



Officer Election: Call for Nominations

**Want to join a fun team to advance the mission
of the Wetlands Working Group?**

The Wetlands Working Group of the Wildlife Society is seeking nominations for the open positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. The Vice Chair would serve as such for the 2023-2024 term, succeed to Chair for 2024-2025, and then become Past Chair for the 2025-2026 term: a total service period of 3 years. The Secretary/Treasurer position would serve in 1 or more-year intervals. Service would begin at the annual membership meeting for the Wetland Working Group, to be held during the virtual TWS Annual Conference November 5 – 9, 2023.

Officers develop content for the biannual newsletter, assist with organizing symposia, identify social media content applicable to the Group's mission, and participate in other activities as needed to increase communication about wetland and wildlife-related issues among WWG members.

Board Meetings are once a month by conference call (1 hour), so you can participate from anywhere! Including monthly meetings, time commitments average 2-4 hours/month for Vice Chair, Past Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer, and 4-8 hours/month for Chair.

The duties are outlined in the WWG Charter, and are summarized as follows:

VICE CHAIR — The Vice Chair assumes the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair and performs other duties as needed. The Vice Chair helps with promotion and marketing responsibilities (e.g., newsletters) and other duties as needed. Upon completion of a full term as Vice Chair (or Chair-elect), the Chair-elect succeeds to the position of Chair. The Chair's responsibilities are detailed above. Upon completion of a full term as Chair, the Chair succeeds to the position of immediate Past Chair. The Past Chair shall serve as the Chair of the

Nominating and Election Committee and will be responsible for soliciting two additional members to serve on the committee. In addition, the immediate Past Chair will perform any duties assigned by the Chair.

SECRETARY – The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the files, records, and funds of the Working Group. Duties shall include recording the minutes of all membership and Executive Board meetings; issuing copies of the minutes to the Executive Board, members, and Society; the receipt and disbursement of funds; preparing and submitting an annual fiscal-year financial report to the Executive Board, members, and Society; and preparing an annual budget for approval by the Executive Board.

Our bylaws indicate we need at least 2 people to run for each position, so consider nominating yourself or a colleague who is committed to wetland conservation!

New and existing members are welcome to run for Board positions.

**Please submit all nominations to the
Nominations Committee Chair, James Morel, via email,
James.morel@tpwd.texas.gov by Oct 1, 2023.**

Nominations should include name, contact information, photo of you in the field, and a brief bio.



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APPLY NOW!

\$1,000 Wetland Habitat & Wildlife Research Scholarship Available!

Applications Due Oct. 4, 2023



Any student member of the WWG pursuing graduate research on wetland habitat and/or wetland dependent wildlife can apply.

To apply, submit the following to James Morel

(james.morel@tpwd.texas.gov) by Oct. 4th

1. A 2-page project description, including Abstract, Rationale, Need for Funds, and Management Implications.
2. Cover Letter stating career goals and involvement with TWS.
3. CV with 3 references (advisor, plus 2 more).

Applications will be evaluated on four criteria:

1. Scientific merit
2. Achievability
3. Originality and Creativity
4. Alignment with TWS WWG mission

The winner will be announced at the WWG Annual Meeting during the TWS conference (meeting date/time TBD)

Questions? Contact James Morel at james.morel@tpwd.texas.gov

Thank you WWG members who donated to make this scholarship possible!



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STUDENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

Apply Now!

In order to increase student awareness and participation in the Wetlands Working Group (WWG), we will fund early registration conference fees for one student member of the WWG to attend the TWS Annual Conference in Louisville, KY. New and existing student members are encouraged to apply! Students interested in being considered for this award should email a CV and a brief cover letter discussing their interest in wetland research, management, and conservation to James Morel (james.morel@tpwd.texas.gov) by 4 October 2023 with 'Student Grant Application' in the subject line. The winner will be notified by 31 October and will be reimbursed early registration cost for the 2022 TWS Conference. Applicants must be a member of the WWG by the application deadline. Attendance at the WWG annual meeting is recommended so that recognition of award receipt can occur.

