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**Northeast Section TWS Fall 2018 Executive Board Meeting**  
**Cleveland Hilton, Downtown**  
**10 October 2018**

**Meeting begins 8:03am**

**Welcome and Introductions – Michael Fishman**

**Executive Board:**

President – Michael Fishman  
Past President – Emily Just  
President Elect – Scott Williams  
Secretary – Megan Linske  
Treasurer – Tammy Colt  
Graduate Student Representative – Laken Ganoe  
Undergraduate Student Representative – Colby Slezak  
Section Representative – Paul Johansen  
TWS President – John McDonald

**Committees:**

Awards – Gordon Batcheller  
Certification – Calvin DuBrock  
Communications – Megan Linske  
Student Affairs – Valorie Titus  
Workshops – Megan Linske  
TWS Unit Services Coordinator – Mariah Simmons

**Secretary's Report - Megan Linske**

- Updates from NEAFWA Annual Executive Meeting 2018 (refer to published minutes)
- Minutes from NEAFWA Annual Members Meeting 2018 (refer to published minutes)
- Two conference calls conducted July and August
- Update on Archives
  - Payment to students from UMass

## Northeast Section TWS Fall 2018 Executive Board Meeting

- Need follow up for budget line item - \$500?

### **Treasurer's Report - Budget and Finances – Tammy Colt**

- Updates:
  - Under budget for fall meeting
    - Held at TWS Cleveland Conference
  - \$250 to Leadership Institute
  - \$500 to Quiz Bowl
  - Income: only reflected dues from 281 members even with new dues structure
    - Need to confirm with Mariah what the issues might be
  - Workshop incomes added
    - Budget template enacted for NEAFWA 2019
  - Possibly move \$5k into another CD or reinvest in student/early career professional members
  - We have \$20K bank balance; what can we do with these funds?
    - Webinars
    - Student/Professional mixers
    - Distinguished Service Award (National)

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Field Course Report – John McDonald**

- Tenth field course conducted May 2018
  - 19 students from 13 different schools
- Southeast section has contacted us for information about starting their own field course
- Course generates \$19K/yr to self-support
- Next year's course: May 19-June 1, tentatively

#### **Awards – Gordon Batcheller**

- Developing new section of the operations manual on process for awards selection
- Tammy Colt and Megan Linske agree to continue as members of the Awards Committee
- Award Selection Committee
  - Consist of three people
    - Section rep
    - President
    - At large section member that will change every year
- Will include an awards section in the newsletter that identifies the various awards and provides information on the nomination process

#### **Communications/Newsletter - Tammy Cloutier**

- First newsletter put out by Tammy
- New logo created by Laken Gano
- Developing new letterhead
- Need help with letterhead to get header to change after page 1; Megan L. offered to help.

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### Conservation Affairs – Eric Schrading

- Conference call September 19
  - Old business:
    - Discussed current or legislative action taken over summer including:
      - Working on “Managing for Biodiversity in Northeastern Forests” position paper
      - Several letters went out from the NE Section to request co-sponsorship for Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA) or thanking legislators that did co-sponsor the legislation.
        - Several other chapters have also sent out similar letters including the ME, NJ, and NY chapters.
        - Rather than send letters from both the chapter and Section, the NE Section will look to fill gaps for those chapters that have not sent out RAWA letters.
    - The Section participated in the TWS National request for comments on the revised ESA regulations in August 2018. TWS National will collate the comments from Sections and Chapters and prepare a unified response.
    - Schrading participated in the one National Conservation Affairs Network conference call this summer.
    - The NJ Chapter sent a letter on CBRA mapping changes and defended the value of CBRA to protect unmodified inlets in May 2018.
    - DRBCA funding for 2018 is \$5million. Hopefully similar funding in 2019.
    - Schrading sent out a request for agreement form CAC members in terms of current and active participation. Based on this request the NE Section has 4 members (Schrading, Clark, Hoyt, Kelshaw) all were present on the call.
  - New Business:
    - Need additional members for CAC
      - Could include committee description in newsletter
    - Schrading would like to stepdown as chair
      - Need new chair for CAC committee
    - Suggested Larry Torok (NJ) as CAC member
    - NJ Chapter preparing a letter to NJDEP regarding the restriction on bear hunting in public lands
    - Request for additional topics for CAC

### Operations –

- We need nominations for President Elect and Treasurer
  - Tammy Colt can run for a second term
  - Lucas Price expressed interest in running for Treasurer, as well.

### Student Affairs – Val Titus

- Need a co-chair

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- University of Maine hosting next year's student conclave (Kelby Leary provided update)
  - April 12-14, 2019
- Proposed needs-based scholarship or donation center for field course items for student ie. Sleeping bags, waters, etc.
- Would like to create an ad-hoc committee for student engagement
  - Motion to form an ad hoc committee to evaluate engagement of TWS members in section and chapter involvement (Tammy Colt)
  - Motion seconded (Val Titus)
  - Passed Unanimously (11:03)
    - Kelsey Pangman to take lead
    - Address questions:
      - How do we communicate current value of Section membership?
      - How do we add value to Section membership?

### Workshops –

- Allen Gosser has stepped down as Chair; Megan Linske has volunteered to Chair
- Workshop ideas for this year?
  - “R for Dummies” – Introduction to R statistic package
  - AWB/CWB certification workshop hosted by Calvin DuBrock
    - For a fee to reflect value.
  - Student/Early Career Professionals – Job Guidance/Networking

### Student Representative – Laken Gano and Colby Slezak

- Will use Facebook to reach out to members
- Plymouth State is trying to start a new student chapter – Laken is helping
  - Same with IUP
- Would like to create a graduate representative/advisor for undergraduate chapters

### Northeast Section Representative Report - Paul Johansen

- Financials: Recovered with a six-month reserve fund
- Need engagement in give-back program
  - Give out six months of free wildlife society
- TWS Council Policy Priorities for 2019 includes work on the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)
- 2021 Conference is scheduled to be held in Northeast
  - TWS staff are exploring possible venues
  - 2019 – Reno, NV
  - 2020 – Louisville, KY
- TWS is soliciting policy priorities for the upcoming year
  - Deadline for input is Oct. 31st

### HQ Update - Mariah Simmons

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- Available resources:
  - Google spreadsheet with contact information for all section and chapter officers
    - Presidents and advisors
  - Free conference call service
  - Mariah is TWS website manager – reach out to her for edits.
- RAWA update: posted an article in October bill
  - Reached 100 co-sponsors

### **Certification** - Calvin DuBrock

- Review board will be expanding from 5 to 8 members
- 223 applications reviewed this past year
  - Second largest contributor was the Northeast

### **State and College Chapter Reports and Updates:**

- Following chapters were present:
  - ME
  - NY
  - PA
  - WV
  - VT
  - Penn State, Dubois
  - Univ. of ME
  - WVU
  - UVM (sent notes)
  - California Univ. of PA
  - SUNY Cobleskill
  - Green Mountain College

Discussion: Completing Committee descriptions for Operations Manual

- We will ask committee chairs to draft descriptions

Operations Manual – Need to finish; discussion tabled; Exec Comm. will arrange a conf. call.

### **NEAFWA Update** –

- Mystic Marriott Hotel, Groton, CT
  - April 14-16, 2019
- Megan Linske and Scott Williams NETWS liaisons

Motion to adjourn meeting (Scott Williams)

Motion Seconded (Megan Linske)

**Meeting Ends 12:00pm**