Summary of changes to the Bylaws of the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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Throughout:

Replaced “Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society” or “Minnesota Chapter” with, “the Chapter”

Replaced “The Wildlife Society” with, “the Society”

Corrected Section and clause values

Article I: No substantive changes

Article II:

Section 1: Added “To support the wellness of wildlife students and professionals by providing an inclusive, caring, and engaged community.”

Section 2: Added “Intentionally act to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Chapter, the Society, and the wildlife profession.”

Article III: No substantive changes

Article IV:

Section 1: Replaced “…and officially represent the Chapter on business of The Wildlife Society” with, “and officially represent the Chapter on business of the Society by Board or officer appointment.”

Section 2: Added citation for “Article IV, Section 1”

 Section 8: Replaced “Membership Chair” with “Secretary”

Article V:

 Section 1:

*Clause C:* Replaced “45 days” with “30 days”

 Section 3:

*Clause A*: Replaced “The Wildlife Society boards, committees, or meetings” with, “Society boards, committees, or meetings, including the Executive Board of the North Central Section. The Chapter Representative shall represent and serve as liaison to the Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter area, and serve as a contract among the Section, Chapters, and members in their respective areas. The Representatives will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routine Section business.

*Clause D*: Added “The Secretary will also maintain an up-to-date membership database containing contact information and records of dues payment for all members.”

*Clause G*: Added “**CLAUSE G** – **GOVERNING BOARD** – The Governing Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be made up of the above officers and the duly elected Board members at large.”

Section 4: Added “If no Chapter Annual Meeting is held, such as when Minnesota hosts the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, officers will be installed directly following the counting of ballots by the Nominations and Elections Committee.”

Article VI: No substantive changes

Article VII:

Section 4: Replaced “The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of the Chapter” with, “The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of the Society, the North Central Section, and the Chapter”

Section 5: Replaced “The Chapter membership and the Society must receive copies of any resolution or position statement within 15 days of such action” with, “The Chapter membership, the Society, and the North Central Section President must receive copies of any resolution or position statement within 15 days of such action.”

Article VIII:

 Section 2:

*Clause H*: Added “**CLAUSE H - DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION –** This committee shall assist the Chapter in taking intentional actions to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Chapter, the Society, and the wildlife profession.”

*Clause K*: Replaced “maintaining an up-to-date membership database” with “assisting the Secretary in maintaining an up-to-date membership database.”

Article IX: No substantive changes

Article X: No substantive changes