



June 2021

Announcements

1. We will be hosting our Quarterly Member's Meeting on July 1, 2021. Meeting information will be sent to membership via email. Be on the lookout for additional dates for quarterly membership and Executive Board meetings on the REWG website listed below.
2. Elections will be held this Fall! The following elected positions are going to be up for grabs and more information will be provided via email, at our Quarterly Member's Meeting, and on our website events page at <https://wildlife.org/rewg/events/> :
 - **President Elect** – This position serves one year as Chair-elect, then moves to Chair of the Working Group for two years, then serves one additional year as Past-chair. Responsibilities include leading the group during Executive Board and All Members meetings and coordinating with all committees.
 - **Member-at-Large** – This is a three-year term position. Responsibilities include participating in all Executive Board meetings and acting as a representative of the general membership.
 - **Secretary** – This position serves a two-year term and is responsible for maintaining minutes of the Executive Board and All Members meetings, as well as the Annual meetings, and facilitates documentation on the REWG website.
3. The REWG is looking for a new logo and we would like you to submit your best work by September 3, 2021. For guidelines and prizes, please see the Logo Contest on our website events page at <https://wildlife.org/rewg/events/>
4. We are still seeking members to actively participate in various committees including:
 - **Communications** – responsible for all general communications of the REWG
 - **Operations** – responsible for elections, maintenance of the By-laws, and other operational needs of the REWG
 - **Fundraising/Sponsorship** – responsible for seeking funds/sponsorships needed for REWG purposes
 - **Conferences; Activities** – responsible for the development of conference associated activities
 - **Conservation Affairs** – responsible for identifying and addressing policy priorities within all sectors of renewable energy development, in conjunction with the Conservation Affairs Network (CAN) and TWS staff

Please email the REWG at our new email address below if you are interested in volunteering in any of these roles.

Research and News Highlights

- Repowering older wind facilities by replacing small, densely congregated turbines with larger, more widely spread turbines [Relative energy production determines effect of repowering on wildlife mortality at wind energy facilities](#)
- Wildlife and land-management for proposed future development, including solar, and the importance of Mojave Desert Tortoise habitat connectivity [Connectivity of Mojave Desert Tortoise Populations](#)
- Featured technology opportunity for wind turbine UV lighting to minimize bat collisions and fatalities [Saving Bats with Ultra Violet Lights on Wind Energy Turbines](#)



Upcoming Conferences

- Clean Power Expo; Virtual; June 7 – 10, 2021: [AWEA CLEANPOWER Conference & Exhibition \(cleanpowerexpo.org\)](http://cleanpowerexpo.org)
- The Wildlife Society Annual Conference; Virtual; November 1-5, 2021: [TWS ANNUAL CONFERENCE - THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY](#)

Other News

- DOE: [DOE Announces 61.4 Million for Biofuels Research to Reduce Transportation Emissions](#)
- DOE: [Energy Department Announces New Round of Solar Desalination Prize Competition](#)
- The Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Coalition: [Announces \\$1 Billion of Deployable Capital For Biobased Projects in BDO Zones](#)
- VA Dept. of Wildlife Resources: [MBTA permitting program framework legislation passes which will include wind and solar energy projects due to their historic impact on migratory birds](#)

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Have announcements, research, news, or any renewable energy information you'd like to share with the REWG? Please email us at tw.renewableenergyworkinggroup@gmail.com

For Executive/Member meeting minutes, calendar of events, and other news, visit our official website [Renewable Energy Working Group - THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY](#)