

Happy Spring! As the weather warms, plants green-up, and young animals are starting to be seen throughout the sagebrush and mountains, I sincerely hope that the changing season and warm weather brings happiness and some hope to what has been a challenging past year and a half. The WY-TWS board has some exciting announcements and reminders for you all to consider as you being to enjoy the warm weather and think about the remainder of this year.

Annual Conference – The board is incredibly excited to be hosting an in-person conference this fall! Our president-elect, Aly Courtemanch, has been tirelessly working on planning an exciting and engaging conference for you all. The conference will be held in Jackson, November 16 – 18, 2021. We are closely monitoring CDC guidelines and Covid-19 cases to ensure that the conference will be safe, but are highly optimistic that we will be able to gather in person and share much of the science, management, and research that we are currently working on.

Summer Webinar Series – Our summer webinar series has officially begun! Jill Randall with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department hosted the first seminar in June and did an outstanding job discussing some of the migration work and on-the-ground management that is happening throughout the state. A recording of that talk is available on our website and there is information regarding the speakers that will be presenting throughout the rest of the summer later in the newsletter.

Committee and Board Member Positions – As always, we will be holding our annual elections this fall to elect new board members. If you are looking to get more involved with the chapter and giving back to the society, I urge to consider running for president-elect this fall. Additionally, we are still seeking someone to chair the awards and nominations committee. This committee is vital to honoring and recognizing the hard work of wildlife professionals in this state, and is a great way to get involved with the chapter! If you are interested in getting more involved in any of those capacities, please contact me for more information tlasharr@gmail.com.

After you peruse this newsletter, I hope that you have a chance to get outside to enjoy the beautiful landscapes and wildlife that make this state so special. And, I look forward to seeing you all this fall in Jackson!

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