# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

**SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE FORM**

Congratulations on being nominated for consideration as a Section Representative to The Wildlife Society’s Council. To help facilitate the nomination process by the Section, please complete this form by February 16th, 2024**:**

1. A résumé (following the format outlined below);
   1. You can either send separately or use this form to fill in the resume information.

**2)** A head and shoulders photograph; and

**3)** The information requested on the bottom portion of this sheet

**RESUME FORMAT FOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

**Nominee for: \_\_CANADIAN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SECTION**

**Personal Data:** place of birth – Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

**Education:**

2000 - 2004 Acadia University, Wolfville, NS

M.Sc. Biology (Wildlife Biology/Ecology)

**Thesis:** Population parameters and multivariate modeling of winter habitat

for moose (*Alces alces*) on mainland Nova Scotia.

1992 – 1997 Acadia University, Wolfville, NS

B.Sc. Honours (Biology) (Wildlife Biology/Ecology)

**Thesis:** Population dynamics of the eastern coyote (*Canis latrans*) in

Nova Scotia.

**Present Position (s):**

Jan. 2024 – Present – **University of Winnipeg**

Lecturer, Forest Wildlife Management Course

Nov. 2023 – Present - **Province of Manitoba, EDITNR, Wildlife Branch**

Wildlife Manager – Eastern Region

**Former Positions:**

Mar. 2023 – Oct 2023 **– Province of Manitoba, EDITNR, Wildlife Branch**

A/Wildlife Manager – Central Region

Mar. 2007 – Present – **Province of Manitoba, Natural Resources and Northern Development**

Caribou Biologist

Feb. 2006 - **Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Moose Aerial Survey**

Fall, 2005 - **Atlantic Bird Observatory/Acadia U., Bander in Charge, Seal Island**

May-Sept 2005 - **Environment Canada, CWS, Hepetofaunal and fish survey**

Conducted self directed field work to determine the presence or absence of herpetofaunal species along with freshwater fish species. Responsible for data compilation and writing of final technical report.

**Wildlife Society Activities:**

TWS Member – 2013 – Present

Certification – Certified Wildlife Biologist - 2021

Member of Manitoba Chapter of TWS – 2013 - Present

President-Elect of Manitoba Chapter of TWS

President of Manitoba Chapter of TWS – 2014

President-Elect of Canadian Section of TWS - 2019

President of Canadian Section of TWS – 2020 – March 2022

Past-President of Manitoba Chapter of TWS – 2015

Past-President of Canadian Section of TWS – 2022/23

**Other Professional Affiliations:**

N/A

**Leadership Experience (professional and organizations):**

Beausejour/Brokenhead Minor Hockey Association, President

* Leadership skills developed
  + ***Strategic thinking*** – decision making is often required in short time frames for minor hockey. Using all available information is required to make an objective decision.
  + ***Team work*** – implementing a minor hockey program/season requires the ability to work together as a team to ensure all aspects are planned for
  + ***Conflict Resolution*** – minor hockey can be very “political” and be an activity where controversy and conflict thrive. Dealing with disciplinary issues with Players or Bench staff can be challenging and requires a steady approach.
  + ***Open Communication*** – it is important to continuously communicate with the membership to ensure everyone knows what is happening and decisions that are being made.
  + ***Adaptability*** – being able to adapt quickly in minor hockey is important to ensure decisions are made in a timely manner and allows for program pivoting as needed throughout the season.
  + ***Problem-solving*** – as daily events unfold in a minor hockey program, leaders are often faced with having to resolve spur of the moment problems. It requires the ability to identify the issue, the cause and developing a plan to resolve the problem.

Eastman Minor Hockey Association, Member at Large, League Director

* **Planning and Delivery** – As a league director, planning for the season in advance to ensure the program is ready for implementation is important during the off-season.

Beausejour/Brokenhead Minor Baseball Association, Umpire in Chief

* Leadership skills developed
  + ***Mentoring*** young upcoming umpires to help them improve their confidence and on field positioning.

**Principal Professional Interests:** Population biology, wildlife ecology, species at risk, conservation biology, wildlife management

**Views**:

Over the past twenty-one years, I have had extensive experience working in various government settings that has included various fieldwork settings with the last fifteen years focused on Species at Risk management. I am a professional certified wildlife biologist. What first drew me to this profession was the opportunity to make a meaningful difference for wildlife, to work outdoors, travel, and work with others as part of a productive team. My passion for wildlife has greatly influenced my work ethic. The Wildlife Society has provided me with a great opportunity to network with other wildlife professionals that has lead to life long friendships. Having the opportunity to help in a small way guide the Canadian Section to becoming a larger voice for Canadian wildlife has been an honor and privilege. I look forward to furthering the voice of wildlife professionals as stewards of Canadian wildlife.

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**Name** Dennis Brannen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Print name **exactly** as you want it to appear in the *eWildlifer* and on the official ballot if selected as one of the two candidates for your section.)

**Address**

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