

President's Message

Happy fall to WY-TWS members! I hope that all of you are enjoying the season and getting ready to migrate, hibernate, or cache your food for the winter ahead.

Fall is a transition season for WY-TWS too, and we are getting ready to welcome new board members and say goodbye to others. In November, we will say goodbye to two outstanding board members who have dedicated so much time and energy to our chapter. Tayler LaSharr has spent the last three years leading the chapter during the COVID pandemic, including planning a virtual conference in 2020, organizing a monthly webinar series showcasing Wyoming research and keeping everyone connected, and most recently building a brand new WY-TWS website from scratch! We are also saying goodbye to Emily Reed, who has served as a board member at-large for the past two years. Emily took on the membership tracking duties for the chapter and significantly improved our membership database and renewal reminder system. She was also a voice for diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts on the board. Finally, we benefited greatly from Emily's graphic design skills (including perhaps the most sought-after conference mugs in the history of WY-TWS!). Thank you for everything you have done for WY-TWS, Tayler and Emily!

I will also be transitioning into the Past President position in November and turning over the President seat to Anna Chalfoun. I am really looking forward to seeing where Anna will take the chapter over the next year, including planning a phenomenal upcoming 2023 conference! I am very proud of the work that WY-TWS has accomplished over the past year, including holding our first in-person conference since COVID, building a diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative and incorporating this into all aspects of our chapter, beginning a process to revise our strategic plan and bylaws, and continuing to strengthen our financial sustainability. It has been my absolute pleasure to serve as your President for the past year and I'm excited to see where the chapter is headed in the future!

I hope you enjoy this fall's newsletter and thank you for being a WY-TWS member!

Stay warm out there!

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