

Quarterly Report of the

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

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A Note from the editor:

Greetings, students! As the middle of the semester approaches, I hope you are all doing well and getting excited for summer just around the corner. This year we are going to try a new format for our newsletter. We hope it is more concise and accessible. Please feel free to email us with ideas, comments, or stories for our next Quarterly Report!

- Chair-elect, Laken Ganoë

FAQ's—Spring Edition

Let's get those summer jobs and internships!

Here are some frequently asked questions by students during the spring semester:

Q: When should I start looking for summer internships and jobs?

A: Right now! Most summer jobs for students are posted anytime between February and May.

Q: How should I prepare for a phone or skype interview for a job?

A: Have all of your information in front of you, including your resume, the job application/posting, and your transcripts. It's always good to enter an interview with a list of questions you have for the employer so you don't forget to ask them when the time comes!

"Sometimes job opportunities don't come from already listed posts on job boards. Sometimes relationships you have formed with professionals in the past can lead to those job opportunities in the future."

-Tess Gingery

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American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) chicks—Laken Ganoë

Report to Council—Our Recommendations

Each spring and fall, working groups must submit a Report to Council updating Council members on their activities and any recommendations they might have for Council to consider. [Click here](#) to view the entire submitted document.

- 1) **We recommended that unofficial transcripts be considered when applying for AWB certification**
- 2) **We recommended that student registration costs for the 2019 Annual Meeting be reduced to \$275 and that ongoing efforts are being made to reduce student costs in future years.**

Meet your Officers!

Chair—Colleen Hartel

Colleen is currently working for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. She received her B.S. in Wildlife from Purdue and her M.S. in Environmental Social Science and Masters of Public Administration from The Ohio State University.



Chair-elect—Laken Ganoë

Laken is currently pursuing her M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science at The Pennsylvania State University. She received her B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Science from California University of Pennsylvania in 2017.



Past Chair—Phillip Stephenson

Phillip is currently working for the USGS. He received his B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from the University of Tennessee and his M.S. in Biology from the University of Arkansas.



Treasurer—Kristin Bomboy

Kristin is currently pursuing her M.S. in Biology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She received her B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Science from California University of Pennsylvania in 2018.



Secretary—John Vanek

John is currently pursuing his PhD in Biological Sciences at Northern Illinois University. He received his B.S. in Wildlife Sciences from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry



Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) on Tall Thistle (*Cirsium altissimum*)—Laken Ganoë

International Committee welcomes new leadership!

Our International Committee serves to represent the opinions of students outside of the United States by facilitating communication between the SDWG and international students.

The Committee has been without active leadership for several months and we are pleased to announce that the vacancy for the Committee Chair has been filled and we have gained a new committee member as well!



International Committee Chair
Alex Beatty
(University of Alberta)



Committee Member
Cesar Estevo
(University of Alberta)

General SDWG Updates

Want to know what we've been up to? [Check out our meeting minutes!](#)

[Award Nominations Due MAY 1, by 11:59 PM EST](#)

Are you proud of your Student Chapter or Advisor? Nominations for **Student Chapter of the Year** and **Student Chapter Advisor of the Year** awards are open. Follow the links below for more information.

[Student Chapter of the Year](#)

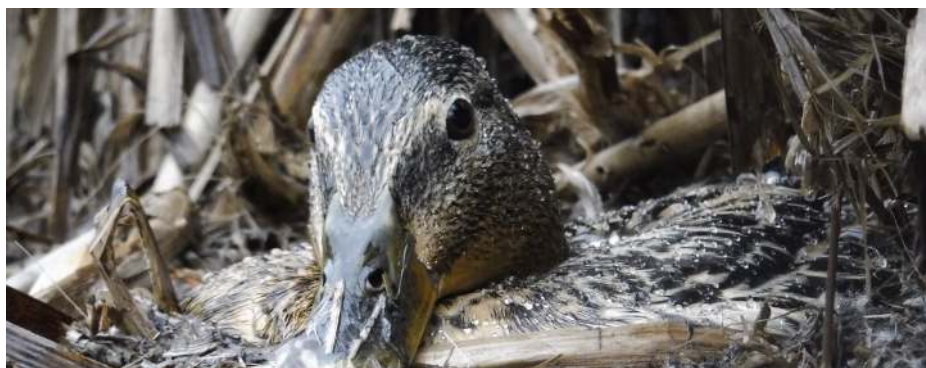
[Student Chapter Advisor of the Year](#)

In Case You Missed It!

Missed the Annual Conference? That's okay! [Click here](#) to view a presentation from our symposium about "Involvement in Professional Societies: Being More Than a Member."

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Follow us on Facebook "[TWS Student Development Working Group](#)" or check out our webpage [here](#).



Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) sitting on a nest made on a muskrat hut—Laken Ganoë

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We are here to serve you, the students. **We want to know your opinions!** Feel free to contact any one of our officers with your questions, concerns, or comments.

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