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Message from the President

This is my last message as your Central Mountains and Plains Section President, and my first thought when writing this was, “wow, that was a fast 2 years”! I value the trust you placed in me to represent our Section of The Wildlife Society, and I hope I served you well. My second thought was about success; not just in TWS and our profession, but in all threads of life as these intertwine over time and create the person we were, the person we’ve become today, and the person we aspire to be in the future. It’s a given that success in just about anything requires some level of planning and structure, and the wildlife profession certainly follows this tenet.

In a recent conversation with my 25-year-old son about furthering his goal of becoming a paid musician (i.e., no need for a second job to cover the bills), it resonated with me that the advice I provided him is equally as applicable in the wildlife field. That advice can be summed up in these words: Direction, Dedication, Education, Desire to Succeed, Perseverance, Take Advantage of Opportunities, Enjoy What You Do, and Stay Positive. Whether you’re a student, an early career biologist, a professional in the midst of your career, or a seasoned veteran of the vocation, these words also apply to all stages of a successful career in the natural resources field. So here, I’ll share my “Thoughts on Success”.

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President's Message (continued)

Direction – set goals for yourself and use these as your guide.

Dedication – be committed in your thoughts and actions.

Education – this is structured in the early stages, but learning should be a lifelong endeavor.

Desire to Succeed – there lurks the hunger to make a difference.

Perseverance – if it's important to you, then stay the course.

Take Advantage of Opportunities – seek out tools, people, and prospects that can help you succeed.

Enjoy What You Do – never be afraid to let your passions show.

Stay Positive – this is a good mindset to have, even in the face of adversity.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society as President, and look forward to my final year as Past-President when our Executive Board transitions in August (see the slate of candidates and voting link in this newsletter). I'd like to sincerely thank out-going Executive Board members Jim Hays (Vice-President), Laurel Badura (Secretary/Treasurer), Shelly Deisch (Member At-large), and Stephanie Ferrero (Member At-large) for their involvement in the Section and dedication to The Wildlife Society. It was a pleasure and honor to work with each of you!

In parting, I ask that you consider getting involved in The Wildlife Society at a level that helps you reach the success you desire and keeps our organization strong. And, as always, hold true to your convictions about our profession, knowing that what we do every day makes a difference to the wildlife and wildlands we treasure. Thank you!

~Andrea Orabona, CMPS President



Section Business

CMPS Executive Board Vice-President Candidate — Stephanie Ferrero

Thank you for this opportunity to be a Vice-President candidate in the Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society. This role includes presiding over the Awards Committee and assisting the Section President. Through learning from the expertise of our current Vice-President Jim Hays, who has served two terms in the position, I understand the responsibilities involved and am prepared for them. This spring, I had the privilege of serving on an awards committee with The Wildlife Society and gained useful knowledge from the experience. My two-year term as a Member At-Large Executive Board member for CMPS, which finishes in August, has given me insight into how CMPS functions. In this role, I have enjoyed working with our President Andrea Orabona and the Executive Board Committee to strengthen CMPS, connect with members from across our Section, and encourage relationships between subsections.

From 2012-2015, I served as a Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society (CCTWS) At-Large Board Member while working as a wildlife biologist for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. My CCTWS responsibilities included historical liaison and travel grant chair - liaison. I had the honor of working with the Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage (COWCH) program by documenting the history of TWS through the eyes of recognized leaders. To develop the skills I observed in COWCH leaders, I completed The Wildlife Society Leadership Institute (LI) in 2013. Since then, I have been helping recruit new LI applicants as well as support alumni connections to pay it forward and give back.

My background includes diverse, solid training in natural resources. I obtained my Bachelors degree in Biology from Azusa Pacific University, California. Afterwards, I helped conduct wildlife research with Colorado State University. I also took independent field courses through Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies in Washington State and Michigan. I earned my Masters degree in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I became certified as an Associate Wildlife Biologist® and now am a Certified Wildlife Biologist® through The Wildlife Society. Professionally, I recently completed a research project for USFWS on furbearer species at Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge in Kansas, and teach Environmental Science at Johnson County Community College.

What motivates me is a profound appreciation and curiosity of wildlife. Born and raised in the mountains, I developed a love for the outdoors and wildlife because my family went hiking, biking, rafting, skiing, camping, fishing, and hunting. I love going on adventures in the woods and through the prairies with my husband, our daughter, and our 3 pup dogs.

We are fortunate to have such an energetic and dedicated Section of The Wildlife Society, with a rich heritage of over 60 years. I want to see CMPS continue to grow toward reaching our mission and objectives. Our mission to represent and promote regional science across spatial scales requires everyone working together as a strong, vibrant network of active wildlife professionals who promote ethical wildlife-ecosystem management. It would be an honor to serve on the CMPS Board as Vice-President for 2018-2020. I would really enjoy continuing on the team of CMPS Executive Board members, encouraging unity among the Chapters, collaborating with neighboring Sections, and helping promote CMPS membership to support wildlife conservation in our Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society.



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CMPS Executive Board Member At-large Candidate — Eric Maichak

Hello fellow members of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society, my name is Eric Maichak. I am honored to run in this year's CMPS election as a candidate for Board Member At-Large. I have been a member of TWS since 2000, was a member of the Oklahoma State Student Chapter from 1999-2002, and the Wyoming State Chapter and CMPS since 2004. Since 2004, I have served the Wyoming Chapter and wildlife profession as Assistant Newsletter Editor, Newsletter Editor, Communications Committee Chair, Chapter President, and Certified Wildlife Biologist (disease/habitat ecology). Among working in those capacities, my favorite achievements involved nurturing and participating in teams that appreciated democracy and innovation. A few examples of my activities and achievements in TWS include helping to organize and implement the SE Student Conclave at Oklahoma State University; expand the creativity and color of WYTWS communications, particularly writing and the newsletter; collaborating with the University of Wyoming Student Chapter, WYTWS, CMPS, and Parent TWS members to develop and host an exciting CMPS 60th anniversary Annual Meeting; maintaining mutually beneficial funding, training, and mentoring opportunities with our past Fellowship program; assisting both governmental and non-governmental organizations with 3rd party review and/or development of plans, proposals, and policy; and being part of WYTWS and the Board when awarded TWS Chapter of the Year in 2015.

If elected, my primary interest is to get a better understanding of CMPS and how it can further benefit all levels of TWS. It is my understanding that I would help the Section as needed, possibly helping to organize the upcoming Annual Meeting, where I would strive to merge ideas and talents of other individuals to help create a unique event with maximum opportunities for training and fun.

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



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CMPS Executive Board Member At-large Candidate — Kyle McLean

I am a student-trainee ecologist with the US Geological Survey's Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, ND. I have steadily increased my involvement with TWS since 2008. I have decided I am ready to expand my involvement with TWS to a different level and am excited to announce my candidacy for a Member At-large position on the CMPS Executive Board. My journey into the wildlife world really took off in 2007 when I left my small apple orchard town in central Washington to attend college in North Dakota. Below I will give a brief description of this journey and my motivation for becoming more involved with the Central Mountains and Plains Section of TWS.

I completed my undergraduate degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Science at Valley City State University (VCSU, 2010) and a Masters in Environmental and Conservation Sciences at North Dakota State University (NDSU, 2015). Just one year into the Wildlife Science program at VCSU, I attended my first TWS State Chapter meeting. I have been a TWS member at the Parent, Section, and State level since 2009, and have served as a Student Chapter officer for both VCSU and NDSU. I worked for Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center for three years and am currently in the federal pathways program, which has allowed me to pursue a PhD at NDSU. Many of my research questions focus on biotic community response to climate and land-use in prairie-pothole wetlands. The goal of this research is to inform and aid in the development of proactive wildlife management strategies and policy.

I have a passion for wildlife research driven by a lifelong appreciation of nature. The effectiveness of research in conserving wildlife is minimal without the other members of the wildlife profession utilizing the information and prioritizing research areas.

This understanding of the benefits of cohesion within the profession is the primary reason I choose to invest in The Wildlife Society.

Last year I increased my involvement at the State level by serving as a Member At-large for the North Dakota Chapter of TWS. Recently, I was selected to participate in the 2018 TWS Leadership institute. If elected, I will serve the Section to the best of my abilities in a way that reflects the priorities of the membership. As I alluded to earlier, my personal focus and motivation for being involved with TWS is communication and collaboration. In a time where information is everywhere and incredibly difficult to keep up with, the collective membership of the CMPS and TWS as a whole can utilize many eyes and voices to keep its membership abreast of the issues and provide a vehicle for working horizontally within the profession.



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CMPS Executive Board Member At-large Candidate — Tara Wertz

Tara Wertz is currently the refuge manager at Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Walden Colorado. She has been a member of TWS since 1984 and previously served on the board for the Oregon and Alaska State Chapters. Tara has a M.S. from South Dakota State University in Wildlife Science and a B.S. from Murray State University (KY) in biology. She has worked for the USFWS since 2001 in Alaska, Florida, and California. Prior to that, she was the regional habitat biologist for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for 11 years, and spent 2 years as a research technician for Iowa DNR. Her professional interests are developing effective land management opportunities and practices and insuring refuge lands are relevant and vital partners within the local communities. She also enjoys traveling to learn about the history and culture of the world, finding tasty craft beers, and spoiling her 14-year old black lab, Tug.



VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

Please vote for the new CMPS Executive Board Members by August 7th:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9J3P2DF>

CMPS Secretary/Treasurer Position to Open

Sincere thanks to Laurel Badura, current CMPS Secretary/Treasurer, for her many years of service to the Section in this role. Laurel will be stepping down during the Executive Board change-over in mid-August.

If you are interested in serving as the CMPS Secretary/Treasurer, please contact CMPS President Andrea Orabona at Andrea.Orabona@wyo.gov.

Candidates for this position are appointed and voted on by the CMPS Executive Board, as per our bylaws.

To learn more about the duties of this position, visit the CMPS website: <http://wildlife.org/cmp/officers/>.

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2018 CMPS Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award Winners

Since no nominations were received for the 2018 CMPS Professional Award and two outstanding nominations were offered for the 2018 Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award, the CMPS Awards Committee decided to award both nominees with a Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award for 2018.

2018 Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award winner — Ed Koger: Mr. Koger's nomination reads in-part: "Ed has been a leader and innovator in prairie conservation for over 50 years. His dedication and passion for prairie management is unprecedented. While never seeking self-promotion or calling attention to his efforts, Ed has had a tremendous influence on landowners in the Red Hills of Kansas, surrounding areas of Kansas and Oklahoma, and managers of tall-grass prairie throughout the Great Plains. He is a rare individual that is constantly seeking new information and knowledge, applying and fine-tuning management strategies, and opening his ranch up to the public to see the results of his work.

Ed Kroger has spent his entire life in the Flint Hills and Red Hills of Kansas. He is a cattle rancher, wildlife enthusiast, and self-taught prairie naturalist. His connection to the prairie is absolute, and his aspiration is to spread his knowledge and passion to others to ensure the persistence of the prairie. Early on, Ed recognized the natural drivers of the prairie ecosystem, interactive fire and grazing or pyric herbivory, and has worked diligently and consistently to apply these practices for prairie health to benefit his ranch and the native wildlife that depend on a functioning prairie.

Ed fervently embraces research for development of knowledge to conserve native prairie. He has hosted a long-term Lesser Prairie-Chicken research project, allowed researchers to conduct plant studies and put GPS collars on his cattle, monitors forage production and utilization by his cattle, and provides access for other monitoring actions.

In all my years working with private landowners in the Great Plains, I have never met anyone like Ed. His passion, enthusiasm, and quest for knowledge is unmatched. The effects of Ed's selfless actions will not only influence current prairie conservationists, but also those for many years into the future."

Congratulations to 2018 Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award winner - Ed Koger.

2018 Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award winner — Pat Ryan: Mr. Ryan's nomination reads in-part: "Mr. Ryan has been a farmer in central Nebraska for several decades and his commitment to providing quality wildlife habitat both through and alongside his farming efforts is clear when you first step onto his property. But more than that, Mr. Ryan is the epitome of a willing and enthusiastic private landowner partner for wildlife research and education in Nebraska.

One of my colleagues took me to his property to show me an example of how wildlife conservation can go hand-in-hand with agriculture in this extremely agriculturally dominated landscape. Mr. Ryan, unlike many others in the area, had prioritized wildlife conservation in his farming efforts, and created and protected wildlife habitat on his property. Because of his efforts, we were able to see numerous deer, rabbits, turkeys, and even a bobcat on his property. Further investigations with trail cameras revealed even more wildlife were using his property, including coyotes, foxes, raccoons, and a mountain lion that

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2018 CMPS Award Winners (continued)

made use of a large brush pile for several days. His property had become a refuge for many wildlife species that otherwise would not have been found in the area, thanks to his conservation efforts.

Three different MS students have been able to use his property as a core part of their MS research projects, working with everything from rabbits to Red-tailed Hawks. Additionally, we have been able to train several undergraduate students on small mammal trapping and vegetation sampling on his property, including several undergraduate research projects, as well. Without Mr. Ryan's willingness to allow us access to the wonderful habitat he has created and protected, these students would not have been able to have these positive research experiences. It is rare to find someone so willing and open with their property, and so engaged in wildlife conservation.

Mr. Ryan is simply an exemplary individual who is worthy of this prestigious award, not only for his efforts in providing and protecting wildlife habitat, but for his willingness to provide access and opportunity for the training of future wildlife professionals. He is in all aspects a true citizen conservation success."

Congratulations to 2018 Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award winner – Pat Ryan.



The CMPS Citizen's Conservation Achievement Award was presented to Pat Ryan (left) by CMPS Vice-President Jim Hays

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CMPS Banner Update

Our thanks and appreciation go out to long-time CMPS member and retired biologist, Len McDaniel, and his brother, Arne! At our Annual Meeting in South Dakota, Len noticed that our CMPS banner had not been updated since the Canadian provinces had left the Section, to be integrated into TWS-Canada. The banner was a Business Meeting topic at the CMPS Annual Meeting in Nebraska earlier this year, and members voted to purchase a new, updated banner. After the banquet in Nebraska, Len told me he would investigate the making of a new banner. Shortly, thereafter, Len advised that his brother, Arne, and he had come up with some designs and sizes to consider. Arne works in a print business and has some experience with that kind of print work.

After a bit of coordination, Len and Arne came up with a great design and were able to print up the new CMPS banner! Len explained that there were some transfer challenges with the CMPS logo – however, Arne and his co-workers were able to work through them. What's more, Len and Arne graciously donated the new banner to CMPS at no cost to our Section! Kudos to Len and Arne McDaniel for their efforts and hard work, and the creation of the new (and updated) CMPS banner!

~Jim Hays, CMPS Vice-President



The old CMPS banner needed to be updated, as the Canadian Provinces are no longer in our Section



The new CMPS banner, thanks to Len and Arne McDaniel

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TWS Business

TWS News — Membership Fees Increased

Thank you for your continued support of our great organization. As I'm sure you've noticed, we've significantly increased the value of TWS membership over the past four years — at no additional cost to you. Free online access to all TWS journals, more than 100 TWS Talks annually, adding two more issues of *The Wildlife Professional* magazine annually, and providing a robust online membership directory to assist you with networking are just a few examples of the added value of TWS membership.

I'm writing to let you know that TWS Council has approved a modest membership dues increase of \$1.00-\$2.00 at the start of our fiscal year on July 1, 2018. The amount of increase is related to your membership type as you'll see in the chart below. This dues adjustment, the first since 2012, strikes a balance between keeping dues as low as possible while also helping offset part of our increasing costs of doing business.

The dues adjustments are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	JULY 1, 2017	JULY 1, 2018
Family	\$125	\$127
Regular	\$81	\$83
New Professional	\$51	\$52
Student	\$41	\$42
Retired	\$41	\$42

As indicated in the [TWS Bylaws](#), Council is authorized to increase dues annually as long as the adjustment is limited to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) occurring May to May, rounded to the next highest dollar. When Council approved this increase at the March 2018 meeting, the May 2016 to May 2017 CPI-U increase was 1.87 percent.

Should you have any questions regarding this membership dues adjustment or would like to learn more about your membership benefits, please don't hesitate to contact us at membership@wildlife.org.

Sincerely,

John McDonald
 President
 The Wildlife Society



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TWS News — What Wildlifers are Reading in TWS Journals

By Nancy Sasavage, TWS Director of Publications and Communications

TWS' three premier wildlife journals — *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Wildlife Monographs*, and *The Wildlife Society Bulletin* — support our mission to achieve a positive impact on the sustainability of wildlife populations through the dissemination of science-based wildlife conservation and management. With online access now included as a membership benefit, TWS members are increasingly engaging with the latest research findings in wildlife science.

In case you missed any of these, here's a list of the top 20 most downloaded papers in 2017.

1. [Free-roaming cat interactions with wildlife admitted to a wildlife hospital](#)
2. [Polar bear attacks on humans: Implications of a changing climate](#)
3. [Determining kill rates of ungulate calves by brown bears using neck-mounted cameras](#)
4. [Effects of control on the dynamics of an adjacent protected wolf population in interior Alaska](#)
5. [Predicting eagle fatalities at wind facilities](#)
6. [How publishing in open access journals threatens science and what we can do about it](#)
7. [Clarifying historical range to aid recovery of the Mexican wolf](#)
8. [Bat mortality due to wind turbines in Canada](#)
9. [Online hunting forums identify achievement as prominent among multiple satisfactions](#)
10. [Inefficiency of evolutionarily relevant selection in ungulate trophy hunting](#)
11. [Investigating impacts of oil and gas development on greater sage-grouse](#)
12. [The role of domestic cats in the admission of injured wildlife at rehabilitation and rescue centers](#)
13. [Consumption of intentional food subsidies by a hunted carnivore](#)
14. [How open access is crucial to the future of science](#)
15. [Predators, predator removal, and sage-grouse: A review](#)
16. [Annual elk calf survival in a multiple carnivore system](#)
17. [Demography of an increasing caribou herd with restricted wolf control](#)
18. [Manipulations of black bear and coyote affect caribou calf survival](#)
19. [Winter diet and hunting success of Canada lynx in Colorado](#)
20. [Overpasses and underpasses: Effectiveness of crossing structures for migratory ungulates](#)

Log into [Your Membership](#) to read these papers by going to the "Publications" tab.

We want to thank these authors for choosing to publish with TWS.

Next time you are ready to submit a paper, we hope you will choose a TWS journal as your publication outlet! Here's just a few reasons why you should:

- Universal author guidelines
- Rapid, rigorous peer review
- Discounted page charges for members
- Open access option available



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Upcoming Events

2018 Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Conference

Eugene, Oregon

July 12-17, 2018

VENUE AND LODGING: Hilton, Eugene, Oregon

MORE INFORMATION: https://www.wafwa.org/events/annual_conference/

The Eighth National Quail Symposium

Knoxville, Tennessee

July 26-28, 2018

VENUE AND LODGING: Holiday Inn, Knoxville, Tennessee

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.quailcount.org/quail8/home.html/>

2018 WAFWA Pronghorn Workshop

Reno, Nevada

August 13-16, 2018

VENUE AND LODGING: Atlantis Casino Resort, Reno, Nevada

MORE INFORMATION: https://www.wafwa.org/events/28th_pronghorn_workshop/

2018 TWS Annual Conference

Cleveland, Ohio

October 7-11, 2018

VENUE: Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland

MORE INFORMATION: <http://twconference.org/>

2018 Wyoming TWS and Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative Meeting

Laramie, Wyoming

November 6-8, 2018

VENUE AND LODGING: Hilton Garden Inn, Laramie, Wyoming

MORE INFORMATION: <http://wytwsconference.org/>

Upcoming Events

1ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

**AMPHIBIANS / REPTILES / BIRDS / MAMMALS
THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIODIVERSITY**

Meeting of professionals, managers,
students and general public interested in
the management and conservation of wildlife

**November
13-16, 2018**

San Luis Potosí, Mexico
Convention Center

Postgraduate and
Research Unit
Autonomous
University of
San Luis Potosí



INFORMATION:

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes (May 4, 2018)

Call meeting to order – Andrea Orabona

Andrea called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. MDT/10:00 am CDT

Present on call: Adam Ahlers, Jim Hays, Aleshia Fremgen, Stephanie Ferrero, Adam Behney, and Andrea Orabona.

CMPS Executive Board nominees – all

Shelly Deisch and Peg Shaw-McBee expressed interest in the Vice-President position to Jim Hays during our Annual Meeting in NE. Since Shelly already has Board experience, perhaps Peg might be open to a different position (e.g., Member At-large). Adam A. has worked with Peg in the past at Kansas State University. Adam B. will contact Peg; Andrea will contact Shelly; Jim will help with nominations. We currently have representation from 5 of the 7 CMPS states (ND and UT are not represented). Adam A. has asked several people in UT about their interest in serving on the CMPS Executive Board, but was turned down; he'll contact some folks in ND. Andrea will reach out to Jenny Prenosil (NETWS Past President) and colleagues in ND and UT.

RAWA letter – all

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act (H.R. 4647) letter came through The Wildlife Society Conservation Affairs Network (CAN); Bill Vodehnal is our Section's CAN Chair. Please review the letter, make any modifications in track changes, and send to Andrea by close of business 4/11/2018.

Letter or statement regarding keeping public lands in public hands – all

Andrea will talk with Bill Vodehnal about the "public lands in public hands" issue and where this stands from a Section level.

Summer newsletter – Aleshia Fremgen

The 2018 Summer Newsletter deadline for material to Aleshia is June 15th. A 1 page summary from State and Student Chapters would be great to include.

Student Travel Grant – all

Andrea updated the Student Travel Grant information and will send it to Mariah Simmons for the CMPS website.

Update on 2019 Annual Meeting in North Dakota – Andrea Orabona

Rick Warhurst (NDTWS President) has contacted Andrea about preliminary thoughts for hosting the 2019 CMPS Annual Meeting. Adam A. reported that North Dakota is hosting a furbearer meeting in Medora, ND at the Rough Riders Hotel and Conference Center (Stephanie Tucker is the organizer).

Discuss ask from Chuck Shively with TWS – all

Chuck Shively from TWS asked if our Section would like to contribute once again to the Annual Conference as part of the "Drive for 44" campaign. We contributed \$500 last year and asked that the funds be applied where needed most. As the conference approaches, we should check our account to see if we

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can contribute again this year. We will also contribute via our Student Travel Grant, and Andrea is on the Quiz Bowl Committee and will help judge during the event.

Other business – all

Andrea asked who was planning to attend TWS's Annual Conference in Cleveland this year; Adam A. and Andrea are going.

Adam A. reported that the Haskell Indian Nations University in KS is trying to get a TWS Student Chapter going; perhaps this fall. Adam A. and one of his students will take a more active role.

The University of Utah Student Chapter, which was in our Section, has been dissolved due to a lack of interest.

The updated CMPS banner is in the works! Jim will check with Len McDaniel on the progress.

Jim reported that the 2 plaques for our citizen awards have been completed. Jim will send Pat Ryan's plaque to Dustin Ranglack in NE, who submitted the nomination. Jim and Adam A. will work together to determine the best venue for presenting Ed Kroger (KS) with his plaque.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. MDT/10:41 a.m. CDT.





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Executive Board Meeting Minutes (June 15, 2018)

President Andrea Orabona called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. MDT/11:00 a.m. CDT.

Executive Board members present: Shelly Deisch, Jim Hays, Andrea Orabona, Laurel Badura, Stephanie Ferrero, Aleshia Fremgen, Krysten Zummo-Strong, and Adam Ahlers. Adam Behney was unable to attend, but provided nominee information via email.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes—Jim motioned to approve the May 4, 2018 Executive Board conference call meeting minutes. Stephanie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CMPS Executive Board Nominees—Andrea, Shelly, Adam A., and Adam B. have been contacting potential nominees to assess their interest in being on the Executive Board prior to the newsletter deadline so biographies can go out to the membership. The information needs to be out to membership 30 days prior to the election.

Action Item: Andrea will continue to touch base with Adam A., Adam B., and Shelly to see the current status of potential candidates they have contacted for elections.

RAWA Thank You Letter and Letter Requesting Support—The Executive Board discussed sending a thank you letter to Representatives who have already signed-on to H.R. 4647, and a letter to Representatives asking for their support of RAWA. Bill Vodehnal provided a letter template, and Andrea made some modifications. Andrea would also like to add the total number of Species of Greatest Conservation Need for each CMPS state to the thank you letter. Adam motioned to send the letter requesting support and thank you letter, and include language in the letter identifying the total number of species impacted by the legislation. Stephanie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Summer Newsletter—Aleshia reported that today is the deadline for newsletter articles. Andrea will submit her President's Message over the weekend. The drop-dead date for submissions is June 22, 2018. This will allow all of the candidates to get their biographies in.

Future CMPS Meetings—The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held in North Dakota; Andrea received feedback on items the ND Chapter has been discussing. The ND Chapter would like the meeting to be in the summer to make it easier for people to attend. They approached Andrea about the CMPS meeting following the National Grasslands Meeting. There was concern about length of time people would be there if the CMPS meeting is scheduled after the National Grasslands Meeting. Andrea called for volunteers to sit on the planning committee for the 2019 meeting; Adam A. and Andrea volunteered to serve. The question will be asked again after the elections to give new Executive Board members a chance to help.

On behalf of Bob Lanka, Andrea asked if the WY Chapter would be willing to switch with the UT Chapter for the 2020 Annual Meeting. Bob Lanka requested this change due to his retirement from Council so that his last CMPS meeting while on Council would be in Wyoming. It would give us a chance to recognize Bob for

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his years of involvement in TWS in his home state. The WY Chapter agreed to switch.

Action Item: Andrea will contact the UT Chapter President and ask if they are willing to switch to hosting the CMPS Annual Meeting in 2021.

The Drive for 44 Campaign—Laurel reported our current balance is \$9,598.20. Jim motioned we donate \$500 to the Drive for 44 Campaign for this year's TWS Annual Conference. Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried. The CMPS Executive Board decided we are not committing ourselves to donate to the Annual Conference every year; this decision will be made by the current Executive Board from year to year.

CMPS Student Representatives—The purpose of these positions is to improve communication and connection between Student Chapters and Sections; the Student Representative would report directly to the Section. It would be up to our Section to decide on how the Student Representative is appointed. A challenge might be finding a student willing to fill the position. Student Chapter Board members might be a good resource to tap into. They can communicate with Student Chapters, and put the call out for anyone interested (but difficult to communicate during the summer).

Action Item: All should consider who to target for a direct approach during the next 2 months, and then prepare a list of potential candidates and the order/priority of contact. Andrea will modify the example sent to reflect CMPS.

Other Business:

SD Chapter has paid their 2018 dues; other states have not yet paid. Jim asked if we received our portion of the fundraiser from the joint CMPS/NETWS meeting; Laurel checked and stated we have not received funds yet.

Action Item: Laurel will send out a request for 2018 membership dues from our State Chapters, and check on fundraiser profits from the NE Chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. MDT/12:28 p.m. CDT.



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CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION DIRECTORY

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 President-Elect Krysten Zummo-Strong

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