

**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 1, 2026:

**CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

**Nominee for: Central Mountains & Plains Section**

**Personal Data:** Neligh, Nebraska

**Education:** Ph.D. and M.S., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
B.S., Eastern Illinois University  
A.A., Northeast Community College

**Present Position:** Associate Professor, Kansas State University (2020 – present)

**Former Positions:**

- Assistant Professor, Kansas State University (2015 – 2020)
- Graduate Research Assistant, University of Illinois and Illinois Natural History Survey (2007 – 2015)
- Illinois Army National Guard (2005 – 2010)
- United States Army (2001 – 2005)
- Water Resources Technician and Operations Supervisor, Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (1998 – 2001)

**Wildlife Society Activities:**

- TWS Member (2006 – present)
- TWS Fellow (2022)
- Certified Wildlife Biologist® (2017)
- TWS Leadership Institute (2016)
- President of the Kansas Chapter of TWS (2023 – 2025)
- President of the Central Mountains & Plains Section of TWS (2018 – 2020)
- Editorial Advisory Board of *The Wildlife Professional* (2018 – 2021)
- Publication Awards Committee (2013 – 2019)
- Chair of The Aldo Leopold Award Committee (2025 – present)
- Current member of state TWS chapters in Kansas (2015 – present), Nebraska (2018 – present), and Minnesota (2020 – present).
- Was/Is a member numerous working groups including the Wetland's Working Group and Native People's Wildlife Management Working Group

**Other Professional Affiliations:**

- American Society of Mammalogists (Life Member)
- The Great Plains Natural Science Society (Life Member)

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

- President, Kansas Chapter of TWS (2023 – 2025)
- Chair, TWS Aldo Leopold Award Committee (2025 – present)
- President, Central Mountains & Plains Chapter of TWS (2018 – 2020)
- Chair, Kansas State University College of Agriculture Committee on Planning (2025 – present)
- Undergraduate Program Director, Kansas State University Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources (2020 – 2022; 2024 – 2025)

**Principal Professional Interests:** I am an applied ecologist that studies how landscape changes affect wildlife population demographics, and I train students to become future wildlife professionals.

**Views:** I've been a member of The Wildlife Society for two decades. During this time, I've volunteered for multiple leadership roles and said 'yes' to many side quests to help advance the mission of TWS. The work has genuinely been rewarding and I'm excited for the opportunity to keep helping where I can. I believe that TWS needs to be a strong advocate for all wildlife professionals. This is especially true given the current and future uncertainty in many of our own careers and life's work. To be a strong advocate for all our wildlife professionals, TWS needs to proactively be an external influence on policy makers and the public. We need to make sure our collective voice is effective and that our conservation and wildlife management interests are being considered when and where policy is crafted. I would like to help represent the collective interests and voices of wildlife professionals working in the Central Mountains & Plains Section as their representative to TWS Council.

**Photo:** Attach a "head and shoulders" photograph (ideally in .jpg, .jpeg or .tif format)

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**Please provide the following information and return with the requested biographical data and photograph:**

**Name** Adam A. Ahlers

(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.)

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