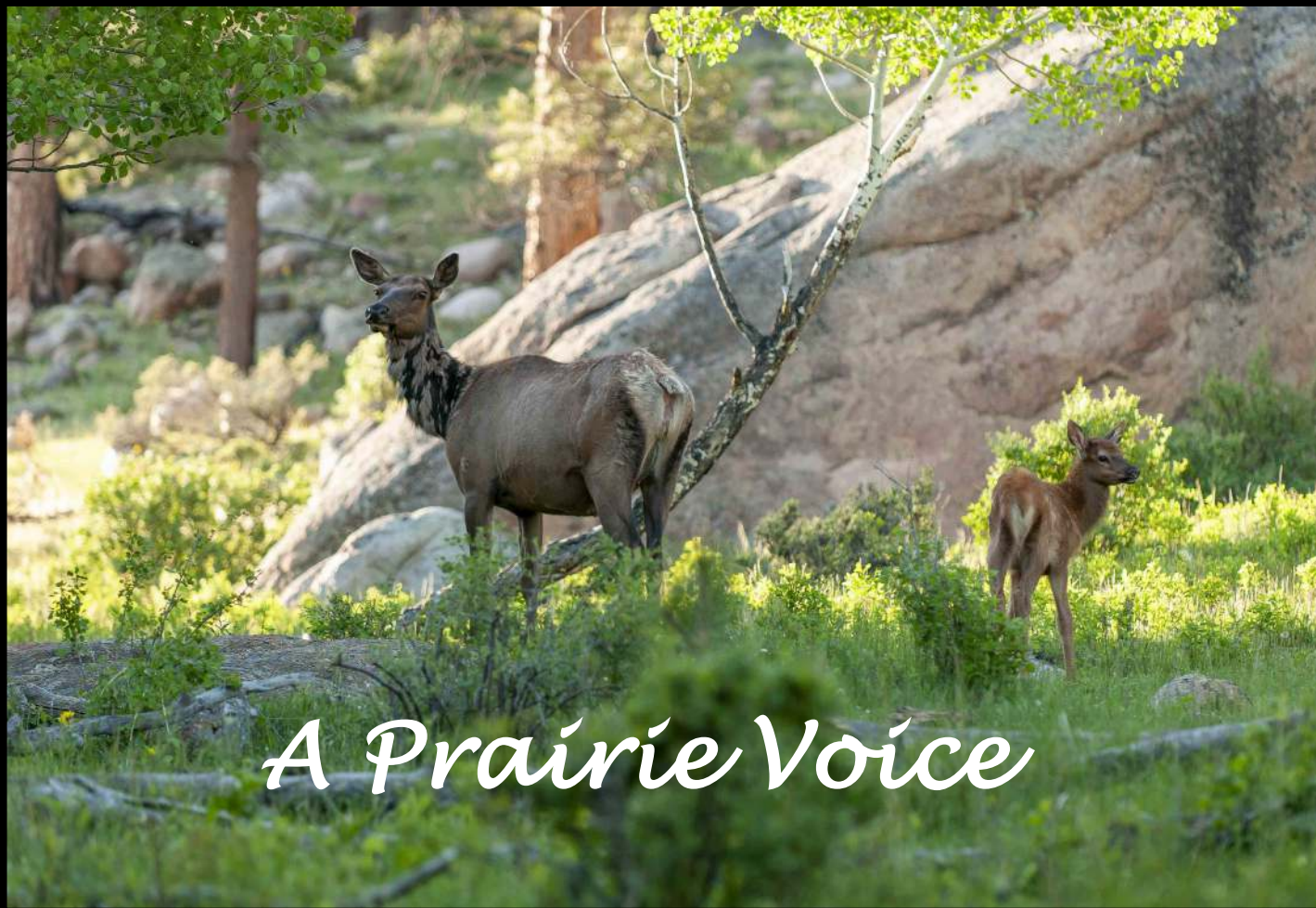




# South Dakota Chapter The Wildlife Society



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# President's Message

Greetings Wildlifers!

As our summer winds to an end, I hope that you had productive field seasons and opportunities to enjoy the beauty of South Dakota. My family has been fortunate enough to try a few new campgrounds this year and I have had my kayak out on a few new waterways. As we move into fall, we can all expect more beautiful sunrises, sunsets, cooler weather and excellent hunting opportunities.



Your SDTWS board has met several times since the Annual Meeting in February. President-elect Brady Neiles is building an informative and interesting line-up for our next Annual Meeting which is slated to be held from March 2-4, 2022. At this time we are planning on holding the meeting in person at Arrowwood Resort-Cedar Shore, Oacoma SD. However, this is subject to change based on the on-going pandemic. Please reserve the dates as the annual meeting will be held whether it is in person or virtual.



The Wildlife Society will be holding its annual conference virtually again this year from November 1-5. The South Dakota Chapter is offering "travel grants" to students to attend the virtual conference. More details can be found on our website. <https://wildlife.org/south-dakota-chapter/>

The board will be inviting the committee chairs to attend the next board meeting. We would like to see the committees become more active and will be working with them on ideas to achieve this goal. If you are interested in joining a committee or becoming more involved with your state Chapter, please feel free to reach out to me or another board member. We welcome your ideas and your support.

Enjoy your Autumn,

Julie Lindstrom (formerly DeJong)

President

South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society



# Notes from Dennie Mann....

This has been a dry and warm summer in western South Dakota and most of the western US!

Some images from the Badlands with bighorn nursery groups around the Pinnacles.



The most lambs in the Pinnacles nursery group was 7 this year, in 2020 we had observed 12!

Summer in the high country of Colorado produced some images of cows and calves, this was at 8500 elevation west of Estes Park!





During the Sturgis Rally we went to Custer State Park to photograph bison during the breeding season, this image was one of the bulls watching the riders photographing him and the herd!

He definitely looked tired of the traffic!



We lucked out on a Friday evening at Bear Butte in mid June!



Dennis was out in Montana's Absaroka Wilderness fly fishing, and was able to photograph a pika next to camp in August, Fly fishing was great on those alpine lakes; catching over 100

cutthroat and brown trout in less than 2 hours!



The image after the Pika is the view from camp!



We will be going to Jackson in October to photograph moose on the elk refuge and Grand Teton National Park.

Hope you had a great summer!

Take Care and thanks for all you do!

Dennie



# SDTWS Mentoring Program

I would like to remind everyone of a great opportunity through the SDTWS that is available for both professionals and aspiring professionals alike. The SDTWS Mentoring Program was launched in the fall of 2019 and has had 10 mentors and 10 mentees sign up to be involved.



This program was designed to connect professionals with nonprofessionals as well as professionals with professionals who seek guidance and constructive feedback to aid in the aspects of career direction and opportunities, professional and academic advice, and fostering networking relationships.

The SDTWS board will connect mentees with appropriate mentors. We encourage all that are interested in becoming a mentor or mentee to please email Eric Magedanz at [eric.magedanz@state.sd.us](mailto:eric.magedanz@state.sd.us).

## Notes From the Field...

- SDTWS is looking to highlight projects that students and wildlife professionals are working on.
- If you have a project or story to share—please contact Jennifer Briggs or one of the Executive Board members.  
We look forward to sharing your story.

# The Wildlife Society News

## Popular Articles on the TWS website

- [Coyotes and bobcats coexist](#)
- [Nearly 3 million acres enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program](#)
- [Duck Stamp artwork doesn't have to depict hunting](#)

For the latest TWS News

<http://wildlife.org/learn/news-center/>



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## Check it out...

- Renew your membership [online](#) at SDTWS website
- SDTWS is on Facebook!

### South Dakota Chapter



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Click [here](#) to join the group! Facebook is a great way to share information, post events, to stimulate discussions on environmental issues or other topics of interest.

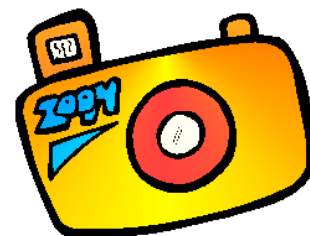
Contact Chuck Pyle at [goosemansd@hotmail.com](mailto:goosemansd@hotmail.com) if you have events, pictures, or topics you would like posted to the site.





## PHOTO CONTEST

**Postponed to 2022  
Save your photos!!**



We know our members have great pictures from their outside adventures including landscapes, hunting, outdoor recreation, and flora/fauna. We would like to showcase your pictures during a photo contest at this year's annual meeting.

**Entry fee:** \$5 per photo—no limit on number of entries

**Size:** 8x10 attached to 10x12 black cardboard / foam board mat

- Photos can be submitted prior to the meeting to any board member or can be brought to the annual meeting
- Winner will be chosen by popular vote at 2022 Annual Meeting & receive 50% of the entry fees.
- The winning photo will be displayed on the SDTWS website and will be made into a canvas to be auctioned off at 2023 annual meeting.





## **Tribal Fish & Wildlife Committee Update**

Wildlife Society Summer Newsletter—Tribal Liason

August 31, 2021

- In June 2021, the Standing Rock Game & Fish Department, Director Kelly, informed the tribal biologists that additional natural resource information was needed to inform the current deliberations with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the current Environmental Impact Statement. Over the course of four months, new and confirming information was collected regarding the existing condition of flora and fauna near the mouth of the Cannonball River and the Missouri River below the DAPL crossing.
- It is apparent the Standing Rock Indian Reservation eco-region, the mouth of the Cannonball and Missouri River corridor in this reach is attractive and providing sustainability to the federally threatened northern long eared bat. NCE biologists made a formal discovery in August on Standing Rock and have also made a formal discovery of NLEB in Knox County, Nebraska for the Santee Sioux Nation. These rare bats are finding adequate habitat and forage resources that are integral to the bats existence in this portion of the Missouri River/Cannonball River complex and the US populations of this species. Bald and golden eagle use is quite extensive in Cannonball River mouth as well, with sandstone outcrops and rocky bluffs bordering the area and an obvious desirable foraging area. The assemblage of the unique flora and fauna in the mouth of the Cannonball River to the Missouri necessitates the need for continued monitoring and management going forward for resource managers of this valuable ecosystem. The additional information collected by the tribe will inform the USACOE EIS process, so that important ecological relationships are not ignored in this important process whereby potential environmental impacts are understood.
- In April, Standing Rock Indian Reservation was awarded a BIA ESA-small mammal grant NCE biologists wrote to investigate bats across the reservation and pick up where they left off in 2013 when funding ran out, looking for black footed ferrets. NCE made an un-official discovery of BFF's in North Dakota in 2013 and was not able to continue due to lack of funding.
- NCE Principal Gutzmer is waiting to hear about selection for sitting on a panel for Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). The IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services concluded that there are pathways for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity in conjunction with key human development goals. These pathways, however, require fundamental changes in development paradigms and social-ecological dynamics, which in turn entail changes in society, considering inequality and governance, employing conservation, restoration and the sustainable use of land, water, energy and materials, and rethinking and appropriately modifying production and consumption habits, food systems, and global value chains. The assessment will inform decision-makers on options to implement transformative change in order to achieve the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and the Sustainable Development Goals

Dr. Michael Gutzmer  
Certified Wildlife Biologist  
New Century Environmental





## **Wildlife Diversity Committee Report**

**Update on Recovering America's Wildlife Act:** Funding from this bill would help implement state wildlife action plans, which are designed to address the needs of all fish and wildlife species and associated habitats. Tribal conservation funding is also included in this legislation. The House RAWA bill currently has 110 cosponsors. A Senate version was recently introduced (S2372) by Senators Heinrich and Blunt. Work continues to identify additional House cosponsors, with recent emphasis on identifying Senate cosponsors. It appears likely that if 10 Senate Republican cosponsors paired with 10 Democratic cosponsors are identified, Senator Schumer will approve floor action on the bill. Two important facets of RAWA include the ability to identify plant species as species of greatest conservation need in state wildlife action plans and the eligibility of federal agencies to provide the 25% required match, with the exception of funding from the Departments of Agriculture and Interior.

None of South Dakota's congressional members have yet signed on as cosponsors, making your contacts with them important. Even if they do not sign on, any contacts will raise the issue with them and their aides. South Dakota's Wildlife Action Plan can be found here, along with information on accomplishments with an annual appropriation called State Wildlife Grants: <https://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife-action-plan/> SDGFP will begin revising the state's plan in 2022. RAWA will not only fund plant species conservation, but also nature-based recreation, wildlife-associated education, and increased emphasis on endangered species. South Dakota will receive an estimated \$16 million/year under RAWA, with an annual match need of more than \$5 million. The greater funds available and broader scope of eligible activities will require a much more comprehensive plan and involve broader and more diverse partnerships. For more information, visit

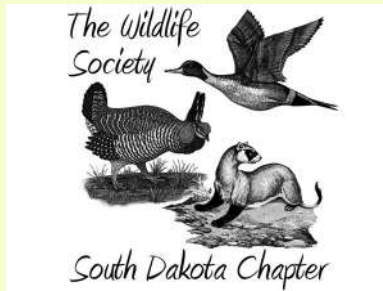
<https://gfp.sd.gov/rawa/>, <https://www.nwf.org/Our-Work/Wildlife-Conservation/Policy/Recovering-Americas-Wildlife-Act> and <https://ournatureusa.com/>

Eileen Dowd Stukel, SDGFP

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Plains Section of The Wildlife Society



Summer  
Newsletter  
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# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter, 523 E. Capital Ave.

Pierre, SD (605) 773-4345

**Executive Board Meeting, July 19, 2021**

**9 AM – 12 PM (CST)**

*DeJong called the meeting to order at 9:10AM (CST). Meeting conducted via Zoom video conference with Heimerl, Lonsinger, Greenwalt, and DeJong present.*

- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
  - Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (4/22/21)
    - *DeJong asked about the typical meeting frequency and when the next meeting should generally be for the board, Heimerl stated that typically the board should meet quarterly, with the next meeting in September (as this meeting was slightly off from the typical schedule).*
    - *Lonsinger motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Heimerl. No further discussion; all in favor, minutes approved*
  - Approval of Treasurer's report
    - *Greenwalt reviewed recent income and expenses since last board meeting, along with an update on the current membership roster*
    - *Heimerl motioned to approve report, seconded by Lonsinger*
- Old Business
  - Annual Meeting Review
    - *Speakers*
    - *Meeting Theme*
    - *With Nieves and Kopp absent from the meeting, the group determined to schedule another meeting specifically to discuss this topic. DeJong will poll the group again for dates between Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.*
  - Meetings with Committee Chairs
    - *The group discussed having the committee chairs invited to the next board meeting (approx. September), probably an hour after the scheduled start so that the business items are completed. This will be an opportunity to discuss committee engagement with the membership, progress toward reporting for the annual meeting, and any thoughts/ideas the committee chairs might have for interesting newsletter topics, workshops/events for the membership, and other topics of interest. Heimerl mentioned this would also be a good opportunity to make sure that committee chairs understand their committee role and purpose going forward. Lonsinger suggested that a set of questions/discussion topics could be generated to facilitate discussion. The group would like to see a good response from committee chairs on the meeting, even if they are unable to attend. DeJong will draft an email and run that by the board, to include an intro to the meeting with discussion points highlighted.*



- New Business

- Upcoming newsletter ideas and topics

- *The Spring newsletter was a bit later than usual, so the summer one, which typically is sent out in August, may be a bit late this year as well per Heimerl.*
    - *The group discussed a notice regarding KC Jensen's retirement—Lonsinger has reached out via email with some questions for KC for the notice but will try again through Facebook.*
    - *Notes from the Field was started as a new section in the last newsletter.*

- TWS Annual Conference and SDTWS Chapter Representation

- *Lonsinger, Heimerl, and DeJong all plan to attend via their agencies.*
    - *Lonsinger mentioned that in the past, there has been a grant opportunity offered to students who register to present or attend workshops at the conference, and suggested the Chapter offer this again. Board members all agreed. Upon review of past grants and pricing for registration, a per-applicant cap of \$200 was discussed, and a limit suggested of 10 grants for a total of \$2000, to be reviewed if additional applications beyond that total apply. Last year had 4-5 applicants, per Heimerl. Heimerl motioned to set a \$200 per-applicant cap with 10 grants available for a total of \$2000, to be reviewed should more applications be received. Greenwalt seconded, all in favor, motion approved.*
      - *A link for the applications will be posted to the TWS chapter website and information sent to the universities in the state with a link to the application page on the website. DeJong will receive the applications and will review and send them on to the board members via email for approval as in the past.*

- Next meeting

- *DeJong will get a date set up to plan the annual meeting for the chapter and will work on setting a date for the next regularly scheduled board meeting as well*

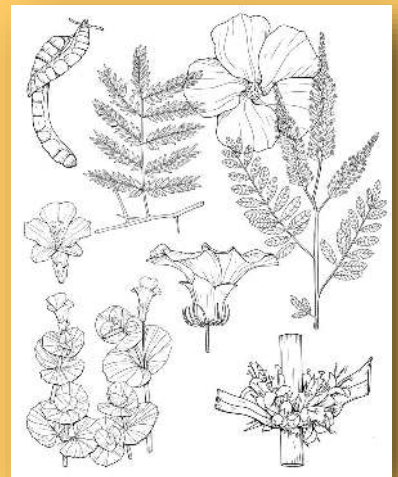
*Motion to adjourn by Greenwalt, second by Heimerl.*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:39AM (CST)*

## **New Book Coming out next year ....**

### ***Aquatic Plants of Nebraska***

Gutzmer, M.P., D. Granville, and B. Henrickson. 2022. **Aquatic Plants of Nebraska**. University of Nebraska, School of Natural Resources, Conservation and Survey Division. 270 p. (submitted for publication).





# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

South Dakota Chapter, 523 E. Capital Ave.

Pierre, SD (605) 773-4345

**Executive Board Meeting, August 6, 2021**

**11 AM – 11:35 PM (CST)**

*DeJong called the meeting to order at 11:03AM (CST). Meeting conducted via Zoom video conference with Heimerl, Lonsinger, Neiles, and DeJong present.*

- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
  - Approval of minutes from last executive board meeting (7/19/21)
    - *DeJong noted the date at the top of the meeting minutes needed to be changed from April to July.*
    - *Lonsinger motioned to approve minutes with the edit, seconded by Neiles. No further discussion; all in favor, minutes approved*
- Old Business
  - Student travel grant application was updated and posted on the SD TWS website. No applications have been submitted so far.
  - Annual Meeting Planning
    - *Speakers – Neiles suggested Randy Olson, Joe Riis, Morgan Heim, Land Tawney, Sylvia Christen, and Erika Billerbek. Greenwalt suggested Sam Soholt. Lonsinger suggested Don McCrea and Christine Thomas. The board discussed and selected Christine Thomas. Neiles will try and contact her for the keynote address on 3/3/21.*
    - *Meeting theme – Neiles discussed his proposed theme of “Challenge of Change”, which could encompass many different topics that relate to wildlife and management of wildlife*
    - *Workshops – With the recent spike in Covid cases occurring it was determined that a workshop would not be an option this year as it would be difficult to conduct a workshop online if the annual meeting format needed to change to online.*
    - *Fundraising – there is no chair for this committee. Neiles will reach out and see if he can find someone interested in helping out.*
    - *Sponsors – will send an email to them in the fall with meeting details.*
    - *Discussion of a “big item” for the raffle.*

*Motion adjourned at 11:35 AM CST. Notes submitted by Julie DeJong.*



# SDTWS Executive Board 2021

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## Grant Opportunities



The South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society offers a Student Travel Grant to help pay for attending a national or state TWS Annual Conference. The Chapter also offers a Student Membership Sponsorship Grant which will cover student annual dues for membership into TWS if you are a student board member of a Student Chapter of TWS in South Dakota. For more information of how to apply for either grant, click [here](#).



# SDTWS Life Members

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## **SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF TWS**

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**Nominations and Elections** President, Julie DeJong

**Program** President Elect, Brady Neiles

**Resolutions and Public Statements** Paul Coughlin (605) 773-4194

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**Certification:** Eileen Dowd Stukel (605) 773-4229

**Chapter History** Corey Huxoll (605) 773-4195

**Energy Committee** Kent (KC) Jensen\_(605) 688-4781

**Fee Hunting and Ownership of Wildlife** Andy Lindbloom (605) 394-1751

**Fundraising** **VACANT**

**Grasslands Issues:** **VACANT**

**Missouri River Issues:** Nathan Baker (605) 223-7709

**Newsletter** Jennifer Briggs (605) 256-2974

**Public Lands Management** Eddie Childers (605)433-5203 and Chuck Berdan (605)210-0099

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**Wetlands** Randy Meidinger\_(605) 380-0380

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## **The South Dakota Chapter TWS Objectives are:**

- To develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environment upon which wildlife and humans depend.
- To undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation.
- To increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values.
- To seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

### **To aid in the achievement of these objectives, the South Dakota Chapter proposes to:**

- Provide opportunities for better liaison among individual members, their Section, and The Society.
- Evaluate and respond to the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife or its habitats.
- Recognize and commend outstanding professional achievements in maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats for wildlife.
- Focus the aims and objectives of The Society and the Central Mountains and Plains Section upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and events in local situations.
- Encourage communication between members and nonmembers to facilitate understanding and effectiveness of research and management of wildlife resources.
- Evaluate the principles involved in proposed or enacted public or private actions that could affect wildlife and to make these evaluations known to the public and public officials.

## SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Application for Membership/Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (indicate home or work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (for newsletter delivery) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please note:

SDTWS's newsletter, A Prairie Voice, is all electronic. Therefore, an email address must be provided above in order to receive it (paper copies will be provided only to individuals who do not have a computer, internet access, or an email address). Email is also the typical mode of communication concerning other SDTWS news.

**Please check one:** \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member

\*If you did not renew your dues in 2018, you will be considered a new member in 2019 as per the SDTWS Bylaws.

### Please check box:

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**By becoming a member of SD TWS, I support the Chapter's bylaws and objectives:**

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