun event. Joel has also been willing to help in numerous ways whenever a need arose. He always contributed significantly, with relevant ideas, brought upbeat enthusiastic energy to the board and his jolly sense of humor generated lots of laughing. Did you know the board could be so fun? Joel thank you and we look forward to meeting up at the annual meeting or elsewhere in Colorado.

Keep laughing!



By the way – we now have a board member vacancy: Carpe diem! Be the change!

# **Committees and Chairs**

Committee	Chair	<b>Chair Contact</b>		
Standing Committees				
Conservation and Land Use Review	Randy Ghormley <u>rghormley@fs.fed.us</u>			
Information and Education	Joel Humphries	jhumphries@blm.gov		
Annual Meeting Program	CCTWS Board			
Finance and Fund Raising (Auction)	Vacant			
Audit	Vacant			
Legislative Review	Vacant			
Wildlife Management	Vacant			
Newsletter	Aran Johnson Greg Davidson  ajohnson@southernute-nsn.gov greg@finditdetectiondogs.com			
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Policy/Resolutions	Krysten Zummo Strong Kzummo11@gmail.com			
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Student Awards	Jesse McCarty jmccarty@fs.fed.us			
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Representatives	vacant			
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CMPS Representative to TWS	Bob Lanka Bob.lanka@wyo.gov			
CCTWS Representative to CMPS	Pat Magee!	pmagee@western.edu		

Many thanks to Michelle Cowardin for agreeing to chair the professional awards committee and Aleshia Fremgen for taking on the chair role for the web page and social media committee. Also thanks to Tony Gurzick, past president, managing our upcoming elections!

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### **COLORADO WILDLIFE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

# Please note! You can now renew your membership online at <a href="https://www.wildlife.org/colorado">www.wildlife.org/colorado</a>

Name:			
Address City:	State:		Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:		
E-Mail:			
Today's Date:			
Affiliation:			
Interested in Committee Work?	Yes	No	
Are You a TWS Certified Biologist?	Yes	No	
Areas of Expertise/Interest:			
Dues: 1 Year: \$15 2 Years: \$27	3 Years: \$35	Student/Retire	ees: \$10
MC/Visa:			Expiration Date:
Signature:			

Mail to: Nathan Seward, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 300 West New York Ave., Gunnison, CO 81230 Or scan and email to: nathan.seward@state.co.us

Please visit the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society web page at Wildlife.org/Colorado and the Wildlife Society web page at Wildlife.org. Become a member today!