

TWS Council Candidate Biographic Sketch North Central Representative – 2022

John P. Loegering

Education

1997	Ph.D. Wildlife Science, Oregon State University – Corvallis, OR
1992	M.S. Fisheries and Wildlife Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – Blacksburg, VA
1988	B.S. Zoology and Biology, North Dakota State University – Fargo, ND Minors in Botany and Chemistry

Present Position

Professor, University of Minnesota Crookston
Wildlife Specialist, University of Minnesota Extension

Former Positions

2000-present	Professor, University of Minnesota Crookston and Wildlife Specialist, University of Minnesota Extension
2019-2020	Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources Dept., University of Minnesota Crookston
2016-2017	Interim Head, Math, Science and Technology Dept., University of Minnesota Crookston
1997-2000	Research Associate and Teaching Fellow, Oregon State University

The Wildlife Society Activities: Member since 1986; Certified Wildlife Biologist, 2001.

- Student Chapter Advisor, 2000-present.
- Minnesota Chapter (2000-present): President-elect, President, Past-President (2007-2009); Chair, Student Quiz Bowl (2013-present); Webmaster (2000-2014).
- North Central Section (2002-present): President-elect, President, Past-President (2011-2013); Webmaster (2001-2014).
- Working Groups: College and University Education (2001-present)-Treasurer (2011-present), Regional representative (2001-2003). Conservation Education and Outreach (2010-present)-Secretary/Treasurer (2015-2019). Wildlife Damage Management (2010-present).
- TWS Awards: Fellow (2019), Jim McDonough Award (2015), Student Chapter Advisor Award (2004). Service to Chapter Awards, Minnesota & Oregon, 1998, 2004, 2007, 2013, 2014.
- Annual Conference Committees: Student Quiz Bowl Committee (Chair 2012-2013, member 2016-present); Program Committee subcommittee chair (2005, 2002) and member (2018, 2009, 2007).
- Other TWS Committees: Jim McDonough Award (2019, 2018), Excellence in Wildlife Education Award (2012 – present), Electronic Publications Committee (2003-2005), Professional Development (chair, 1998-1999; member 1997-1999). I also chaired the committees to review and update organizational charter/bylaws for the College and University Education WG (2020), Conservation Education and Outreach WG (2019), North Central Section (2011) and the Minnesota Chapter (2008).

Other Professional Affiliations

- Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals
- American Ornithologists' Union
- Minnesota Ornithologists' Union
- Association of Field Ornithologists
- Cooper Ornithological Society
- Society for Conservation Biology
- Wilson Ornithological Society

Leadership Experience (professional and organizations, up to 5):

Most of my professional leadership outside of TWS has been on campus as chair of over 30 standing committees associated with faculty governance and faculty searches. Most recently, I chair two or more committees annually. On a small campus, the service needs are disproportionately higher such that I have an opportunity to practice committee leadership frequently. I also have accepted two temporary administrative leadership roles detailed below, but returned to the faculty to meet the teaching needs in the program.

Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, University of Minnesota Crookston, 2019-2020. I led my home department through a period of academic program restructuring. I coordinated evaluation of the administrative goals to streamline degree programs by re-organizing and/or merging faculty affiliations and departmental units. Throughout, I sharpened my collaborative communication skills among my colleagues during a time of heightened anxiety and uncertainty. The experience highlighted the importance of fostering open, trusting communication in organizations.

Interim Head, Math, Science and Technology Department, University of Minnesota Crookston, 2016-2017. I led a department across campus for a year as they searched for a permanent head. The strongest skills I developed were principally in human resource management, faculty and staff evaluation, and financial management of an academic department. I personally enjoyed advising and mentoring faculty to meet their personal, professional, and promotion goals.

Principal Professional Interests

formal and non-formal education, habitat management, ornithology, outreach, reproductive performance, urban wildlife

Views: Limit of 250 words.

For 3+ decades, TWS has been my career partner. I joined the student chapter as a freshman, and TWS impacted my professional life through opportunities, mentoring, and challenges. I have had the privilege of serving as a TWS officer at the student, state, and section level, and that opportunity shaped me as a scientist, educator, and leader. I enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to serve TWS and repay the decades of investment in my success. If elected, I pledge to tirelessly represent my colleagues in the Section.

I believe TWS has several opportunities to remain strong and vibrant. I believe we must continue to recruit, retain, and activate student members and early career professionals. Moreover, TWS will be

better served by efforts to assure our membership continues to diversify and better represent societal demographics. The Women of Wildlife and Out in the Field initiatives are an excellent start, but we must do better to represent all the publics we serve. I also support TWS continuing an active professional development strategy needed to support the rapid career advancement of members coincident with the wave of retirements in the near future. I believe TWS's role is essential in the policy arena both by directly working with policy makers (e.g., Policy Program staff work) and the grassroots efforts implemented through the Conservation Affairs Network. We must address conservation concerns about declines in governmental funding models and the public sentiment devaluing the role of professional wildlife management within the context of the North American Model.