

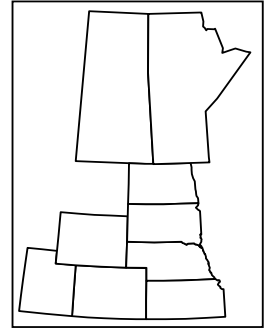


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### President's Message

#### Responsibilities and Obligations?

Lately I've been considering that I have lost control of my life. Ever feel that way? It is my experience that this is a common feeling among wildlife biologists. It seems that, the opportunity to make a difference and to be a part of altruistic pursuits carries with it the baggage of not knowing how or when to quit. We love what we do so we drive ourselves hard. Worse, our energy and excitement drives our colleagues and theirs us.

If you are starting to think that this note will provide you with some comfort or absolution from what ails you, read on. We happen to be a part of a special profession and I believe that we happen to live in a special time. We live in a special place that is beginning to value what we do in an unprecedented way. The convergence of these elements carries a deluge of responsibility and a flood of obligation. Those who precede us are counting on us to bring to fruition that which they started; those who follow will measure us by how well we performed what they will characterize as our duty.

I'm not suggesting that we give ourselves permission to become workaholics or that we neglect our families or express other self-destructive behaviors. In fact, our challenge means that we must cling to our values (whatever that means to you; for me it means family, friends, community, faith and work) to make sure that while we work to unravel the mysteries of wildlife science and share them in meaningful ways with the world, we also manage to help each other stay sane and whole. More of those responsibilities and obligations I was talking about!

One has to ask though, are they really responsibilities and obligations, or are they freedoms and opportunities? I probably go on about how busy I think I am more than most, but I can never be sure if I'm seeking sympathy or if I'm just being proud. Mostly, I just like to talk and—like the weather—this gives me fodder for conversation. But deeper still, I have to ponder whether I'm looking for something more in this idle talk, or I at least have to wonder why I didn't stick with the subject of the weather. I don't have enough space on my hard drive for the prose it would take to untie all of the knots in that thread, but you get the point. I tend to think that somewhere deep inside I'm proud of the fact that I'm occupied (a lot) with doing work that I feel strongly about. Perhaps you have wondered similar things about yourself? In the end though, I am fully aware that I obtain a fair amount of pleasure from my work.

About those responsibilities and obligations...I'm sure, like me, you feel like you are behind in your reading, correspondence (AKA e-mail), writing, and in the relationship-building that helps to tie it all together. There are laws and rules, grants and programs, meetings and a few more nights in motel rooms. They are all out there, beckoning us (perhaps taunting us). Our challenge to ourselves and to each other is to work smart to do the most important things for the resource with the limited time available to us.

So, the take-home-message is this: You think you are busy? Get used to it, you are a Wildlife Biologist and it is an honor to get to do what you do. You work with a lot of folks who are also (too) busy and you should try to help them find balance while supporting them in completing their good works for the resource. You probably can't stop yourself, so get smart. Spend some time now and again to assess the work you are doing and try to figure out how you can contribute the most to the resource with your skills and talents. Chances are you will be able to find a thing or two that is not very gainful that you can either stop doing or reduce. Get faster at mundane tasks to provide yourself more time for critical efforts. Stop and smell the roses and take appropriate breaks/vacations. You can not help the resource if you make yourself sick or dead. Your family also deserves an appropriate measure of goodness from you. Those responsibilities and obligations (I mean freedoms and opportunities) will be waiting for you when you get back.

Thanks for indulging me for a few minutes. Enjoy the rest of this first "all electronic newsletter" and I'll leave you with my personal philosophy for success as food for thought.

1. Find a career that you feel passionately about,
2. Find a work environment where others share your passion, and
3. Earn enough so that money does not become a distraction to 1 & 2.

I believe that most people have achieved none of these and that most Wildlifers have achieved at least two.

-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.

## Letters from the TWS President

### January

At last our TWS strategic planning process has begun. Sixteen of our 23 Planning Committee members were able to attend a weekend retreat at

White Oak Plantation near Jacksonville, Florida. Our Executive Director, Michael Hutchins, served as our facilitator, and our Associate Director for Government Affairs, Laura Bies, served as recorder. Our Planning Committee members include Bob Brown, John Organ, Dan Svedarsky, Shane Mahoney, Rick Baydack, Tony Mong, Cherrie Nolden, Ron Regan, Michael Morrison, Wini Kessler, Jon Haufler, Art Smith, Cynthia Graves Perrine, Mac Baughman, Drew Lanham, Darren Miller, David Guynn, Ed Hackett, Eric Odell, Eric Taylor, Ernie Ables, Paul Brewer and Dana Dolsen.

We were provided background information booklets prior to the meeting which included copies of our last two TWS Strategic Plans, copies of strategic plans from other natural resource societies, some general information on planning processes, and survey information on interests of our TWS members as well as Chapter members who are not TWS members. Some draft plan materials were also provided, developed by our staff, so that we would have a starting point.

We covered such topics as TWS's mission and unique niche amongst conservation organizations, our core values and beliefs, and trends which might impact our Society in the future. Most of the time was then spent brainstorming as to where we would like to see TWS in 10 years in such areas as publications, membership, communications, finances, government affairs, international involvement, conferences, certification,

professional development, wildlife management and conservation, public education and outreach, public affairs, and finally development and marketing. Though not all of our Committee members could be there, we had a good mix of geographical representation (including two Canadians); representatives of state and federal agencies, academia and private industry; and students (2), with both gender and ethnic diversity.

It was a good start - but only a start. The notes from this conference will be organized into a draft form of goals, objectives and strategies and then returned to the entire Committee for comments and editing. That revised draft will then go to Council, hopefully by the North American meeting, for review. After that it will be sent out to all of our Sections, Chapters, Student Chapters, Committees and Working Groups with a request for organized group responses, and it will also be sent out to all of our membership for responses over the TWS List Serv. All of that input will be tabulated, summarized and returned to the Committee, and then their revision will be sent to Council for final editing and approval, hopefully at the next Annual Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska next September. We owe thanks to the White Oak Plantation, who subsidized our meeting at their facilities

This is an exciting time for The Wildlife Society, a time to chart our course for the next decade, with input from all of our members. I hope all of you will avail yourselves of the opportunity to participate in this process.

### February

In recent weeks Michael Hutchins, our Executive Director, and I have had the opportunity to attend the

annual joint meeting of the Arizona and New Mexico Chapters, which was held in Flagstaff, AZ; the annual meeting of the Western Section, which was held in Sacramento, CA; and the annual meeting of the Texas Chapter, which was held on South Padre Island, TX. An interesting similarity of the four states that these meetings represent is that they all share a border with Mexico.

Some of our TWS members may recall that we have had three efforts to start chapters in Mexico. For reasons probably financial and/or cultural, none of those efforts were successful for more than a short time. And yet, many of our members in these four states conduct wildlife research in Mexico, and the state and U.S. federal agency biologists in these states must manage wildlife populations and habitats that may be influenced by wildlife or land management decisions made in Mexico. A number of our academic institutions and even our chapters have sponsored joint workshops on either side of the U.S. - Mexico border.

We have an opportunity to expand and enhance our relationships with our Mexican colleagues at the 2007 annual meeting of The Wildlife Society in Tucson. I know the Arizona Chapter members are already getting fired up about planning that meeting. The recent Texas Chapter meeting had a plenary session on U.S. - Mexico wildlife issues presented in English and Spanish with instantaneous translation (just like at the U.N.!). At that meeting, I challenged our Southwest Section, Chapters and Student Chapters to consider sponsoring Mexican academic and agency colleagues, as well as Mexican students to attend our annual meeting in Tucson in September, 2007. I'd like to extend that challenge to the rest of the Chapters, Student Chapters and members of our Society. In addition,

member throughout our Society might want to start thinking about possible symposia for that meeting, and whether Mexican colleagues might be involved in those as well.

Naturally, I am already making my plans to attend our 2006 annual meeting, to be held in Anchorage, Alaska this coming September. But it is not too early to start thinking about the 2007 meeting. I also don't want to usurp the ideas of the Arrangements and Program Committees for that meeting in Arizona, but I do want to get our members thinking ahead, about opportunities to collaborate, and about the opportunities to enhance our relationships with Mexico when we meet in Tucson.

Bob Brown  
President, 2005 - 2006  
The Wildlife Society

## The Section Rep's Report

### "Ryder's Ramblings"

Spring is coming on fast. Although its early, sage-grouse are already beginning their annual mating ritual on the sagebrush plains east of Lander. Annual meeting rituals of the Section's 8 Chapters are also going full bore too!! I've been able to attend 3 of these meetings since Christmas and I'm happy to report that our State Chapters have never been more vibrant and involved in wildlife conservation issues. Membership at the Chapter level appears to be booming across the country. This is very encouraging to me, because State Chapters are where the rubber meets the road when it comes to getting things done on the ground. Man, I really love this time of year!

Council continues to move forward on a number of fronts. In February, we hired Dr. Philippa Benson as our new Publications Director. Dr. Benson has a very distinguished career in the publishing business. Her primary duty will be to design and produce The Society's new member magazine, "The Wildlife Professional" set for an early '07

release date. She will also oversee production of The Journal of Wildlife Management, Wildlife Monographs, and any other publishing projects the Society decides to tackle.

Development of an updated Strategic Plan for TWS moves forward at an accelerated pace. Following a multi-day retreat, the Strategic Planning Committee is currently compiling its ideas and suggestions into a cohesive set of notes. Council will review these notes and members should have a crack at a draft plan later this summer. Please take the time to review this plan and give us your thoughts. I think you'll be pleased with the overall direction TWS will take in the next few years.

Three new TWS Working Groups are being formed and include topics ranging from Human Dimensions to Wildlife Diseases to Student/Professional Interactions. More information can be found on our website at [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org). If any of these topics interest you, I recommend you check it out and join.

On the policy front, Council will be reviewing/adopting about a number of new technical reviews over the next year. After more than a year of hard work, the Baiting and Feeding of Wildlife Technical Review is ready for Council adoption. A timely review of the impacts of wind energy development on wildlife and wildlife habitats is also in production. Lastly, Council recently approved Position Statements dealing with re-authorization of the Endangered Species Act, the importance of using scientific peer-review materials in the public policy arena, and the importance of meeting the needs of wildlife in forest management practices. We are currently reviewing member input concerning a draft position statement in support of de-listing the Yellowstone area grizzly bear population.

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, your Section Officers have been extremely busy planning your 2006 Annual Summer Conference. I implore you to attend this awesome event. Keep as active in issues as you can. Wildlife and

wild places need you more than ever before. Thanks for all you do for TWS. TR

## Electronic Newsletter and New Dues Structure

From CMPS President Steve Riley:

You may have heard that the Section recently took action to go to an all-electronic newsletter. If not, you may have been surprised by the e-mail message that led you to this newsletter. I wanted to explain the Sections actions and the implications it has for our membership.

First, the Section has decided to go to this new format primarily to reduce costs. Printing and mailing newsletters 3-4 times a year is very expensive. The format is also limiting in terms of colors and the amount of content. Not to mention some environmental issues with all that paper. I hope you like the new format, or that if you don't, you can at least learn to tolerate it. ☺

Second, The Section has been struggling with a number of issues related to membership services and involvement such as how to become more relevant to the TWS and Chapter members in the Section and how to increase membership. Well, as it turns out, since the largest annual expense we traditionally have had was related to the newsletter, we decided to take the opportunity to reduce dues to \$1 annually to reflect current need. This opened the door to allow Chapters the option to pay for dues in lieu of their members. It is optional, and there are a few details to work out, but it does open the door to easily expanding Section membership. This should open the door to providing improved services, which will hopefully help to improve involvement. Under this option, all of a chapter's members are automatically members of the CMPS.

Since you are probably curious, the Section believes it can accommodate this action by the growth in membership (since many local chapter members are not currently Section members). We also think that almost everyone will feel comfortable with the nominal fee.

Members will still have the option to receive paper copies of the newsletter through the mail for a "subscription fee" of \$4 annually, to cover postage and handling.

Maximizing the benefit of this effort would obviously depend on local chapters taking action to alter their fees and incurring the limited additional responsibility of collaborating with the Section periodically. Several chapters have already taken action and others are considering doing so. For folks who belong to chapters that choose not to exercise this option, dues can still be as normal through TWS. Other accommodations will be available to chapters if special circumstances warrant.

It is my sincere hope that these changes will serve as a foundation for the Section to provide greater services to all of the TWS members within the region. I also hope that through these opportunities our members will find new ways to become involved in professional activities.

### 2006 CMPS Meeting in Wyoming

The 51<sup>st</sup> CMPS Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 28 – September 1 in Laramie, Wyoming on the campus of the University of Wyoming. Our meeting is being co-hosted by the Wyoming State Chapter TWS and this meeting will serve as their annual meeting. Our meeting will also serve as the Summer Meeting of the Colorado State Chapter TWS and the Annual Meeting of the Great Plains Natural Science Society.

Be sure to take advantage of the significant price break offered to those who register early by going to our web site at <http://outreach.uwyo.edu/confere/nces/cmposwildlife> and registering now.

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### **Monday, August 28**

7:00 – 9:00 PM. Late Registration, Beta House

7:00 – 9:00 PM. Wyoming State Chapter TWS Annual Board Meeting, Beta House

#### Tuesday, August 29

8:00 – 11:30 AM. Late Registration, Crane/Hill Dining Hall

8:00 – 11:30 AM. CMPS Annual Business Meeting, Crane/Hill Dining Hall

8:00 – 11:30 AM. Wyoming Partners in Flight Meeting, Beta House

8:00 – 11:30 AM. Great Plains Natural Science Society Annual Meeting, Beta House

11:30 AM – 1 PM. Lunch on your own

1:00 – 5:00 PM. Technical Session, Student Papers, Crane/Hill Dining Hall.

6:00 PM – ????. Social, Awards Banquet and fundraiser auction, Crane/Hill Dining Hall

#### Wednesday, August 30

8:00 – 11:30 AM. Late Registration, Crane/Hill Dining Hall

8:00 – 8:15 AM. Introductions and welcome to Laramie.

8:15 – 10:00 AM. The Wildlife Society and You. Dr. Robert D. Brown, TWS President and Michael Hutchins, TWS Executive Director

10:00 AM. Break

10:15 – 11:30 AM. Technical Session

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Lunch provided

1:00 – 3:00 PM. Technical Session

3:00 – 3:15 PM. Break

3:15 – 5:00 PM. Technical Session

Thursday, August 31 – Registrants must pick one of the following three choices

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Field Trip, SE Wyoming Habitat and Management Issues with a stop at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Tom Thorne/Beth Williams Wildlife Disease Research Unit at Sybille to learn more about wildlife disease research. Lunch Provided. Attendance limited to first 40 to register.

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Technical Session, Crane/Hill Dining Hall. Lunch Provided

#### **Thursday, August 31 through Friday, September 1**

Wildlife Chemical Immobilization Class Instructor, Terry J. Kreeger, MS, DVM, PhD, Wyoming Game and Fish Department Supervisor of Wildlife Veterinary Research Services.

Attendance limited to the first 30 to register.

Class Participants will receive the following;

Two full days of training in wildlife immobilization.

A copy of the book: Kreeger, T. J. 1996. Handbook of Wildlife Chemical Immobilization.

International Wildlife Veterinary Services, Inc. Laramie.

A certificate of course completion.

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Both days, lunch provided.

Location to be determined.

### Student Travel Grants Available

CMPS currently has funds available for individual students or student chapters, including funds available for student travel to the next TWS meeting in Alaska. An application for these funds is available at: [www.cmposwildlife.org/travelgrant.pdf](http://www.cmposwildlife.org/travelgrant.pdf)

### CMPS Call for Papers

Technical sessions during this years annual meeting will be held August on the afternoon of the 29th and all day on the 30th and 31st. The afternoon of August 29th is reserved for student presenters.

Abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. If you are interested in presenting a paper at this years meeting and would like more information please contact the program chair, Dr. Todd Cornish at 307-742-6638 or [tcornish@uwyo.edu](mailto:tcornish@uwyo.edu)

### 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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Nominee:

Award Nominated For:

Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Contact Information (Address, Phone, e-mail):

Background Biographical Information:

Nomination Statement:

### Section Officer 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. You can reach us as follows:

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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.

### CMPS Bylaw Review Continues

The bylaws of the CMPS were last reviewed and updated in August of 1990. As you may recall, the Executive Board discussed your bylaws and some preliminary thoughts on revisions with the membership during our 2005 Annual Meeting in Medora. The board then gave the membership until September 30, 2005 to submit any written comments. That deadline was later extended until November

15, 2005 in order to give the membership more time for review and comment. Several comments were received from Section members.

At our 2005 Annual Meeting, Section Vice President Bob Lanka of Wyoming and Board Member Art Smith of South Dakota were assigned to review the bylaws and develop a formal proposal for the Board to review giving special consideration to membership input. After several iterations and much discussion the bylaws subcommittee sent a draft to the Board on December 12, 2005. During a February 16, 2006 conference call, the CMPS Executive Board gave its initial approval to the revised bylaws.

All bylaws revisions must be reviewed for compliance with the Society's International bylaws by TWS staff. The draft approved by the CMPS Board was sent to Bethesda on February 28, 2006. This preliminary draft is included in this newsletter for you to review.

After final approval from the Society is received our bylaws still must be voted on and approved by the section membership. The board will publish the draft bylaws, as approved by TWS, along with our current bylaws in the Summer 2006 newsletter. You, the membership, will then be given the opportunity to vote for or against the proposed revisions. Votes will be tallied at the Section Annual Business Meeting in Laramie, WY (Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 12). We hope to see you there!

Editor's Note: The Bylaws and proposed changes can be seen later in this newsletter.

### Chapter Reports

#### North Dakota

The NDCTWS held its annual meeting on Feb. 8-10 in Williston with a theme of "Northern Great Plains at a Crossroads: A Struggle between Society's Needs and North Dakota's Wildlife Resources." A total of 134 members attended the meeting. Twenty-three papers were presented, covering such topics as

the effects of land-use changes on wildlife and the effects of commercialization on wildlife management. The last day was a general session on wildlife ecology. During the business meeting, Chapter members endorsed and passed a resolution supporting the North American Conservation Model as a guideline to make sound wildlife management decisions and promote effective wildlife policies in the State.

The Chapter Awards Banquet was held on Feb. 9. Jim Posewitz, Executive Director, Orion: The Hunter's Institute, was the banquet speaker. Keith Trego, Director of the ND Natural Resources Trust, received the coveted North Dakota Award; the Habitat Award went to Kevin Willis for his role as Coordinator of the Northern Great Plains Working Group; and the Law Enforcement Award was presented to District Game Wardens Corey Erck and Mark Pollert.

The Fund Raising Committee again had a successful effort in raising almost \$8,000 through the raffles and evening auction. This money will help support the Chapter throughout the year.

Newly elected officers are President-elect Al Sapa and Executive Board members Cami Dixon and Paul Myerchin. They join present Board members Marsha Sovada and Brian Kietzman, President Will Meeks, Past-president Dave Azure and Secretary/Treasurer Mark Sherfy.

### Colorado State Student Chapter

The CSU Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society has a new URL. Please update your website link to: <http://www.warnercnr.colostate.edu/students/clubs/tws/>. Thanks for all your support!

CMPS currently has funds available for individual students or student chapters, including funds available for student travel to the next TWS meeting in Alaska. An application for these funds is available at: [www.cmpswildlife.org/travelgrant.pdf](http://www.cmpswildlife.org/travelgrant.pdf)

### Nebraska

The 2005 Annual NETWS Meeting (Oct. 20-22) was a big success with excellent attendance by students (40) and professionals (76). The Program Committee is already preparing for next years meeting which will be in North Platte, Nebraska at the Holiday Inn Express on October 13-14, 2006. Water Issues will be the primary topic, including water law, water policy, and water use as they relate to wildlife and wildlife habitat in Nebraska. The Awards Committee is developing application materials for the 2006 Nebraska TWS student travel award for the National TWS Meeting in Alaska. The Conservation Review Committee for Public Lands is working on Forest Service Travel Management, review of the Merrit Reservoir operating plan and EIS, lack of staffing at McKelvie National Forest, and review of grazing allotments at McKelvie NF. The Nebraska TWS Board is working on securing a new and updated Chapter website, and providing support for students to attend the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference to be held 3-6 December 2006 at the Doubletree Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska. Congratulations to the new Wayne State Student Chapter, joining the University of Nebraska-Kearney and Chadron State as TWS Student Chapters in Nebraska.

### Colorado

We would like to thank all that attended the CCTWS annual meeting that took place in January; you made it a tremendous success. The plenary session "Energy and Natural Resources: Finding The Balance" had over 230 registered attendees from various agencies, industry and NGO's. We believe that membership diversity is the key to our chapter's success and this meeting was a statement to that end. The speakers for the session came from academia, industry, federal and state agencies, conservation organizations, and private foundations and generated a great deal of discussion about how to better balance energy development with issues surrounding wildlife. Each speaker brought with them a diverse set of opinions and ideas but common themes included the incredible amount of energy

Americans use, the fact that extracting gas and other minerals will occur its mostly a matter of when and how, and some industry are concerned about how to minimize impact of drilling on wildlife. Most of the day's speakers participated in the panel discussion and we were fortunate to have Dr. Bill Alldredge lead this panel. Bill has a true gift of making people smile even while he's insulting them; I don't believe any panel member, and much of the audience for that matter, escaped unscathed.

It is our hope that the enthusiasm and discussion generated from the plenary session will help lead to future action. How this could happen is unknown but perhaps CCTWS or TWS can help facilitate future activity between industry and biologists. The participants from Encana Oil and Gas USA offered invitations to visit their sites and perhaps this is a great place to start. It is quite clear that oil and gas drilling is part of Colorado's future, the big question is how we can work with industry to minimize long-term impacts.

The CCTWS technical session and poster session was also well attended and a great success. Students and professional biologists presented papers on bats, quail, river otters, bears and elk and the poster session had 4 participants that presented results focused primarily on issues associated with human-wildlife conflict.

In addition to a great meeting we also had a well attended Bighorn Sheep Workshop that was hosted by the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society. Eight speakers, representing seven agencies and organizations from Colorado, Idaho and Alberta, presented a diversity of perspectives on bighorn conservation. The workshop was attended by 100 natural resource professionals and bighorn enthusiasts from Colorado and Wyoming.

The workshop covered topics pertaining to history of bighorn sheep management in Colorado, interactions among domestic goats and sheep with bighorns, diseases

documented to occur in bighorn  
populations, long term studies  
documenting density dependent  
responses and GIS modeling  
techniques to identify prospective  
translocation sites.



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**CMPS Bylaw Review and Proposed Changes**  
**BYLAWS OF THE**

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION OF  
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

**ARTICLE I – NAME, AFFILIATION, COMPOSITION**

Section 1. NAME – The name of this organization shall be the CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as “the Section.”

Section 2. AREA – The Section shall have as its geographic area of organization the States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Section 3. AFFILIATION – The Section shall and hereby does adopt and shall always conform to current Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “the Society.”

Section 4. COMPOSITION – The Section shall be composed of those Chapters that affiliate with the Section, and those professionals and others, regardless of race, religion, sex, or nationality who are interested in wildlife resources, who subscribe to the Society’s objectives and Code of Ethics and who pay their annual Section dues.

Section 5. EXECUTIVE BOARD – The 7-member Executive Board of the Section shall consist of the following elected officers: President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Past-President, and 4 Members-at-Large, hereinafter referred to as “the Board.” The Secretary-Treasurer shall be a non-voting member of the Board appointed by the president. The Section Representative to the Society shall be a non-voting member of the Board.

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## ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

Section 1. OBJECTIVES – The Section shall promote principles, policies, and objectives of the Society as stated in the Society Bylaws:

- To encourage proper management of all wildlife in the geographical area of the Section, the ecosystems in which they live, and the other natural resources of the region in a manner that reflects sound biological principles and benefits to wildlife and humans.
- To create and maintain an organization that promotes professional association, solidarity, and exchange of ideas among persons interested in wildlife management.
- To support the objectives of the Society and its Code of Ethics.

Section 2. IMPLEMENTATION – To aid in the achievement of these objectives, the Section will do the following:

**CLAUSE A – NEWSLETTER.** Publish a newsletter at least 3 times per year for all members.

**CLAUSE B – STUDENT TRAVEL.** Provide members opportunities for better liaison within all organizational levels of the Society. To fulfill this purpose, the Section may sponsor student travel to the Society's Annual Meeting as budgets allow.

**CLAUSE C – SECTION COMMUNICATIONS.** Encourage communication between members and non-members within the Section. To create circumstances under which the arts and sciences of resource management will be used effectively. In this regard the Section may:

- i. **Conduct at least 1 Technical Session at the Annual Section Meeting.**
- ii. Sponsor workshops on wildlife needs and management problems as budgets allow.
- iii. **Co-sponsor, with chapters, workshops on wildlife needs and management problems as budgets allow.**
- iv. **Other items deemed appropriate by the Board.**

**CLAUSE D – SOCIETY SUPPORT.** Support the aims and objectives of the Society and the Section in written correspondence, and events.

**CLAUSE E – EVALUATIONS AND RESPONSE.** Evaluate and respond to principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions, which may affect wildlife resources.

**CLAUSE F – AWARDS.** Recognize and commend outstanding achievement in wildlife-related activities within the Section through an Awards Program.

- i. **An Awards Committee shall consist of the voting members of the Board and shall be chaired by the Vice-President.**
- ii. **Nominations for awards shall be presented in writing to the Vice-President prior to 15 July.**
- iii. **The awards shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Every effort should be made to encourage the award winners to attend the Annual Meeting.**
- iv. **The Awards that may be bestowed include:**

- An award known as THE PROFESSIONAL AWARD may be presented annually at the discretion of the Awards Committee to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution towards furthering the enhancement of wildlife endeavors within the Section.

THE PROFESSIONAL AWARD shall consist of a plaque which shall have the recipient's name engraved on it and be engraved as follows:

THE PROFESSIONAL AWARD  
Established by  
THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS & PLAINS SECTION  
OF  
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
PRESENTED FOR  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE PROFESSION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
(NAME) (DATE)

- An award known as THE CITIZEN'S CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD may be presented annually at the discretion of the Awards Committee to a lay individual(s) or group(s) that has made an outstanding contribution towards enhancement of wildlife endeavors within the Section.

THE CITIZEN'S CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD shall consist of a plaque which shall have the recipient's name engraved on it and be engraved as follows:

THE CITIZEN'S CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Established by  
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OF  
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
PRESENTED FOR  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
(NAME) (DATE)

**CLAUSE G – PRIVACY OF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION.** Electronic and physical contact information for individual members is provided to the Section by member state and provincial chapters as a courtesy so that the Section might better communicate with Section members. As such, these lists are the property of the individual state or provincial chapters. The Section will only use these lists to further the business of the Section. The Section will not give these lists to any individual or entity. Rather, requests will be forwarded to the various state and provincial chapter presidents so that their board may decide what to do with the request in accordance with their by-laws or policy.

Section 3. **PURPOSE** – The purpose of this organization shall be to achieve the Section objectives and shall not be for profit.

### **ARTICLE III- SECTION YEAR**

**Section 1. SECTION YEAR** – The Section business and fiscal year shall be 1 January through 31 December.

### **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** – Regular membership in the Section shall be available to any member of the Society.

**Section 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** – Associate membership in the Section shall be available to any person who, although not a member of the Society, has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Section and Society. An associate member shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Regular Members except as otherwise reserved for Regular Members.

**Section 3. MEMBERSHIP YEAR** – The membership year shall be 1 January through 31 December.

**Section 4. DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STATUS** – Annual dues shall be payable by each member to the Secretary-Treasurer. Membership dues may be paid through the Society, through a state or provincial chapter, at the Section’s annual meeting, or by direct payment to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Section.

**CLAUSE A – DUES MODIFICATION.** Any change in the annual membership dues will be advised by the Board and approved by the Section membership.

**CLAUSE B – PAYMENT.** Dues collected at the annual meeting shall be for the year beginning the following January except as provided for in Article IV, Section 6.

**CLAUSE C – REGULAR MEMBERSHIP STATUS.** Members who have not paid their Society dues shall lose their Regular Membership status in the Section.

**CLAUSE D – DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIPS.** Members who have not paid current Section dues become delinquent and lose all rights and privileges upon the opening of the Annual Business Meeting. Those persons who have not paid their dues by the following 1 January shall be dropped from the rolls of the Section.

**Section 5. RESIGNATION** – Any member may terminate Section membership by giving written notice to the Secretary-Treasurer. No refund of Section dues will be made.

**Section 6. REINSTATEMENT** – Persons who are dropped from rolls of the Section for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year in which a reinstatement application is made.

**ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS**

Section 1. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – A 3-member Nominations and Elections Committee selected by the President shall prepare a slate of 2 candidates for each elective position; Vice-President (in even numbered years), President-Elect (in odd numbered years), and each year 2 Members-at-Large.

**CLAUSE A – ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES.** Only Regular Members that reside within the organizational area of the Section as defined in Article I, Section 2 may be nominated and hold office.

**CLAUSE B – SECTION AREA REPRESENTATION.** The committee is encouraged, to the extent practical, to find candidates for the executive board that represent an array of member states and provinces.

**CLAUSE C – NOMINATIONS STATEMENTS AND DISSEMINATION.** Candidates selected by the Nominations and Election Committee shall submit nomination statements to the Committee Chair. The Committee Chair will compile these statements and forward them to the Newsletter Editor by the deadline established by the Newsletter Editor for submissions for the Summer Newsletter. Nomination statements and ballots will be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Business Meeting via the summer newsletter.

**CLAUSE D – ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS.** Additional nominees may be added to the Nominations and Elections Committee's slate upon signed support of 5 percent of the Regular Members and delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer within 20 days of mailing of the slate proposed by the Nominations and Elections Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer shall place the additional candidates on the ballot.

**CLAUSE E – APPROVAL BY CANDIDATES.** Approval shall be obtained from all candidates prior to placing their name on the ballot.

Section 2. BALLOTING – Ballots shall be counted by the Nominations and Elections Committee. Only those ballots received by the Committee prior to the close of the Old Business session at the Annual Meeting shall be counted. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominations and Elections Committee who has been nominated for office. The new Section officers shall be announced and assume office at the close of the New Business session of the Annual Meeting.

CLAUSE A – VOTING ELIGIBILITY. Only members in good standing as defined in Article IV, Section 4 are eligible to vote in Section elections.

CLAUSE B – ELECTION. Candidates will be elected on a plurality basis. No member may hold more than 1 elective position simultaneously.

CLAUSE C – TIES. In the case of a tie for an election of a Section Officer, the outgoing Board Members shall select the winner by a coin toss.

### Section 3. DUTIES OF SECTION OFFICERS

CLAUSE A – PRESIDENT. The President shall have general supervision of Section officers; shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer and a member to chair each committee; shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominations and Elections Committee; and may represent the Section or appoint alternate representatives to other Sections, Chapters, or Society boards, committees or meetings.

CLAUSE B – PRESIDENT-ELECT. The President-Elect shall assist the President in administration of Section affairs and shall perform any duties assigned by the President.

CLAUSE C – VICE-PRESIDENT. 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. In the event the Vice-President cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

**CLAUSE D – SECRETARY-TREASURER.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for Section files, records, and funds; shall record the minutes of all meetings, maintain the membership rolls noting whether individuals are regular or associate members, and issue notices of meetings, shall be responsible for receipt and disbursement of Section funds; and shall, within 20 days after the close of the Section year report all official actions of the Section, including a calendar year financial statement, to the Executive Director of the Society, the Section Representative to the Society, and to Section membership in the first newsletter following the annual meeting, complete reports required in Article VII, Section 2 and make available to the election committee updated information on membership status.

CLAUSE E – PAST-PRESIDENT. The Past-President shall assist the incoming president with issues involving continuity and Section history and assist in the general administration of Section business affairs.

CLAUSE F – MEMBERS-AT-LARGE. Members-at-Large shall assist in the general administration of Section business affairs.

Section 4. CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SECTION – Chapters within the organizational area of the Section shall be encouraged to name a Representative to the Section. They shall provide the Editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the chapters and members in their respective areas. Chapter Representatives will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assist with routine Section business.

Section 5. TENURE OF OFFICE – Newly elected officers will be installed immediately prior to adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

CLAUSE A – PRESIDENT. In even numbered years the President-Elect succeeds to the Office of President for a 2-year term.

CLAUSE B – PRESIDENT-ELECT. The President-Elect shall be elected and installed each odd-numbered year for a 1-year term.

CLAUSE C – VICE-PRESIDENT. In even numbered years the Vice-President shall be elected and installed for a 2-year term.

CLAUSE D – SECRETARY-TREASURER. The Secretary–Treasurer will be appointed by the President for a 2-year term.

CLAUSE E – MEMBERS-AT-LARGE. Members-at-Large shall be elected for 2-year terms with 2 Members-at-Large being elected each year.

Section 6. CONSECUTIVE TERMS – The President may not serve 2 consecutive terms. No other elected officer may serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Section 7. VACANCY – When not otherwise specified, a vacancy in any un-expired term of office shall be filled by an appointee selected by the Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Section election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be Regular Members of the Section that reside in the organizational area of the section.

## **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

Section 1. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – The Annual Business Meeting of the Section will be held at such time and place as determined by the Board. Members shall be notified of the time and place at least 30 days in advance via the newsletter.

CLAUSE A – MEETING RULES. Parliamentary procedures at meetings of the Section shall follow *Robert's Rules of Order*, latest revision.

CLAUSE B – BYLAWS. Bylaws shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by the Society before becoming effective. The Section's "Operations Manual" also shall be available for inspection at all Section meetings.

CLAUSE C – QUORUM. A quorum for the Section Annual Meeting and any Special Meeting called by the Board shall be five members of the Board and 5 other non-Board members. If a quorum is not present, agenda items requiring a vote of the members may be discussed but no formal action can occur. In the event of the lack of a quorum of members (less than 5 non-Board Members) but where there is a quorum of the Board (at least 5 members of the Board), the Board may act on those issues not requiring a vote of the membership.

CLAUSE D – VOTING RIGHTS. Section members in good standing, as defined in Article IV Section 4, may participate in and vote on any item on the agenda that requires a vote of the membership **except that only Regular Members may vote on bylaw changes.**

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS – Special Meetings may be called by the Board at any time, provided members are notified of the time, place and purpose of the meeting at least 30 days in advance.

CLAUSE A – AGENDA. Only items listed in the call for a Special Meeting shall be acted upon at the Special Meeting.

CLAUSE B – PROTOCOL. All Clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to Special Meetings.

Section 3. BOARD MEETINGS – Board Meetings may be called at the pleasure of the Section President. A quorum at these meetings shall be 5 members of the Board. Section members may participate in Board Meetings, but may not vote.

Section 4. ITEMS REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP – The following items require a vote of the membership prior to adoption by the Section:

- Changes to the By-Laws (**only Regular Members can vote**),
- Changes to annual dues,
- Accepting Board election results and destroying the ballots,
- Accepting the report of the Secretary-Treasurer at the Annual Section Business Meeting,
- Adoption of new policy for the Section as defined in Article VII, Section 5, and
- Other items as decided by the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII – MANAGEMENT, REPORTS, AND FINANCES**

### Section 1. MANAGEMENT

CLAUSE A – GOVERNANCE. The Section shall be governed by the Board.

CLAUSE B – CONDUCT. The Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Section and of the Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Section between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members by newsletter or at the next Annual Meeting.

Section 2. REPORTS – Within 20 days after an election or other official action, the Secretary-Treasurer shall report such action to the Executive Director of the Society and the Section Representative. An annual report and activity time sheets from the Secretary-Treasurer shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of calendar year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Executive Director of the Society in January of each year.

Section 3. FINANCE – The Section shall be financed with funds derived from dues, special assessments, work projects, contributions, and an auction, sponsored by the host Chapter, to be held at the Annual Meeting. Such funds shall be received and disbursed by the Secretary-Treasurer under the supervision of the Board.

CLAUSE A – BONDING. The Secretary-Treasurer need not be bonded.

CLAUSE B – FUND ACCOUNTS. Funds shall be placed in a Section account in a federally insured bank, and each disbursement by a check drawn on such account.

CLAUSE C – REIMBURSEMENTS. The Secretary-Treasurer may, with approval of the Board, reimburse members for out of pocket expenditures made on behalf of the Section.

CLAUSE D- MINIMUM SECTION BALANCE. An end of calendar year balance of \$2,500 must be maintained in the Section account in order to provide for unforeseen expenses. If the Section account falls below \$2,500, actions must be taken by the Board in following year(s) to raise the account back up to the minimum level.

Section 4. FILES – The Section shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of the Society and the Section; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Board; correspondence pertinent to Section affairs; all committee reports; financial statements and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Board.

CLAUSE A – PROCEDURE FOR FILING. A “procedure for filing” shall be kept in the Section file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary-Treasurer.

CLAUSE B – OPERATIONS MANUAL. A Section “Operations Manual” provided by the Society will be maintained by the Section President and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and the Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5. POLICY, STATEMENTS, AND RESOLUTIONS – The following key terms are defined for clarification:

- POLICY. The existing body of principles found in the Bylaws, minutes of previous Executive Board and membership meetings, previous position and public statements, and resolutions. Policy is broader than statements and resolutions in that it provides direction rather than specific action.
- POSITION STATEMENT. Describes the Section's position on a specific issue. A position statement recommends action and is primarily for internal documentation of the Section's position on a specific issue.
- PUBLIC STATEMENT. A position statement in format suitable for external distribution. Public statements are intended to stimulate action on a position of the Section on a specific issue.
- RESOLUTION. A formal statement designed to set forth logic and conclusions regarding a specific issue.

CLAUSE A – SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS. Two or more members may submit statements or resolutions to the Resolutions and Statements Committee (see Article VIII, Section 1).

CLAUSE B – BOARD REVIEW. Those statements or resolutions with merit are forwarded to the Board for review, edit and disposition. Statements and resolutions involving new policy, shall be prepared for approval by the Section membership.

CLAUSE C – ACCEPTANCE OF STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS. Statements and resolutions involving new policy are accepted when approved by 2/3 of the Section membership voting at the Annual Business Meeting, Special Meetings, or via the Section newsletter.

CLAUSE D – TRANSMISSION TO THE SOCIETY. Those statements and resolutions adopted must be transmitted to the Society and the Section Representative. The Society and Section Representative must receive copies of any statement or resolution within 20 days of adoption.

CLAUSE E – PUBLIC STATEMENTS. The President, or designated representative, may represent a public statement on behalf of the Section for actions falling within previously established Section or Society policies or that demand action on reasonably short notice, provided that:

- The concept of the statement be brought to the attention of the Executive Board and is accepted by it prior to release of the statement; and
- Copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days or published in the next Section newsletter after public issuance of the statement.

CLAUSE F – SOCIETY POLICY. The Section will not issue statements that are in conflict with the policy of the Society without prior approval of the Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Conservation Affairs Activities" (App. 4.421b of the Operations Manual) and conform to the Society's Policy regarding conservation affairs (App. 4.421a of the Operations Manual).

## **ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES**

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES – Each President, after assuming office but prior to presiding over a Board meeting, shall appoint a member to chair each of the following committees; Audit, Membership, Nominations and Elections, Publicity, and Resolutions and Statement. The host Chapter for the Annual Section Meeting shall be responsible for the Program and Arrangement Committees for the Annual Section Meeting.

CLAUSE A – AUDIT. This committee shall audit the financial records before the annual business meeting and report such audit at that meeting. They shall also audit the annual financial statement and the financial records at such times as directed by the Board, and report such audits to the Board.

CLAUSE B – AWARDS. Duties of this committee are given in Article II, Section 2.

**CLAUSE C – MEMBERSHIP.** This committee shall work with Chapter Membership Committees to encourage all persons engaged in professional wildlife endeavors within the Section area to become members of the Section and the Society.

CLAUSE D – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. Duties of this committee are given in Article V, Section 1.

**CLAUSE E – PUBLICITY.** This committee shall prepare the newsletter, announce Section events and actions, and submit them to the Society and other appropriate media.

CLAUSE F – RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS. This committee shall receive, review, and prepare resolutions and position statements for consideration by the board. All statements resulting in a change in Section policy require a vote of the membership (Article VII, Section 5).

Section 2. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES** – The President shall appoint members to chair such special committees as may be deemed necessary for specific tasks.

**Section 3. MEMBERS** – Each standing or special committee shall consist of at least 3 members; 1 appointed, and 2 or more selected by the appointee.

Section 4. **ACCOUNTABILITY** – All committees shall be accountable to the Board.

Section 5. **TENURE** – All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

**ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

## Section 1. AMENDMENTS

CLAUSE A – VOTING. The Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the **Regular Members** voting at the Annual Business Meeting of the Section, a Special Meeting, or by mail ballot any time of the year provided the details of such alterations or amendments have been submitted to all members via the newsletter at least 30 days prior to such meeting or vote.

CLAUSE B – VOTING BY PROXY. Any member in good standing not able to attend a meeting when Bylaws amendments are to be acted upon, may authorize in writing another member as proxy, such proxy being valid only during the vote on such amendments.

Section 2. CONFORMANCE – No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted that results in a conflict with Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by the Society before becoming effective.

***ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION***

Upon dissolution of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society, its Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of the Society with a request that said assets be held for a minimum of 5 years from the date of dissolution of the Section for distribution to another Section that may be established in approximately the same area (as defined in Article I, Section 2) within said 5 year period. If another Section is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as determined best by the Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.