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 DuBrok
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
  o Payment to students from UMass
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- 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 Ganoe
- Developing new letterhead
- Need help with letterhead to get header to change after page 1; Megan L. offered to help.
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 $5 million. 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 Ganoe 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**