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TWS National Conference in a Nutshell: Hawaii, 2011

By Sarah Bucklin, CWB, CMPS Board Member At-Large

Each fall over 1,000 TWS members make the journey to attend the national TWS conference. Some members present posters or deliver presentations. Others attend the meeting for professional development, to learn about new research results, to network, to reconnect with colleagues, to meet new wildlifers, to mentor students, to participate in leadership events including national council meetings and working group meetings, or perhaps even to receive a national award.

It's a wonderful opportunity and moment in time to immerse one's self with wildlife professionals from all over the world coming together in one place to meet, discuss new ideas and issues, challenges, solutions, etc. This is a special meeting.

This year's conference on the "Big Island" additionally provided attendees the chance to learn about the many wildlife challenges that Hawaii is dealing with including thousands of alien species that have established themselves throughout the islands, vanishing habitats, diseases, and other resource limitations. Hawaii is known as "the extinction capital of world", but today numerous wildlife professionals are working hard to revive Hawaii's native species. Conference participants had many opportunities to meet them and learn about their work.

Though Hawaii was pricey to travel to, two things in addition to the conference made it all the more memorable and worthwhile to "go the distance":

- 1) Hawaiian sunsets and
- 2) swimming alongside sea turtles in the big blue

Once you got there, those experiences were free, yet . . . priceless



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president's MESSAGE

I hope everybody is enjoying their Harvest Season. Whether it be harvesting the last of the garden veggies, tree fruit, or deer and elk, many of us are scurrying around trying to balance work with squirreling away nature's bounty for the winter. This is one of my favorite times of the year, both because the hot weather is finally over and because my freezer and cupboards get stocked up again.

This summer I hoped you had time to join us in Gering, NE; we really had a great time. At the meeting, we concluded the voting for our newest round of Board Members. Congratulations to Sarah Bucklin (WY) and Karl Grover (KS), our new CMPS Board Members; and to Bill Vodehnal (NE), our new President-elect. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Gary White (CO) has been re-elected as our Representative to Council.

Our national meeting was held a bit later than usual this year, and as I write this several of our members are enjoying themselves in Hawaii, including several students that we were able to help financially support. You'll read a report from our council representative and our members regarding their experience in this issue.

During our summer meeting we heard updates regarding natural resource issues occurring throughout our region, including pipeline development, wind energy projects, and natural resource extraction projects. These issues may have positive or negative impacts on natural resources that you are interested in. I urged you to stay involved in your chapter and be proactive in commenting on the projects in your region. For my part, I will send information to your chapter presidents whenever I hear of anything that might affect our Section. Additionally, you can subscribe to the TWS Wildlife News Brief that has links to more in depth information on wildlife news across the country.

I hope you enjoy and are inspired by the state and student chapter updates in this newsletter. Have a wonderful winter season; I look forward to reporting your endeavors in our Spring newsletter.

Cheers,

Nicki



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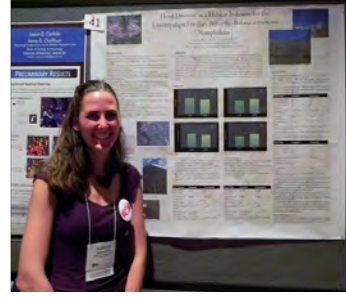
CMPS Sends Three Students to Hawaii



Preparing for quiz bowl! We hoped our Tiki god would bring us good luck. Left to Right: Alecia Lambert, Rebecca Doll, and Kat Bernier.

Kat Bernier, Alecia Lambert, and Rebecca Doll of the Western State College of Colorado Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society attended the 18th Annual Wildlife Society Conference in early November on the beautiful Big Island of Hawai'i. We collectively represented Western State, but separately, we identified with distinct wildlife topics; Kat has interests in carnivore research, particularly mustelids; Alecia, who has picked up a major in math, is intrigued by mathematical modeling of wildlife populations; and Rebecca is drawn towards wildlife conservation and biodiversity. Although we all have our different areas of interest in wildlife biology, the meeting was able to satisfy each of our individual fascinations through the plethora of diverse talks and roundtable discussions. Rebecca Doll and Kat Bernier had fun presenting their undergraduate research and answering questions at the Student Research in Progress poster session. As well as attending different discussions, we also participated in the Quiz Bowl, made connections at both the Student-Professional Mixer and Women of Wildlife Mixer, and generated ideas at the Student Chapter breakfast. Throughout these events, we made connections with fellow students, professors, and wildlife professionals from all across the country.

From Alecia's experience she states, "The symposium sessions were most beneficial and intriguing to me; particularly research done on road passage structures for freshwater turtles! I was able to attend a field trip that took me all the way around the island to ulti-



Kat Bernier (top), Alecia Lambert (bottom), and Rebecca Doll (right) were able to attend TWS Annual meetings with the help of CMPS.



mately reach Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The foliage here was lush, and the rain fell nearly all day. Hāpu'u tree ferns, a diurnal owl, wild Nēnē, and Honu, better known as green sea turtles, were all seen on, or in the waters around, the Big Island. This trip was extremely beneficial to me for considering possible graduate school programs and locations, as well as topics of study. I hope one day to return to Hawai'i with a greater knowledge base, where I can expand on what I experienced at this conference!"

Aside from all the fascinating talks about the most current carnivore research, Kat always enjoys the trade show where she can see the newest technology in tracking animal movement and catching animals on film. Additionally, the photo contest showed off some of the best and most captivating wildlife photography. Kat says, "my absolute favorite was the snorkeling field trip. It's so neat to be in a marine system and see all the brightly colored tropical fish, and where life abides by such different aquatic rules. And besides, I got to hold a 'lipstick anemone' in my hand!"

Conference attendance was made possible through generous grant donations, such as that from the Central Mountain and Plains section, volunteering at the Annual Conference, and other fundraising events, like our conservation minded twice weekly coffee and baked goodies table featuring shade-grown, bird friendly coffee.

Thanks again to the CMPS for making it all possible!



TWS Council Report

By Gary C. White, Central Mountain and Plains Section Representative

TWS Council met November 4–5 before the Annual Meeting in Hawaii. Following are some of the highlights that will interest CMPS members. I won't include any narrative about the great snorkeling, delicious Mai Tais, fresh fish dinners, pleasant temperatures, and interesting volcanic geology. Thanks to Stan Harter for providing photos.

New President – Paul Krausman

Paul Krausman, University of Montana, was inaugurated at the new President of TWS at the Hawaii meeting. Paul will serve as President for 1 year, and has served as Vice-President and President-Elect, plus will serve 1 more year as Immediate Past-President. CMPS's own Tom Ryder is now the Immediate Past-President, and will serve one more year on Council.



Leadership Institute Participants from CMPS

Again this year, there were 15 participants selected for the TWS Leadership Institute, with Nichole Cudworth, Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Wyoming Chapter), representing CMPS. Congratulations to Nichole.

The Leadership Institute is a great way for young professionals to get involved with TWS, learn about the Society, and attend the annual meeting. Help get more young professionals from CMPS into next year's program by encouraging them to apply. The deadline is approximately March 1, 2012, with details for applying to the program forthcoming at http://joomla.wildlife.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=147&Itemid=175.

2011 Fellows

Fellow appointments are for life and are announced at the Annual Conference. Recipients are presented with a pin and certificate. Michael R. McEnroe, North Dakota Chapter, was 1 of 8 inducted as a TWS Fellow at the Hawaii meeting. This award recognizes members who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to our profession. Mike has been active in the North Dakota Chapter since 1975, and has served the ND Chapter, Section and parent TWS in a wide variety of ways. Recently, Mike was a co-author for the technical review of the Public Trust Doctrine. Maybe some of you have purchased one of Mike's generous donations of a carving at a TWS auction. From personal experience, I know how much money Mike has made both the ND Chapter and the Section. Congratulations to Mike.



TWS Council Report, continued



Wildlife Society Bulletin

The *Wildlife Society Bulletin* has now been published for 1 year, but the number of subscriptions has been way below been expectations. The first issue contained 9 articles and ran 50 manuscript pages. The second issue had a modest increase in both (11 articles and 71 manuscript pages respectively). The third issue was released online September 22. This special issue on urban deer management (cover to the left) contains 26 articles and 215 pages manuscript pages. Currently, there are 10 articles typeset for the fourth issue (64 pages).

Subscriptions to date (19 September 2011) are 856 individual and 1,655 institutional subscribers. Hopefully, interest in the special issue on urban deer management will help drive up individual subscriptions. Wiley-Blackwell is currently offering the institutional subscription for free in hopes of attracting subscribers for when they begin charging for the Bulletin.

When you renew your TWS membership, please subscribe to the Bulletin. Council approved opening subscription to non-TWS members for the Bulletin at a considerably higher price than for TWS members in an additional attempt to increase individual subscriptions.

Nominate a deserving individual for a Fellows Award for the 2012 Conference in Portland. Nominations are due by February 15, 2012, with details provided on the TWS web site. I can help you prepare and coordinate the nomination – only 2 Fellows are allowed from the Section each year.

2011 Aldo Leopold Memorial Award and Medal Winner

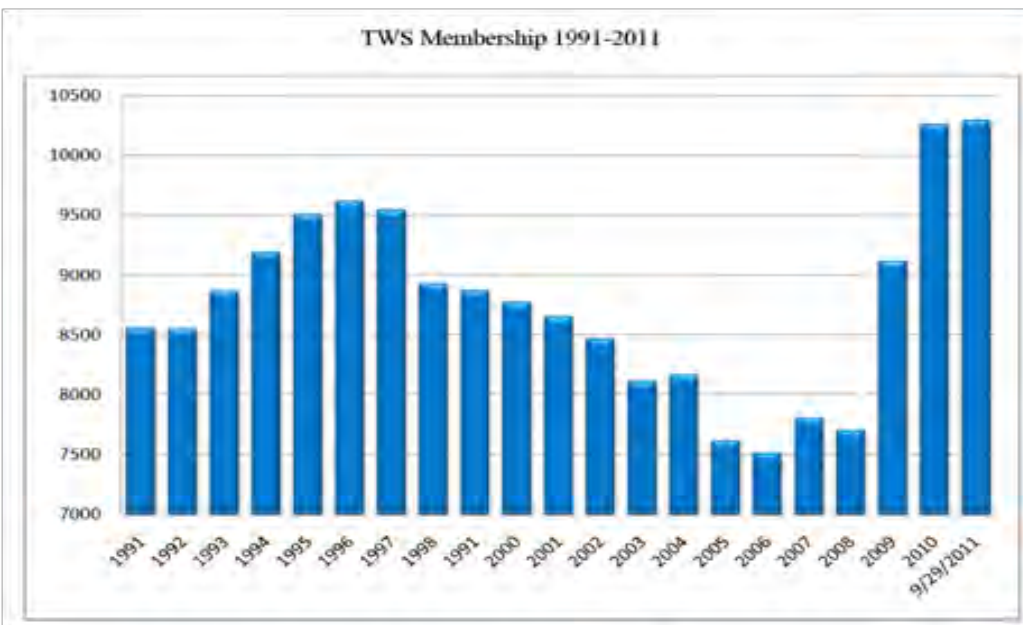
This award honors distinguished service to wildlife conservation and is the highest honor bestowed by The Wildlife Society. This year's recipient was Dr. Kenneth P. Burnham, Colorado Chapter. Most of you probably recognize Ken's name as a long-time Colorado Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit employee. Ken's contributions to wildlife research and management are numerous, but most of you will recognize Ken as the senior author of the book, *Model Selection and Multimodel Inference: A Practical Information-Theoretic Approach*, co-authored with David R. Anderson (Leopold Award and Medal winner in 2004). Congratulations to Ken on this magnificent award – well deserved.



TWS Council Report, continued

Jim McDonough Award

Bob Lanka, Wyoming Chapter, received the Jim McDonough Award in Hawaii. This award recognizes a Certified Wildlife Biologist making a significant contribution to the profession by being active in TWS locally and through program implementation and development of new techniques or approaches. Bob has been a mainstay for CMPS, serving on the Board and as President. The award comes with a check, so get Bob to buy a round the next time you see him. Congratulations to Bob.



Membership Record

Darryl Walter, Director of Membership Marketing and Conferences announced that for the second consecutive year, The Wildlife Society has achieved record membership. As of September 29, 2011, membership is 10,295 surpassing the record of 10,261 achieved in 2010. Darryl is confident that the Society will finish the year higher than the current membership level.

TASER Affinity Program

At the August CMPS meeting in Nebraska, I brought up the issue of the TASER Affinity Program for feedback from the membership present. What follows are more details about the program and how Council handled the issue. At the North American Meeting in March, 2011, Darryl Walter, Director of Membership Marketing and Conferences, was approached by representatives from TASER. TASER had recently published a study they conducted in The Wildlife Professional and they stated they were interested in partnering with TWS for their wildlife management product. Over the next couple of months, TWS senior staff as well as President Ryder and President-elect Krausman met with representatives from TASER in the TWS offices.

President Ryder sent out the affinity proposal to Council in August and after receiving feedback, he has asked the Director of Membership Marketing and Conferences to provide additional information.



TWS Council Report, continued

- TASER will use the TWS logo and name on its website as well to help market their wildlife products.
- TASER will use the wording as detailed in our agreement, “The Wildlife Society supports the approved and responsible use of the TASER X3W ECD for wildlife control by properly trained wildlife professionals.”
- The following language will also be included in the packaging, “TASER International is committed to protecting both human and animal life. TASER’s wildlife devices are not intended for sale to the general public and the company has developed and recommends completion of their wildlife-specific training program for all agencies and non-governmental organizations purchasing the devices. As an extra level of commitment, TASER International will offer wildlife specialists to consult with your agency to comprehensively review your wildlife mitigation strategies. TASER International also will donate \$25 per device sold to The Wildlife Society.”

A group from TASER attended the Council meeting during the discussion of this affinity program. Council voted to NOT approve this affinity agreement, with the main stumbling block the use of the TWS Logo by TASER. However, TASER has agreed to still donate \$25 for each device sold, and so state on their web site, <http://www.taser.com/products/wildlife/taser-x3w>. The use of a taser for aversive conditioning of large, potentially dangerous animals such as brown bears is an interesting application that I think will see more application.

President Krausman appointed a committee to develop guidelines for future possible affinity programs. TWS needs additional sources of income, and affinity programs are a potentially major source of future funding.



75th Anniversary of TWS

The 75th Anniversary of TWS will be celebrated during the TWS Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, October 13–17, 2012. To the right is the 75th Anniversary logo.

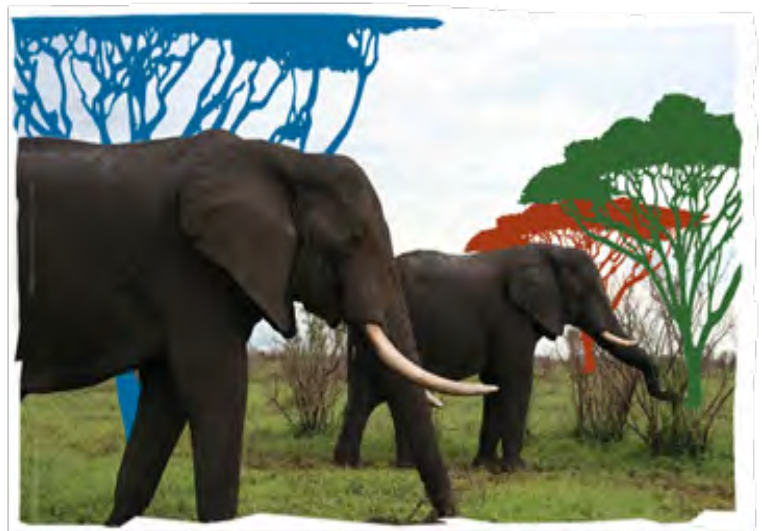
The second ever TWS Annual Conference was hosted in Portland, and I expect the upcoming conference to be one of the best ever. The TWS History Committee and the 75th Anniversary Committee have been working diligently to prepare for the conference. Lots of special activities to recognize this milestone are being planned. Hopefully you can attend and participate.

IV International Wildlife Management Congress (IWMC)

The IV International Wildlife Management Congress (IWMC) is taking place July 9–12, 2012 in Durban, South Africa. Co-hosting the IWMC with TWS is Wildlife Environmental Society of South Africa (WESSA). Mumsie Gumede, the Chief Executive Officer of WESSA attended the Hawaii meeting and provided a nice invitation to the conference. See the web site <http://iwmc2012.org/> for more details on the congress.

Feedback

As always, I welcome your feedback about TWS, and am planning on attending most of the Chapter meetings during the next year to hear from you in person. If not in person, gwhite@cnr.colostate.edu will work, and helps me document your concerns.



Chapter Updates

Chadron State College Wildlife Club

By Jason Clark, President

The Chadron State College (CSC) Wildlife Club has had a busy fall semester. In September, we helped the Nebraska Game and Parks with bird banding at Chadron State Park. We checked mist nets and learned how to band birds. Also in September, our club assisted with a Youth Fishing Day at Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge. In October, we traveled to Bordeaux Creek Wildlife Management Area to meet with biologists from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the National Wild Turkey Federation to discuss our plans to assist with a habitat improvement project in spring 2012.

This fall we also held a raffle at a home football game to raise money to install a fishing line recycling bin at Box Butte State Recreation Area. The bin was a cooperative project between the Nebraska Fish and Game Association and the CSC Wildlife Club. The bin was installed in early November. Our club will be collecting the used fishing line which will be sent to Berkeley where the line is recycled to create fish habitat structures. This line recycling bin is great for our club to sponsor because it benefits fisherman and fish habitat.



Picture: Jason Clark on the left and Harold Fankhauser from the Nebraska Fish and Game Association is on the right

Colorado State University Student Chapter

By Ashley Wurth, President

The Wildlife Society CSU chapter has had a successful fall semester. We had our banquet on Oct 5th with good attendance. Everyone seemed to have a good time socializing, playing games, and fundraising. We were able to raise some money to help pay for our field trips and conclave. We have also had several speakers talk about current research on topics such as ungulates and tourism, USDA projects, albatrosses, and many more. We had a great camping trip at McGregor Ranch where we heard coyotes and elk bugling. We also just visited The Wild Animal Sanctuary where we learned about rescue efforts and large carnivores. We will hold elections soon for a new executive board and have a couple meetings left to talk with the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory and learn about kangaroos.

Emporia State University Student Chapter

By Andrew Rutter, President

The Emporia State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society has taken part in a number of local public wildlife events in Emporia so far this fall 2011 semester. We set up and staffed educational booths at the Bluestem Conservation Days and the Beau Arndt Outdoor Day, both of which went over very well with public attendees. Our annual Wild Game Dinner was held at the ESU's Ross Reservation in October and was well-attended, as always. Several of our members are planning on assembling teams to take part in the annual Hunt for Hunger event here in Emporia in January. Hunt for Hunger is a local hunting competition that supplies local food pantries with wild game meat. Throughout the semester our monthly meetings have been well-attended and our membership continues to grow.

Chapter Updates, continued

Western State College Student Chapter

By Karelia Brown

The Western State College student chapter kicked off the school year with our annual barbeque on September 1, followed immediately by a Bat Trapping Workshop with our awesome CCTWS liaison Raquel Wertsbaugh. That weekend, students also traveled to the Orient Land Trust to watch the exit flight of the large Mexican free-tailed bat bachelor colony. The club has met every two weeks since then. Tuesday, October 25 marked our annual Potluck/Pumpkin Carving meeting. Lauren Bucholz from the Division of Parks and Wildlife was there to talk with us about the volunteer program and opportunities, as well as what it's like to be employed at the Division. Our new member induction will take place on Thursday, November 17 at 6pm.

Among the many workshops being planned for this semester are a Fly Fishing workshop series, as well as a Resume Writing/USAJobs workshop with Russ Japuntich from the Bureau of Land Management. Past workshops are already paying off; the special Hunter's Education workshop the DOW hosted for our student chapter last year has resulted in at least two new elk hunters this year.

Volunteer projects being planned and carried out include helping with the Lake Trout removal at Blue Mesa Reservoir, contributing to the Kokanee spawning efforts at the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery, and assisting Brad Banulis of the Division of Parks and Wildlife with deer trapping/collaring.

Four students and our faculty advisor, Pat Magee, attended the National TWS conference in Hawaii this November, three of whom presented their research at the student poster session. We will also have representatives at the CCTWS chapter meeting in February.

This year's officers are Kristin Barker (President), Kathryn Bernier (Vice President), Trevor Francke (Secretary), Whitney Zerr (Treasurer), and Chris Jones (Publicist).

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

By Josh Kounovsky

The UNL Wildlife Club has been very busy so far this fall. We have educated children at numerous environmental education nights and the school day at the Missouri River Expo. At the school day members taught 5th graders how to use radio telemetry equipment. Some members also attended the Nebraska conclave that was put on by the Wayne State club during the Missouri River Expo. Our bi-weekly meetings have ranged from an NRCS biologist and an alligator. The club is also planning to assist NGPC biologists check in deer during the November rifle season. Members are also planning on attending events such as the Nebraska Chapter of The Wildlife Society annual meeting and the Western Student Conclave in Moscow, ID.



Utah Valley University new student chapter

Central Mountain Plains Section is proud to announce the adoption of a new student chapter in Utah. Utah Valley University, in Orem Utah is our newest student chapter, officially recognized by TWS and CMPS in June. Their student advisor is Melissa Monk. We are proud to have them on board and look forward to meeting them at future CMPS gatherings.



Chapter Updates, continued

Kansas Chapter

By Brad Simpson, President

Whew, what a year this has been! This has been an extremely difficult and frustrating year for me both personally and professionally. I won't bore you with the details, but I can't remember a year like this in my life. Every year to date seemed like progress was being made on all fronts, but for some reason or another this year just seemed to fly by with little production on my part. When I sit in the office, I think about hunting/fishing and when I sit in a tree stand, I think about all the work that needs to be done at the office. The first part of November, I made a new year's resolution that it won't happen again, I would get organized, be more productive, and be relaxed when I am out in the field next year. If it wasn't for the great support I get at home and at work, I'm not sure how the year would have turned out.

I really don't have a great deal to report this time. I know KCTWS members have been out there shaking the bushes for the natural resources of Kansas. Many great things are happening and will continue to happen despite the lack of funding, personnel, other issues that we are faced with. I want to thank Lance McNew, Brad Rueschoff and Jared McJunkin for running for KCTWS Board Member. These are 3 great candidates running for just one position, I encourage everyone to vote.

Congratulations goes to Karl Grover, Karl was elected to the CMPS board member in August. Kansas has been well represented on the CMPS board as well as the annual meeting for a number of years. This year, 7 members attended the CMPS Annual Meeting in Scottsbluff, NE, with three of which were KDWPT retirees. One thing that intrigues me about CMPS is the number of retired members that continue to attend the annual meeting each year. I made the comment in South Dakota that the half the people at the business meeting was comprised of retirees. These retirees have a great time reminiscing with each other and are valuable resource when it comes to CMPS history, but are also actively engaged in CMPS business. They have been mentors to rest of us, when it comes to dedication to our professional societies.

North Dakota State University

The North Dakota State University student chapter of The Wildlife Society provides members with the opportunity to gain extra-curricular experience and information in an exciting, hands-on and collaborative manner, while also working to improve both the environment and community. The chapter has limited membership for the last few years, but this year with modest advertising there has been a rebound of student interest. The Society is now up and running again with about 30 members and a slate of new officers; President Joshua Pierce, Vice President Travis Strehlow, Treasurer David Renton, and Secretary Barbarah Back. The Society is planning for an exciting spring semester which will kick off with a pizza part and Doug Leier with the North Dakota Fish and Game Department as our featured speaker. We are planning a trip to Ely, Minnesota to the International Wolf Center, where members will receive a short course in wolf ecology and radio-telemetry. We will have the unique opportunity to radio-track wild wolves! Also in February, our student chapter plans to attend the North Dakota Wildlife Society Chapter Meetings in Fargo. From invasive species removal to prairie restoration to building wood duck houses, were are keen on giving back to the community, environment, and of course, our wildlife, in addition to gaining hands-on experience during our Society activities

Kansas Chapter, cont.

By the time you receive your newsletter, Christmas will be around the corner, another fall hunting season will be half over and the New Year will be on the horizon. I sincerely wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and that your new year is as great as I expect mine to be. Hope to see everyone at the KNRC Conference in Wichita, January 26-27, 2012.



Chapter Updates, continued

Upcoming State Chapter Meetings

Wyoming	December 6-9, 2011	Teton Science Schools - Jackson Campus
Kansas	January 26-27, 2012	Airport Hilton in Wichita
North Dakota	February 7-9, 2012	Doublewood Inn, Fargo
Colorado	Feb. 15-17, 2012	Two Rivers Convention Center, Grand Junction
South Dakota	February 27 - 29, 2012	Cedar Shores Resort, Oacoma/Chamberlain
Nebraska	??	
Utah	??	



56th CMPS Summer Conference

August 23-25, 2011; Gering, Nebraska

2011 CMPS Business Meeting Minutes

Fall 2011

Introduction of CMPS Executive Board

Introduction of TWS Representatives – Gary White, Section Rep to TWS Council

Attendance: 24 members were present.

- o 5 executive Board Members were present including: Nicki Frey (President), Bob Lanka (past-president), Michelle Cowardin (at-large), Bill Vodehnal (at-large), Theresa Zimmerman (at-large)
 - o It was determined that a quorum of the membership and board were present
1. 2010 CMPS Business Meeting Minutes, Review/Approval – Nicki Frey reviewed – Motion to approve by Michelle Cowardin, seconded by Bailey Heaton, approved by all
 2. Treasurers Report, Review/Approval by Membership – Lisa Church presented by Nicki Frey – Motioned by Bob Wood, seconded by Cory Huxoll, approved by all
 - a. Discussion about reinvesting CD, suggestions to invest in a longer time period, 0.4% interest currently on a 5 year CD, suggestion to buy U.S. treasurer bonds with better interest and can be withdrawn after 3 months, concerns to be tying up the ‘emergency’ money in a 5 year CD that is not really available as needed without penalties, suggestion to open up another savings account for availability and transfer funds, by-laws have the specific amount identified the amount may have been identified to make sure the Section never had a zero balance.
 - b. Gary motions that the money be put into an iShare U.S Treasury bond for 5 years if organizations can purchase, Motion alerted to say that this option is investigated and followed if feasible and possible for organizations, Mel Nenneman seconded, approved by all.
 - i. Post-meeting note: Lisa Church investigated this option and it was determined that we could not buy a US treasurer bond because we are a group.
 3. Audit Committee Report, Review – Chel Curtis presented by Nicki Frey – 10 transactions conducted during period, balances checked out, 2 checks that were issued but not recorded, one was a student travel award that was not cashed and returned (\$500), the other check is still being investigated and is unaccounted for (Check #1188). If check is not located or determined than the check will be canceled. Is continuing to be investigated. Motion to approve by Bill Vodehnal to approve the Audit Report with notice that there is a missing check but balance is correct, seconded by Jim Hayes, approved by all.
 - a. Nicki will notify membership as soon as missing check is resolved.
 - b. Bob remembers giving a check to the treasurer for mailing costs and doesn’t know if it was cashed.
 4. Mission Statement/Strategic Plan update –Nicki Frey- edits and changes were brought to membership in 2010 business meeting, edits and changes have been made and posted to the website. Winter 2011-2012 another Strategic Plan and Mission Statement review will occur. The Document is a living document to change and grow with the Section.
 5. Awards Committee Report – Glen Sargeant – no report was received by Glen before the start of the meeting. Citizens Award – 4 nominations, Professional Award – 3 nominations.
 - a. May want to revise by-laws that specify award date so as to provide more flexibility for the deadline.
 6. Nominations and Elections Committee Report– Brad Simpson – President Elect 2 nominations, At-large 3 nominations. Received 36 Survey Monkey ballots, 1 mail in ballot, and 1 on-site voting.
 - a. Having some difficulty getting state chapters to send out emails to members
 7. Publicity Committee Report– Rae Ann Hart (presented by Nicki Frey)-
 - a. Rae Ann Hart - CMPS newsletter had a formatting change due to change in Editor and different software. Would welcome and new photos with articles or to include in the newsletter. Newsletter is sent to the Chapter Presidents for distributions.

2011 CMPS Business Meeting Minutes, Cont.

Wish list includes contact info for Chapter Webmasters for posting of Section Newsletter on Chapter sites. Section is requesting posting so Chapter members that don't know about CMPS may be made aware of the Section.

8. 2011 Student Travel Grants update – Lisa Church, presented by Nicki Frey-As of today no student's have applied. It has been on the website and in the last 2 newsletters. Email will be sent to Student Chapter Presidents and Advisors. Deadline can be pushed back to Oct 1st since the meeting isn't until November 4th.
9. 2010/2011 Board Report – Nicki Frey- Waiting for additional activities so will be skipped today, included in Newsletter.
10. CMPS Section Rep Report and TWS Activities – Gary White
 - a. National meeting November 4 – 9 in Hawaii.
 - b. New to the meeting is a Women of Wildlife (WOW) mixer. Need picture and short bio for a slide show (few words).
 - c. International Wildlife Congress is being re-started the meeting will be in S. Africa in July 2012.
 - d. Position statement on animal rights and conservation – Gary asked membership for input at the business meeting because he is being asked to vote on the statement.
 - e. Use of TWS logo by a private company on their advertisement and website – came up because of a request to put TWS logo on a taser to be used for wildlife control for exchange of \$25 for each taser sold.
 - i. Motion made by Bob Wood for CMPS to write a letter to TWS President and CC Section Rep that Council needs to provide more information about the use of TWS logo on the Taser to membership and request for membership involvement and input before Council votes or makes a decision. CMPS is not for or against, we need more information to make a decision. Membership feels this is not a decision for Council to make without more input from membership. Seconded by Theresa Zimmerman. Approved by all.
 - ii. General sentiment in the room is that TWS should not be selling the logo and uncomfortable with issue based on the current amount of information provided (26 members).
11. Other Old Business –CMPS Members
 - a. Facebook Page Discussion - Discussion at 2011 Board meeting before the meeting included idea such as using National FB page and send out info. Could help linking student chapters and posting on their pages. Most student TWS chapters probably have FB pages. Gary White will inquire at TWS meeting and bring any FB information or other social networking issues back to CMPS.
 - b. Keystone Pipeline – Bill V. do we need to take a stance on this issue? Discussion about State Chapters writing the letter and taking the lead. One reason is each state may have different reasons for supporting or not-supporting so may be difficult for CMPS to write an all inclusive letter.
 - c. Wind Energy Sighting Issue is throughout CMPS range – This issue was brought up at the 2010 meeting by Jim Hayes. Should CMPS take a stand on Wind Energy Development or maybe ask TWS to be involved? Gary's comments is that TWS should probably have a position statement because it is more of a National or even International issue. Gary recommends that CMPS write a letter to President Ryder requesting TWS to develop a position statement. Some issues are arising where energy companies are getting access to private lands and then not allowing hunting on these areas. South Dakota Chapter has a position statement on Windy Energy Development. North Dakota has an active group on wind energy. Nicki will look into state chapters and see what is available. Letter should focus on sighting issue.
 - i. Nicki will research with States and draft a letter to TWS to request their involvement. Will run letter past CMPS Board and Chapter Presidents.
11. Field Trip or workshops CMPS meetings? – Maybe dependent on location, put a note in the next Newsletter asking the hosting state to think about this topic. 16 people like to attend workshops, 30 people like field trips (including attending Board).



2011 CMPS Business Meeting Minutes, Cont.

Fall 2011

NEW BUSINESS

12. 2011/2012 Budget – Nicki Frey – only change is that membership in 2010 requested student travel be increased to \$2500. Change was made in 2011.
13. 2012 Annual Meeting – update presented by Nicki Frey- ND will be hosting 2012.
 - a. asking for theme suggestions, location suggestion, member volunteers
 - b. change of meeting host schedule
14. Future Annual Meetings
 - a. 2013 – Utah – Nicki will follow up with UT
 - b. 2014 – Wyoming
 - c. 2015 – Kansas
15. Newsletter Due Dates to get information to Nicki for 2011/2012 – request from Gary to Change dates to better follow Council meetings. Request to include Section Reps in email reminders for so they can follow up with State and Student Chapters.
 - a. Fall/Winter 2010 – Sept 15 – Change to Oct 15th
 - b. Spring 2011 – Jan 15 – Change to March 30th
 - c. Summer 2011 – May 15
16. Committees positions on TWS opening up – Nicki Frey and Gary White
17. Consistent Plaque secretary opportunity -- Laurel Badura—ask John Jenks about it. Skipped this discussion at the meeting due to time. However, we have asked Laurel to become this go-to person for the award plaques.
18. Roosevelt Day – Gary White, Tom Ryder – Working with Boy Scouts of America, looking for volunteers to help
19. Other New Business
 - a. Soliciting for ideas for ND meeting
 - b. Deadline for voting may need to be changed in bylaws. Currently members can vote to end of meeting. CMPS Board will make suggestions to change bylaws and put out to a vote at meeting in 2012. Discussion to end voting prior to meeting so those members elected would be aware of election and given the opportunity to attend the CMPS meeting.
 - c. Consider board reconstruction such that state chapter presidents are board members; can be a state rep, not necessarily the state president. – concern would be what if state does not assign a rep. First step would be to contact State Boards and get feedback. Members seem to think it is worth perusing. Other potential issues would be that states don't all vote at the same time. Concern that a person serving on the State and CMPS board at the same time would be too much.
 - i. Follow up with State Chapters.
 - ii. May also propose that President would be tie-breaker – change to by-laws
 - d. So do we need a bylaw revision committee.
20. Election Results
 - a. Vice President – Tie, coin toss to make decision, first time in history. Bob Lanka, outgoing Board member performed the toss and Bill Vodehnal won the coin toss.
 - b. Board Members at large – Sarah Bucklin and Karl Grover
 - c. Motion to accept election results and destroy ballots was made by Cory Huxoll and seconded by Bob Wood. Approved by all.
21. Motion to Adjourn made by Bailey Heaton. Seconded by Theresa Zimmerman. Approved by all.

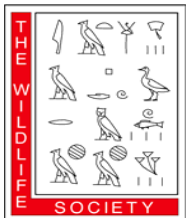


Wind Energy Position Statement

During our business meeting at our annual conference, we discussed our concerns about wind energy development. Naturally, each state in our section has their own unique concerns with developing what may be critical habitat for wildlife while balancing our nation's need for renewable resources. Each of us should be proactive supporters of wildlife conservation when we can, providing input to our decision makers regarding wind energy development as our expertise allows. To help you, here is The Wildlife Society's position statement on the development of wind energy.

Thanks

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Final Position Statement

Impacts of Wind Energy Development on Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

Wind energy is an increasingly important sector of the renewable energy industry and offers promise for contributing to renewable energy portfolios to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from carbon-based sources, which contribute to accelerating climate change. Worldwide, development of wind energy is projected to increase substantially in the next decade; wind energy development increased 27% in 2006 and 45% in 2007 in the U.S. alone. Unfortunately, fatalities of birds and bats have been reported at wind energy facilities worldwide. Large numbers of raptor kills in California and bat kills in the eastern U.S. have heightened concerns for some species and sites. Impacts resulting from loss of habitat for wildlife due to construction of turbines, access roads, and power transmission networks, the footprint of the turbine facilities, and increased human access are important and should be considered. Ultimately, the greatest influence from habitat modification on wildlife may be due to disturbance of habitats in proximity to turbines and fragmentation of habitat for wide ranging species.

There is limited information upon which to base decisions in regard to wind energy development and wildlife. Most research conducted in association with wind development is short-term and with little follow-up to determine if predictions from research are accurate. Baseline or systematically collected data against which to compare studies of particular sites proposed for development is lacking. More consistent, longer-term pre- and post-construction studies are needed to further elucidate patterns of bird and bat fatality and test hypotheses regarding possible solutions and efficacy of mitigation measures. Use of standardized protocols to address specific questions would greatly improve comparability of studies and credibility of efforts. Consistency across data collection efforts, post-construction evaluations, and access to resulting data are critical for conducting meta-analyses so that statistically significant effects, even if they are small, can be detected.

The magnitude of impacts from wind energy development on wildlife is inconsistently articulated to managers, decision makers, and the public. A lack of transparency related to data collection and inadequate dissemination of findings hinders progress toward developing solutions.

Given the projected increasing development of wind energy, biologically significant cumulative impacts are possible for some species and may become more pronounced over time unless solutions are found. Avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating harmful impacts to wildlife are important elements of "green energy" and it is imperative that developers of wind energy, scientists, and natural resource agency specialists cooperate in developing and testing methods to minimize harm to wildlife.

The policy of The Wildlife Society, in regard to wind energy development is to:

1. Encourage greater coordination among states and provinces and their agencies responsible for wildlife and energy development to ensure consistency in permitting requirements, monitoring and research efforts, and acceptable mitigation, especially for migratory wildlife.



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2. Encourage development and consistent implementation of guidelines for siting, monitoring, and mitigation strategies among states, provinces, and federal agencies that establish standards for conducting site-specific, scientifically sound and consistent pre- and post-construction evaluations, using comparable methods as much as is feasible, depending on site characteristics.
3. Advocate for the inclusion of guidelines in the permitting process to further strengthen agency participation and implementation of guidelines.
4. Advocate for the avoidance of siting wind facilities in high-risk areas that are determined based on the best science available.
5. Encourage implementation of on- and off-site habitat mitigation to reduce habitat-related impacts.
6. Encourage priority research that is properly designed and conducted to ensure unbiased data collection that meets peer review and legal standards.
7. Encourage more consistent, longer-term studies that utilize standardized protocols to address specific questions and improve comparability of studies and credibility of efforts.
8. Encourage publication of research results.
9. Encourage regional assessments and forecasting of cumulative land-use and impacts from all sources of energy development, and development of regional conservation strategies among industries, agencies, and private landowners to reduce conflicts and increase options for mitigation and conservation.
10. Educate the public and decision-makers about the natural resources implications of different forms of energy production and encourage efforts to conserve energy
11. Advocate that decision-makers address impacts of wind energy development on wildlife when approving wind energy projects.
12. Encourage the establishment of cooperative relationships between states, provinces, and federal agencies and wind energy companies.



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