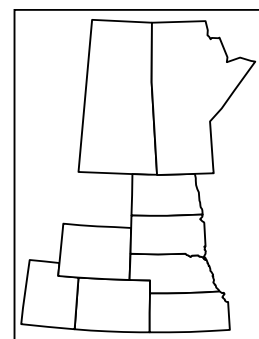


# Central Mountains and Plains Section Newsletter



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## President's Message

### "Changes" A Word That Describes TWS, CMPS

Boy! There are a lot of new things happening out there. The Wildlife Society is going through a renaissance and CMPS is doing a bit of the same. I'm pretty confident that the changes are well thought out and will result in good things. In short, the society and the section know that, in order to meet their missions, they must first be relevant. A couple of harbingers of meeting the mission are the size of our memberships and how well our products (publications for one) are being used. So...I will use my space this time to highlight a few of the changes.

A big change is that we now have a new Executive Director. As many of you know, Harry Hodgdon recently stepped down after a long career at the helm. The TWS Council responded by hiring Michael Hutchins, who is apparently a very dynamic person who has great vision for our Society.

Council recently took action to revise, eliminate and/or create Society publications—The Wildlife Society has big plans to revamp publications to make them more relevant to our members and more usable in the scientific community. *The Journal of Wildlife Management* will be expanded and offered with more regularity and will go to an electronic format. *The Wildlife Society Bulletin* and *The Wildlifer* will be eliminated (kind of), the key parts of which will be a part of a new magazine-format publication that will go to all members with as many as 10 issues per year. *The Wildlife Monographs* will stay the same for now. To read more about the publication changes, watch for information in *The Wildlifer*. You can read more about the Special Publications Committee's findings at: <http://www.wildlife.org/publications/TWSpubscommitteereportAug2005.pdf>

At the recent business meeting in Medora, North Dakota, the membership took a couple of actions as well. First of all, we voted (with some dissent) to reduce the dues to \$1. This change was made to encourage a broader membership in the Section. It paves the way for local chapters—if they choose—to pay in lieu of their members a lump sum for membership in CMPS. Such actions would greatly increase the Section's membership, and will allow the Section to better serve its members.

Another related action was taken to make the newsletter more available to an expanded membership without greatly increasing cost. That is, we decided to go to primarily an electronic format. This action will in fact greatly reduce the Section's largest expense—printing and mailing newsletters. We'll be able to produce a full color newsletter that can be as long or short as it needs to be. Hard copies of the Newsletter will still be available with a \$4 annual subscription.

The two actions will not only increase the audience of the newsletter, they will allow the Section to do better things (unless you consider postage a good thing) with our resources. The Board is already thinking about what those things might be.

In closing, I would like to thank Terry Messmer, out-going past-President, for his many years of service. Also, please help me congratulate Gary White as our new President-elect and welcome Nancy Warren to the Board. Tanys Uhmman also gets an attabo for being re-elected to the Board. Thanks for all that you do, folks.

As I begin my final year as your President, I hope to finish up on a few things that the Board has recently undertaken. I also want to get our processes tuned up a bit; that will come in the form of an annual operating plan—not exciting, but necessary.

As always, let me, the board or our officers know if you see places we can get better. Have a great autumn/winter...and don't forget to enjoy the changing of the seasons and all the great outdoor opportunities it provides.—*Steve Riley, CMPS President*

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## Mission Statement of The Wildlife Society

The Wildlife Society exists to enhance the ability of wildlife professionals to conserve diversity, sustain productivity, and ensure the responsible use of wildlife resources for the benefit of society.

## Letter from the TWS President

Editor's note: The following letter was originally sent on the TWS listserv and edited for space.

### To all Wildlife Society Chapter Members:

By all accounts, our annual meeting in Madison was a great success. We had about 1,500 people there, with well over 300 students. Scott Craven and Alan Crossley, co-chairs of our Arrangements Committee, orchestrated a smooth-running conference. Scot Lutz, Chair of the Program Committee and Tricia Fry, his Assistant, insured the program was fast-paced and interesting

Certainly a highlight of the meeting was the Plenary Session, "Following Leopold's Footsteps: Six Decades after A Sand County Almanac." Nina Leopold Bardley provided wonderful recollections of times at "the shack." Curt Meine of the International Crane Foundation and a Leopold biographer and Richard Knight of Colorado State University and a Leopold Fellow, provided both historical insights and modern-day applications of Leopold's life and work. Dave Anderson, our 2004 Aldo Leopold Award Winner, presented an enlightening talk on "Comprehending the Meaning of Evidence."

Another meeting highlight was the introduction of our new Executive Director, Dr. Michael Hutchins. Michael has a long and varied background in wildlife, having worked on six continents and in 33 countries, including working on Rocky Mountain goats in Olympia National Park, tracking jaguars and anteaters in the Brazilian Pantanal, tracking rhinos and bantang in Indonesia, and banding penguins in Patagonia. He was Director and Chair of the Department of Conservation and Science for the American Zoo and Aquarium Association for about 15 years, and was most recently Executive Director of ZooThink, Inc., a Maryland consulting firm. In Madison, Michael gave a bit of his own background and his observations about future opportunities for TWS.

It is hard to wrap up such a large and meaningful conference in a short space. We gave out a host of awards, but I would like to specifically mention our 2005 Aldo Leopold Award Winner, Chuck Meslow, and our Chapter of the Year, Colorado, and our Student Chapter of the Year, Texas A&M University at Kingsville. Congratulations to all of you and to

our many other award winners. And thanks again to all of the meeting committee members and TWS staff who helped make this meeting a success. —Bob Brown, President, The Wildlife Society

## The Section Rep's Report

### "Ryder's Ramblings"

#### Big changes are coming to The Wildlife Society!

The first change involves our publications. As I've previously mentioned in this space, The Journal of Wildlife Management (JWM) and The Wildlife Society Bulletin (WSB) will be merged into one "new" publication beginning in January 2007. Essentially, all peer reviewed and peer edited materials currently published in JWM AND WSB will be appropriate for submission to the combined publication in 2007. The combined Journal will be published 8 times per year as compared to the current publication schedule of 4X/year. At our recent Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, TWS Council decided to retain the name "The Journal of Wildlife Management" for this new publication. We envision keeping subscription rates similar to what are currently charged and will publish the new JWM in both electronic and hard copy formats - subscriber's choice. Wildlife Monographs will remain essentially the same and be provided to subscribers of JWM at no additional cost.

During the transition year of 2006, we will publish 5 issues of WSB and 6 issues of JWM to reduce the backlog of accepted, but unpublished manuscripts. Also in 2006, electronic versions of the Journal and Bulletin will be offered for the first time as a subscriber's 1<sup>st</sup> Choice for the reduced rate of \$25.00 for each publication (\$50.00 total for both). If you are an old fuddy-duddy like me, you can still receive each publication in hard copy for the price of \$40.00 each (\$80.00 for both), essentially the same price as in 2005. Bottom line is, subscribers will receive many more pages of the best, most timely scientific papers available in our field for the same price as currently charged. PLUS, these papers will be available in electronic format. Use of this publishing medium will greatly enhance the utility and accessibility of our wildlife scientists' work to colleagues around the world. If you have questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to email or write me.

Another major change concerning publications is the development of a new, all-member magazine. In Madison, Council chose the name "The Wildlife Professional" as the moniker for this publication. This 74 page, full color magazine will be sent, in hard copy, to all members of TWS as a benefit of their membership beginning in 2007. I was asked to Chair an Ad Hoc Committee of Council to develop the content and layout of this magazine with our publishing partner Allied Communications Group (ACG) of Lawrence, Kansas. Although we are far from finished, we have already compiled a list of over 70 major topics that may become a part of this member magazine. Our hope is to keep the magazine for MEMBERS and not have it become another forum for publishing scientific literature. As such, we plan to have Chapter, Section, and National TWS news features, a members' forum, Student News and many, many other items of interest. "The Wildlife Professional" will become the new "official" publication of record for TWS, replacing The Wildlifer in this capacity. We plan to publish 8 issues of "The Professional" each year. Since I have the great honor (and daunting task) of helping design this magazine, I would greatly appreciate any thoughts you may have concerning content. Again, please feel free to email or write me with your ideas. In addition, TWS and ACG will be conducting a survey of all current TWS members to solicit ideas for "The Professional". Please stay tuned and participate in this survey.

A few final publications issues: 1) Current editors of JWM, WSB, and Wildlife Monographs have developed common authors' guidelines for each of these publications for 2006 to help in the transition to one combined Journal in 2007. They will be available online at TWS's website ([www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org)), and 2) Council recently approved a Job Description for a new, full-time publications editor who will be based at TWS Headquarters and be responsible for soliciting content for, and publication of the new member magazine. We hope to have a person hired and in place sometime later this spring to help finalize content and format, coordinate the transition in publications with ACG, and begin work on the first issue of "The Wildlife Professional."

A second huge undertaking by Council and our new Executive Director, Dr. Michael Hutchins, is the

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development of an updated Strategic Plan for The Wildlife Society. The first phase in this process will be a meeting of invited participants in Florida during mid-January to begin the process of developing a Strategic Plan outline for the Society. Members of this group include past-TWS Presidents, Leopold Award winners, State and Federal management biologists, and university research scientists from across the U.S. and Canada. Following their meeting, the group will solicit input from members to help flesh out a full-blown Strategic Plan. Council hopes to have a fairly well-structured Plan in place by the end of 2006. Again, please watch The Wildlifer for updates and requests for input. We truly need and want your help in determining TWS's future direction.

As I begin my second term as your Section Representative to Council, I want to thank you for your continued support. In all my 25+ years of TWS membership and involvement, I have never been more excited about the future of our Society. NOW is the time to make your voices heard. Remember, this is YOUR SOCIETY - the only professional organization of wildlife MANAGEMENT and research biologists in the world. Please become involved and help us plan for the future. —TR

**Call for Nominations for 2006 TWS Awards**

Please consider nominating an outstanding wildlife professional from your Section to either of these prestigious awards.

**Honorary Membership**

Honorary Membership in The Wildlife Society is intended to recognize continuous outstanding service in any area or areas of concern to the Society. Any practicing or retired wildlife professional who is a member of TWS and has made continuous valuable contributions to the wildlife profession over a long period of time is eligible for nomination.

**Special Recognition Service Award**

This award honors any person (doesn't have to be a member of TWS) or group that has made an outstanding contribution to the wildlife profession; to the general areas of wildlife conservation, management,

or science; or to a specific area of endeavor, species, community, ecosystem, region, etc. In addition, any person or group who has made such a noteworthy contribution in a discrete area over the short or long term is eligible for nomination.

**Nomination Process**

Nominations for either award should include: 1) nominee's full name, present position, address, and phone number; 2) nominator's and endorser's names, addresses, and phone numbers; 3) a clear and concise statement justifying the nomination, including the specific nature, time, and place of the nominee's outstanding service and accomplishments (address such criteria as difficulty, insight, scope, importance, acceptance, application, value, impact, and geographic scope of contributions); 4) at least three signed statements of endorsement.

Nomination packages should be sent **by March 15, 2006** to Committee Chair Ellen Campbell at [ellencampbell@fs.fed.us](mailto:ellencampbell@fs.fed.us) or 9399 Rivercourt Way, Juneau AK 99801 or fax (907) 586-7877. Phone (907) 586-7919. A committee representing each section of TWS reviews nomination packages and recommends award recipients to the President of TWS, with final selection made by TWS Council. Awards are presented at the TWS annual conference.



**2005 CMPS Meeting in Medora**

The annual CMPS meeting was a success as usual. The meeting was held in and around Medora, ND with the majestic badlands providing the backdrop. The 26 members in attendance dealt with a wide variety of issues, for complete details see the CMPS website for complete minutes.

In the elections Gary White became President-elect. Nancy Warren and Tanys Uhmman were elected as Board Members at Large. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who ran for office.

The photo below shows a herd of wild horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park during the field trip.



**2006 CMPS Meeting in Wyoming**

**51st CMPS Summer Conference and Joint Meeting of the Wyoming Chapter TWS**

**August 29 – 31 in Laramie, Wyoming**

Mark your calendars for our 51<sup>st</sup> annual summer conference. You might notice the dates for the 2006 conference are a bit later than recent meetings. The dates and location were chosen in an effort to encourage student attendance and participation. Students are the future of our Section and Society. Please, encourage wildlife students you know to attend and, if possible, consider helping them out with transportation and lodging.

The University of Wyoming, Conferences and Institutes, will be helping us with logistic arrangements and registration. We are working with them to provide you the opportunity to pre-register electronically using a credit card. Look for more information soon on the CMPS web site ([cmpswildlife.org](http://cmpswildlife.org)).

**CMPS ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL AND CITIZEN AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT**

Do you know an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution towards furthering the needs of wildlife and wildlife habitat within the Section? If so I ask that you nominate them for the Central Mountains and Plains Section Professional or Citizen Award. These awards can be presented to someone who has made an important lifetime contribution or to someone who made a particularly significant contribution in the past year. If you know of someone, please submit a nomination statement using the format shown below by June 1, 2006. State and Provincial Chapters are encouraged to forward their 2005 award winners for

consideration by the section. Nomination statements can be mailed or e-mailed (preferred) to the following address:

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Details to Provide for Nomination

- Nominee
- Award Nominated For (Professional or Citizen)
- Nominee's Contact Information (Address, Phone, e-mail)
- Background Biographical Information
- Nomination Statement

**SECTION NOMINATIONS SOUGHT**

Your Section is once again looking for volunteers willing to take the next step and get more involved by running for office. We have three positions to fill during our annual elections. These positions include:

- Vice-president
- 2 Executive Board Members

For those of you interested in serving, here are some details you should know.

Vice-president

Take office August, 2006 serve a two-year term ending August 2008 The Vice-President shall assume the duties of President during any absence or upon any inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. This office shall preside over the Awards Committee.

Executive Board Members

Take office August 2006. Serve a two-year term ending in August 2008. Members-at-Large and the Past-President shall assist in the general administration of Section business affairs.

Believe us when we say we know what it's like to be busy. But as all of us are aware, our Section is only as strong as the people willing to chip in and help out. We have been fortunate to have strong candidates step up and do their part in the past. Isn't it time you took the plunge and help the Section move forward? If you are

interested in running or know of someone you think would be a good candidate please let one of us know.

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A nomination form can be found on the CMPS website at [www.cmpswildlife.org](http://www.cmpswildlife.org).

Thank you and we hope to hear from you.

**Chapter Reports**

**Nebraska Student Chapters**

Chadron State College recently received approval as a new student chapter of TWS. Students at Wayne State College are exploring the possibility of forming a student chapter of TWS. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Wildlife Club voted in February to pursue affiliation with TWS as an official chapter. The vote gave the officers the mandate to begin the process of forming the tie with TWS. With the University of Nebraska-Kearney already having an active chapter Nebraska could soon be looking at a state chapter and four student chapters.

**Colorado—Chapter of the Year**

Last March, The Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society was nominated for the TWS Chapter of the Year Award. In late August, we received notification that we were selected for this award for our efforts and undertakings! We were officially recognized at the awards ceremony at the National meeting in Madison in September, as well as during the Leaders Lunch later that week, where Eric Odell, President, gave a brief talk about our chapter, what we've done and who we are.

At the National Meeting Len Carpenter was selected as a TWS fellow. The first photo below shows Eric Odell accepting the TWS Chapter of the Year award, the second photo is Len Carpenter with outgoing TWS president Richard Lancia and new TWS Executive Director Michael Hutchins.



**Summer Meeting**

In early June, CCTWS jointly hosted our summer meeting with the Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management. We toured the Uncompahgre Plateau, near Montrose, Colorado, where discussions of herbivores, stream restoration, ungulate research, and grazing management were had. It proved to be a fruitful collaboration of two different, but parallel professional societies. We hope to foster this type of interaction in future meetings!

**Winter Meeting**

We are in the midst of preparing for our annual meeting, which will occur January 25-27<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn in Fort Collins, Colorado. The meeting topic is Energy Development and Natural Resources: Finding the Balance. We will host speakers from the policy, industry, and wildlife fields and hope to open the doors to productive interaction. In conjunction with our meeting, we will host a symposium on Big Horn Sheep

Management. More information and registration forms can be found at our website: <http://www.wildlife.org/chapters/co/index.cfm>. Hope to see many of you there!

### Colorado State Student Chapter

The Colorado State University Student Chapter was fortunate to be represented by five student members at the annual conference in Madison, Wisconsin. Over the weekend, before the conference got underway, we jumped at the opportunity to visit the Leopold shack. It was quite the surreal experience to see with our own eyes, the place where Aldo and his family had devoted themselves so selflessly (Our faculty advisor, Dr. Gary White, keeps telling people that "we went to Mecca and touched the stone" with his trademark grin). Near the Leopold property, we also visited the International Crane Foundation and learned a great deal about world-wide crane conservation.

Once the conference was in progress, the five of us were torn with what symposia to attend. Even after going our separate ways, we seemed to bump into each other at the same talks which were very well attended in several cases. There was certainly no dearth of networking opportunities, from the Student/Professional mixer and CSU Alumni Reception to the Student Breakfast and Mentor Pairing activities, its surprising that we were able to find time for everything that we did. Although we may not have taken home the Quiz Bowl plaque this year, we had a great time at the competition and afterward on State Street enjoying the camaraderie of the other student chapters. Congrats Spartans!

This was the first annual conference for the whole CSU crew, aside from me, and I'm sure they're as eager as me to get up to Anchorage next year! To sum up the experience, it exceeded our expectations on all facets. We are all very grateful for the travel grants awarded to several of us by CMPS. If it weren't for the grants, we simply couldn't have made it out. Thank you.

—Tim Balzer, CSU-TWS President

### Wyoming Student Chapter

While the summer is often slow for the University of Wyoming student chapter, the group wasted no time

getting back into the activities the week before the new semester began. Ten TWS members and a couple of friends and family loaded up for the annual Green River Otter Survey the last week in August. Members spent a week floating rafts down the Green River through Seedskadee Wildlife Refuge and below the Flaming Gorge Dam. The purpose of the trip was to locate and GPS map river otter latrine and den sites. When present, fresh feces were collected for DNA analysis in advisor Merav Ben-David's lab. Students also enjoyed fishing, swimming, and some great wildlife viewing.

The first meeting of the fall semester was held September 8<sup>th</sup>. Approximately thirty new names were added to our mailing list, and hopefully most of them will continue to attend future meetings. In order to expedite the ordering process, new t-shirt designs were agreed on during this first meeting. This year's shirts will be navy blue with a flying squirrel on the back and a grizzly on the front. The chapter has arranged for an artist with the State Vet lab to draw the designs. Anyone interested in supporting the student chapter through a t-shirt purchase should send an e-mail to treasurer Ruben Mares at [DANMARES@uwyo.edu](mailto:DANMARES@uwyo.edu).

Additionally, the chapter has lots of plans for the upcoming semester. Last year, we received funding from UW to bring in an invited speaker from Colorado. Patricia Wendland is the co-founder and director of W.O.L.F. a non-profit rescue and sanctuary for wolves and wolf-dogs. The student chapter has twice been to their main facility to help build new enclosures and improve older ones. Pat has been invited to come October 20<sup>th</sup> and present an educational program detailing the struggles faced by non-profit wildlife sanctuaries following the wolf reintroduction and new legislature. This will be the first time a program like this has come to the University of Wyoming. Our annual fund-raiser 'Beast Feast' will be held Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. This event is held every year and is a pot-luck designed to let students prepare dishes from anything they may have hunted this year. In addition, we will auction off donated items, and a couple 'very secret' t-shirts. We are also trying this year to bring in a blue-grass band and live auctioneer to make the event even

more fun. Please plan on attending if you can.

Other than that, things will go pretty much as they normally have. We'll invite new speakers in every two weeks for our club meetings, there will be another river otter survey in Rocky Mountain National Park September 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, and small group outings for hiking, skiing, or even just lots of eating will be planned as the time comes. It should be a busy and exciting semester! If you will be in Laramie and would like to come speak on any topic during one of our meeting please contact Lee Knox at [lik@uwyo.edu](mailto:lik@uwyo.edu). Thanks!!!

### Changes to CMPS Newsletter

The national TWS Publications aren't the only ones being revamped; the CMPS newsletter will be new and improved beginning with your next issue as well. This newsletter will be switching into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with an electronic version posted to the CMPS website at [cmpswildlife.org](http://cmpswildlife.org) and an email sent to all CMPS members with a link to the site.

Switching to an electronic newsletter offers several advantages. It allows a newsletter of unlimited length so states can submit as much information as they like to keep everyone updated on their issues or accomplishments. In addition to unlimited length we will be able to offer full color photos and graphics. The second large advantage is this also eliminates printing and mailing costs which have been a leading expense of CMPS in recent years. By switching to an electronic newsletter we can reduce CMPS dues from \$5 to \$1 without cutting any travel grants or other worthy programs. As mentioned in previous newsletters CMPS is also asking the state chapters to collect the \$1 fee thus making all state chapter members part of CMPS as well dramatically increasing our membership and voice in the arena.

CMPS will be collecting email addresses from state chapters for the newsletter lists so please make sure you keep your information updated with that chapter. If you would prefer to continue receive a paper copy of the newsletter it will be available for an extra \$4 annual fee. Contact the newsletter editor for details on this option.

## Changes in TWS Publications (Item not in mailed version)

To avoid misunderstanding among members about changes in TWS publications over the next two years, TWS Council prepared the following brief synopsis.

We encourage you to come to the annual meeting in Madison, (Sunday, 25 September to Thursday, 29 September), where there will be ample opportunity to learn more about these changes at the Members' Forum on Monday morning and Coffee with Council on Wednesday morning. Deadline for early registration is this Friday, 26 August.

Several years in the making, the changes in TWS publications are based on a solid foundation of information-gathering, analysis, and deliberation. Council had Cornell University do a survey of a representative number of our members as to what they wanted in publications. In addition, we did a separate survey of the non-TWS members of state chapters. Added to that was an External Review of TWS, done by a team led by Jim Fleming in 2004. In addition to these investigations, we also discussed a business plan with Alliance Communications Group (ACG), which is affiliated with Allen Press, a long time printer of our journals and many others in the biological and medical fields. ACG informed us that our library subscriptions were priced well below the norm, and that our citation rates were low compared to other journals in the natural resources and conservation fields.

TWS makes money off of our publications, mostly from library and non-member subscriptions. That is common among scientific publications. Our citation rate is low principally, we believe, because we have not been available online. We have now signed a contract with ACG to co-publish our journals. The journals are still ours, and we are responsible for the content, but ACG will take over many tasks associated with publishing. Our journals will be available online to individual subscribers via a user name and password, and to institutional subscribers.

All refereed articles will be published in the new JWM. That

means JWM will have to be more versatile and broader in coverage - and will accept articles on such topics as techniques, wildlife damage control, wildlife diseases, human dimensions, teaching wildlife, and wildlife economics, to mention a few. The format will be changed to a larger size page and color cover. There will be 8 issues a year. We have not determined the title of the new JWM, but it will probably contain some combination of the words, wildlife, conservation, management, and maybe science and/or ecology. TWS will hire and pay a full-time Editor-in-Chief for this journal, and he/she will have Associate Editors as before. ACG will take over copyediting, layout, and other things now done at TWS, as well as marketing to libraries (called "bundling" with other journals), all subscriptions and billing.

Wildlife Monographs will also be available electronically, and ACG will provide similar services for it. Because the cost of producing WM is borne by the authors, we are doing an analysis to ensure that the authors are not over-charged.

The new "magazine" will be a combination of the WSB and The Wildlifer. It will look something like Fisheries, Rangelands, or one of the other conservation magazines. TWS will hire a full-time or 1/2-time Editor-in-Chief, who will have an Editorial Board to review articles. The Editor will solicit articles, perhaps on themes. Quite likely, there will be regular sections, such as editorials, notes from the field, new techniques, book reviews, chapter news, information from working groups, and policy information previously found in The Wildlifer. Content will evolve to meet member needs and desires. Again, ACG will handle copyediting, marketing, advertising, and subscriptions. There will be 6 issues a year - a print copy will go to ALL TWS members as a part of membership! A name has not been chosen for this new magazine; but, based on responses to President Lancia's call in his Presidents' Podium, The Wildlife Professional is a 3 to 1 favorite over The Wildlife Practitioner.

These new publications will first appear in January 2007. In the meantime, ACG will do a survey of members as to what they want to see in our new magazine. During 2006,

we will prepare for the change by hiring Editors-in-Chief to work with our current WSB and JWM editors, Terry Messmer and Mike Morrison, and to modify the formats so that all refereed articles have the same format by the end of 2006. As you know, we have a backlog of about 100 articles in JWM, so in 2006 subscribers will get 5 issues of WSB, and 6 issues of JWM - with no increase in subscription price!

At present the price will be \$25 for either JWM or WSB in 2006 for the electronic version, and an additional \$15 each for the printed copy. In 2007 the subscription price will actually go down, and issues will be larger and come more often. The new magazine will be "free." Those that subscribe to the new peer review journal will pay \$40 for electronic and \$20 if they want a print copy too. This amounts to about \$7.50 per issue (only \$5.00 for electronic only) in 2007 for two quality publications versus \$7.75 per issue for JWM plus \$7.00 per issue for WSB or \$14.75 per issue for both in 2005. Sounds like a win-win.

This is of course a major change for our Society, and it has been a long time in coming. We have had overwhelming support from the members as they have heard about the planned changes. Importantly, these changes will allow TWS to "plug some financial leaks" as well, and put our publications back on sound financial footing. We also expect to improve our citation rates.

Please feel free to send your comments to:

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