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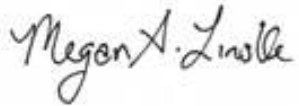
A message from the president

Hello Northeast Section Members!

I do not know about the rest of you, but it seems like this summer flew by. While this may be upsetting to most of us as we trade in sunblock for school supplies, I also find this time exciting and full of promise! I personally always loved to organize my bags and binders, adopt the planner that would inevitably turn to chaos about four weeks into the school year, and register for a myriad of classes as the days came closer. I know not everyone shares the same excitement for post-its and pens as I do, but I also willingly went to school for what some might say was far too long. All of my personal reminiscing aside, the impending academic year has also been full of optimism as I have been receiving numerous notifications of newly elected committee members for student chapters of The Wildlife Society.

Message from the president continued...

This is my first time as president of the Northeast, and therefore my first time seeing the names of the next generation of wildlife professionals cross my path. I want to commend you all for taking on these leadership roles within your future field. I appreciate your hard work, ambition, and passion for this profession. That is the beauty of this organization and truly one of my favorite aspects: the connectivity and inclusivity. We are constantly growing, adapting, and learning from one another. I encourage all our members to reach out to the students and young professionals during this time. While we might not all be going to school in the next couple weeks, we are all still learning and can most certainly learn from one another.



Megan A. Linske, Ph.D.
President, Northeast Section

Chapter Updates

No updates this quarter.



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Member Spotlight with Dr. John Organ 2020 TWS Leopold Award Winner



What is your current position and specialization?

Scientist Emeritus, U.S. Geological Survey, Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units. Currently I serve as an associate editor of a journal, science editor for a magazine, and I still advise graduate students. I am also involved in establishing a master's degree program for climate adaptation leadership at a major university (not within the section) that will have an international footprint. I am also co-editing 2 books, one on the future of the Endangered Species Act, and another an introductory wildlife biology text.

What made you decide to get into the wildlife profession?

I spent a lot of time outdoors as a kid and young adult, and I wanted a profession that would foster continuation of that. I gained a deep fascination for wild animals at an early age, and when I learned wildlife biology was a profession, there was no question as to what my major would be in college.

What is the best part of your job?

Being retired but active professionally, I have more latitude in what I choose to do. I am stimulated by adventure; opportunities to engage in research, particularly internationally, gives me great enjoyment. When I was Chief of the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units, I was always enthused meeting with students at the various Coop Units around the country. It gave me reassurance that conservation would be in good hands. I also had opportunity to become deeply involved in policy development and training professionals in Peru, and teaching and research in Chile. That has been immensely rewarding.

Member Spotlight continued...

What advice would you give to early-career wildlife professionals?

Put everything into your job, but save time and space to become involved outside of your agency or organization. TWS is a great way to expand your knowledge and your community of professionals. Engage, meet people, become involved. However, do not sacrifice your ability to enjoy nature in the ways that are most meaningful to you.

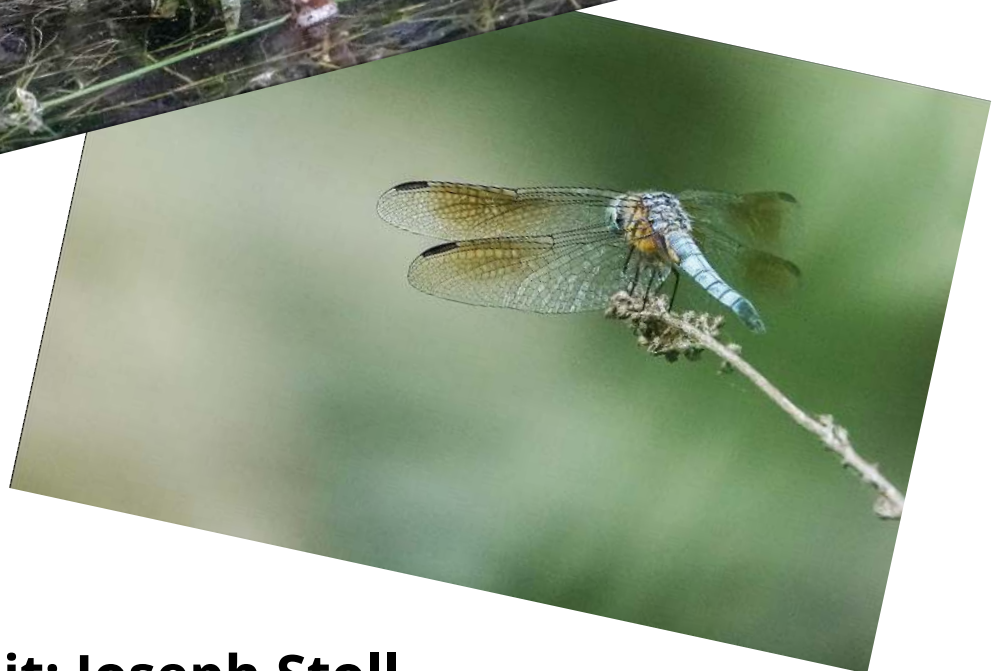


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Upcoming Meetings and Trainings



Nov. 1 – 5, 2021

PLEASE JOIN US!
111TH AFWA ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2021
<https://www.afwaannualmeeting.org/>

- **VT Fish and Wildlife Field** ●
- **Course 2022 (Dates TBD)** ●

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