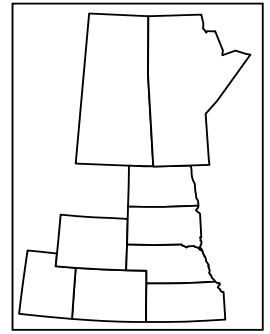




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Central Mountains and Plains Section



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### President's Message

It has been an honor to serve as your president. It is hard to believe that my term is nearly done. It has been great to serve with an enthusiastic and productive board that really cares about the Section and it's roles and purposed within The Wildlife Society.

The Board has articulated well – I believe – that the Section should serve a role in creating synergy and linkages among the various State, Provincial, and Student Chapters. There is much to be gained from sharing and observing what other chapters are busy doing. Some of those things include supporting various aspects of professional development, recognition of superior achievements, timely information sharing, discussion of ethics, and development of policy. I like to think that our most important role is ensuring the preparedness of current professionals and development of students.

Possibly the most significant action taken lately with the section has been the effort to link all of the chapters to the section by making it cheap and easy for all members to receive this newsletter. We are still working out some of the details, but my hope is that this effort will develop into the quintessential link that helps our section become the model for other sections.

I am a big fan of The Wildlife Society. I think that our professional organization does some important and impressive things for the profession and the resource. Some of the recent changes hold even greater promise. I also believe that many of the state and student chapters have been a key in drawing bright and enthusiastic students into our profession for a life of service to the resource. My experiences with the South Dakota State University Student Chapter and with both the South Dakota and Nebraska State Chapters have bolstered that belief.

However, for some time it has been my sense the sections (I'll admit that my personal experience has been limited to CMPS) have often floundered, trying desperately to find a clear purpose. The current board has spent a great deal of time and energy exploring the strengths of our section and building from those strengths a foundation that will allow – perhaps even compel – the section to develop a better understanding of its purpose. Through that understanding, I believe the great camaraderie that currently exists can be better shaped into an exciting, shared sense of purpose.

I intend to continue to be a part of the section and it is my hope that membership and involvement will greatly increase. I am excited about watching that happen.

There are always a lot of folks who really roll up their sleeves in any organization and make it function. The whole board and several others deserve your thanks. There are three folks I really think merit an extra measure of recognition. Without their efforts, not much would have happened – or at least you wouldn't have known about it – over the last couple of years. Matt Steffl has had the difficult task of developing, managing, and distributing the newsletter; I did the job once myself and know that it is a large burden. Alicia Hardin has served as the Secretary/Treasurer and has had to deal with all of those tasks that most of us don't want to do (money and records) and are, like me, no good at. Bob Lanka, your Vice-President, has done yeomen's work. He has headed the re-write of the bylaws, managed our awards processes, and chaired this year's annual meeting committee; I'm sure I would have endured a great deal of added stress if not for Bob.

Dr. Gary White will take the helm at the annual meeting. I have really enjoyed working with Gary the last few years and am looking forward to the next couple of years under his leadership.

Thank you for your support and patience these last two years. I have enjoyed the challenges of the office and I will always treasure the great relationships that have grown out of this endeavor.

Cheers!

Steve

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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.

**The Section Rep's Report****"Ryder's Ramblings"**

Your Society continues to move forward to meet and/or exceed member needs in a number of areas. Executive Director Michael Hutchins, TWS Staff, and Council have The Society doing some pretty exciting new things.

On the publications front, those of you who subscribe to the "Journal of Wildlife Management", "Wildlife Society Bulletin", or "Wildlife Monographs" have already seen the wonderful changes implemented this year. The new format is very attractive and minor print issues are gradually being addressed to improve readability of these flagship publications. Common author guidelines have been developed and are currently in use to help combine these 2 Journals beginning in 2007. In fact, manuscript reviews are already being done for issues of the "new" JWM next year, as all issues slated for 2006 publication are now full.

Work also continues at a rapid pace to design and produce the first issue of "The Wildlife Professional", your new member magazine, slated for release toward the end of January, 2007. Publishing Director Philippa Benson and her crew have been doing some phenomenal work developing content ideas and working with a professional design firm to finalize this new publication. Absolutely make sure you renew your membership early for 2007 so you don't miss this new member benefit.

Our move into electronic publications seems to be progressing too. Our use of Allentrack to submit and review manuscripts electronically is now being used for all publication venues and seems to be working very well. In addition, all TWS publications since 1937 are being readied for high resolution scanning and will soon be available electronically. Scanning back issues of JWM and WSB, along with continuing electronic publishing of new issues of these journals, will greatly increase citation rates and accessibility of your work to a worldwide audience. Council is extremely pleased with this development.

The new, draft TWS Strategic Plan is getting one last going-over by Staff and the planning committee before going out for member review and comment. Please occasionally check TWS's website ([www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org)) and watch for publication of this draft in a future issue of The Wildlifer. Then take a little time to review the draft plan and provide Council with your thoughts and/or comments. We need and want member input into the Strategic Plan so we can make TWS more meaningful to our membership.

Speaking of TWS's website, efforts are underway to completely revamp our existing site. Staff is planning to replace our hardware later this year to improve capabilities of TWS to meet Working Group, Chapter, Section, and member needs and desires concerning housing your various websites, etc. Again, watch future issues of The Wildlifer and occasionally check the website for the latest updates/changes.

On the policy front, TWS continues our efforts to influence conservation issues across the continent. President Bob Brown just finished a new President's Podium which summarizes many of our policy activities over the past several months and I urge you to read it in The Wildlifer or on the website. It will probably surprise you how many different, important issues your Society is impacting through our Policy Staff and program.

This fall's TWS Annual Conference is being finalized and registration materials have now been mailed to all members. This may be one of the coolest conferences ever held and the location will be tough to top. I encourage you to make travel plans now and head up to Anchorage from September 23-27 to attend this great get-together.

In addition, one of our Section's state chapters has agreed to host the 2010 Annual Conference. At their March meeting, Utah Chapter members decided to take this meeting on. I'm personally gratified to have the annual conference coming back to CMPS and look forward to a wonderful gathering in the desert. After the great work Colorado, North Dakota, and Manitoba Chapters (with Alberta Chapter) did hosting previous conferences, Utah will have a high standard to meet. But, I know they will do an excellent job. Good luck Utah and don't hesitate to ask for assistance from me or CMPS members.

Thanks for all you do for wildlife, your respective agencies, and The Wildlife Society. If you're not a current member of the parent Society, all I can say is – WHAT IN THE HECK IS THE MATTER WITH YOU!!?? Get online, and get your membership application in TODAY!! If you're not a part of this outfit now, with all the relevant, important work the Society is doing, I don't know what else we can do to entice you to join **YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY**. No excuses – get after it!!

- TR

**2006 CMPS Meeting in Wyoming**

University of Wyoming Campus  
Laramie, WY

August 29 – 31, 2006

Come for the professional development, but stay for the fun! Activities and sessions are designed to provide you with current research findings, information about successfully implemented management strategies and habitat improvement techniques.

TWS President Brown and Executive Director Michael Hutchins will be there to share their views about TWS and its future, and to listen to your ideas and concerns.

Thirty wildlife professionals can learn about wildlife chemical immobilization from Dr. Terry Kreeger, Wyoming's resident expert and author of the book, Handbook of Wildlife Chemical Immobilization. This 2-day course will be offered on August 31 through September 1, 2006.

View Wyoming's diverse habitat types on pre-planned field trips. Enjoy a catered banquet on Tuesday night, and help raise funds to support CMPS and the Wyoming State Chapter of TWS by participating in the annual auction.

Come for one day, or stay for the entire conference. We know you'll benefit from this conference, so plan now to attend. Those who register by August 24 will receive a significant discount. The conference website address is: <http://outreach.uwo.edu/conferences/cmPSwildlife>.

Laramie is nestled in the high plains below the peaks of the Snowy Range Mountains. It is 45 miles west of Cheyenne on I-80, and about 25 miles north of the Colorado border. You can count on beautiful weather, with warm day and cool nights, perfect for long strolls and chats to catch up with old friends.

**CMPS 2006 Elections – Meet the Candidates**

In 2006 we in the Central Mountains and Plains Section will be electing a vice-president and two positions on the executive board need to be filled during this year's elections. These positions are for a two-year term (take office in August 2006 and serve until August 2008). Five professionals have volunteered to help meet the needs of the section and run for office. As voting members, we are very fortunate to have five highly qualified candidates to choose from. Please take the time to read the information on the following pages about each candidate, and consider whom you think will best serve in the offices under consideration and cast your ballot.

A committee has also been reviewing the CMPS bylaws. As you may recall, in our last newsletter a draft copy of proposed by-laws changes for the Section were included. At that time TWS still needed to review the draft bylaws for compliance with the Society's International bylaws. That review was completed and approval granted on April 26, 2006. Now the final step in this revision process is for you, the member to vote. A yes vote means you approve the changes, a no vote means you do not.

According to our current bylaws only Regular Members of the section current on their dues may vote on business of the section such as this. Please complete the ballot found in this newsletter and get it to Bob Lanka in one of three ways: 1) mail it to him at the address shown below, 2) bring it with you to the annual business meeting or 3) e-mail your yes or no vote to him at the address below. In order to be counted, he must receive ballots sent by U.S. Mail or e-mail no later than 3PM August 28<sup>th</sup>. For those planning to vote at the annual business meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>, ballots received prior to the end of old business will be counted.

Editor's Note: The proposed bylaws are included at the end of this newsletter. Due to length and extra postage those of you receiving a hard copy will not have those pages included. The bylaws can be viewed at [www.cmPSwildlife.org](http://www.cmPSwildlife.org) or you can contact Matt Steffl at 402-228-0269 to have a copy mailed to you.

**CMPS ELECTION BALLOT 2005**

**VICE PRESIDENT (vote for one)**

Paul Coughlin  Glen Sargeant

**EXECUTIVE BOARD (vote for two)**

Dave Freddy  Brad Simpson

Craig R. McLaughlin  Art Smith

Karla Guyn

**BYLAW REVISIONS (vote yes or no)**

Do you vote in favor of the proposed changes to the CMPS bylaws?

Yes  No

Voting Options:

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E-mail to: [bob.lanka@wgf.state.wy.us](mailto:bob.lanka@wgf.state.wy.us)

OR: Vote at the Annual Meeting in Wyoming August 29-31.

*A Photocopy of the ballot is acceptable.*

## Candidate Biographies

### Paul Coughlin—South Dakota

#### Education

BS Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences – South Dakota State University - 1989

MS Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences – South Dakota State University - 1992

#### Work History

I am currently the Wildlife Habitat Program Administrator for South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks, where I administer the Wildlife Division's private lands habitat program as well as the public lands acquisition and management program. Previously I worked with SDGF&P as the state wetland habitat biologist and as a private land habitat biologist.

#### TWS History

I have been a TWS member since 1986 and a CMPS member for much of the same period. I have also been a member of the South Dakota TWS Chapter since 1986, serving on the Executive Board from 1997 to 2004 in the Secretary/Treasurer and President positions.

#### Vision

While a relative newcomer to the wildlife profession, my past 20 years as a student, wildlife manager and administrator have provided me a wide variety of experiences and opportunities that I continue to reflect on and learn from. Likewise, my continued involvement and interaction with other dedicated wildlife professionals through TWS activities has also helped forge who I am as a biologist and administrator. The professionalism and integrity of TWS members at all levels is the foundation of who we are and who we need to be as a profession. I believe CMPS has a critical role to the future of our profession. The importance of regional organization offered through CMPS is not unlike other regional wildlife associations. Organizations such as the Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies offer opportunities for wildlife agencies to interact and work cooperatively on regional issues. CMPS offers a similar opportunity for wildlife professionals to interact, exchange information and address regional issues and challenges to wildlife and natural resources. While many of us in the wildlife profession are concerned with recruitment and retention of hunters and fishers, I believe we as wildlife professionals should be equally concerned about the recruitment and retention of professionals into TWS. Only by continuing to grow TWS membership at all levels will we be able to help ensure a high degree of professionalism and integrity amongst our future ranks.

#### Personal

I am married with three children, and enjoy spending my time with them pursuing a variety of activities.

### Glen Sargeant—North Dakota

#### Education

Ph.D., Wildlife Ecology, University of Wisconsin—Madison.

M.S., Biometry, University of Wisconsin—Madison.

M.S., Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow.

B.S., Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

#### Work History

Glen is a research wildlife biologist at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota. His professional interests include wildlife population dynamics and assessment, population ecology of ungulates and carnivores, applied and theoretical statistics, and the R language and environment for statistical computing. Glen previously worked as Spotted Owl Program leader for the Yakama Indian Nation and as a biologist at the Hanford Site.

#### TWS history

Glen has been involved in TWS for more than 20 years. His recent activities include the following:

*TWS—Workshop organizer and lead instructor, Introduction to R, 2005; Co-organizer, Symposium on Regression Methods, 2002; Contributed Posters Subcommittee, 2002; Judge, Student Presentations, 2002.*

*Biometrics Working Group, TWS—Executive Board Member 2000-2001; Treasurer/Executive Board Member, 2001-2002, 2003-2004 & 2004-2005; Student Travel Grant Committee, 2002-2005.*

*North Dakota Chapter, TWS (NDCTWS)— Executive Board Member, 2002-2003; Finance Committee, 2002-Present; Western Lands Committee, 2002-Present; Chronic Wasting Disease Committee, 2003-Present.*

#### Vision

“The NDCTWS played a key role in my early professional development. Later, TWS provided broader exposure and opportunities that were not available locally. Those organizations still play a critical role in my professional life but represent extremes of local and national focus. In contrast, my research and personal interest, like the CMPS, have developed a decidedly “western” emphasis. For me, the CMPS is playing an increasingly valuable role by 1) serving as a point-of-contact for other wildlife professionals who share my interest in regional conservation issues and 2) assuring representation of state and regional interests to TWS. If I'm elected, I'll welcome the opportunity to support and strengthen the CMPS in both respects.”

Personal

Glen and his wife, Felicia, are parents of 2 young daughters, ages 3 and 5, who are already veteran fishers, hunters, and campers. Felicia, who is also a biologist, is currently Director of the National Buffalo Museum.

**Dave Freddy—Colorado**Education

BSc Wildlife Biology, Colo. St. Univ., 1971

MSc Zoology, Univ. of Idaho, 1974

History

Dave is currently the Mammals Research Leader for the Colorado Division of Wildlife. From 1974 through 2004, Dave was a Wildlife Researcher for CDOW with nearly all his research focused on various aspects of mule deer and elk population and habitat management issues and has been an author or co-author on approximately 20 peer-reviewed publications. Dave served as member and co-chair of the CDOW Animal Care and Use Committee 1991-2000

TWS History

Member of TWS since 1970; charter member of Colorado Chapter TWS beginning 1972, CMPS member since 2000; held various offices in CCTWS from 1986-1991 and was President of CCTWS in 1990; received TWS Jim McDonough Award in 2001; received CCTWS Douglas L Gilbert Award in 2005; Certified Wildlife Biologist since 2000; attended the TWS national meetings in 1997 and 2001; served as reviewer for J. Wildlife Management since 1980 and for the Wildlife Society Bulletin since 1985.

Vision

CMPS should serve to articulate the needs and concerns of the various state chapters to the National TWS and similarly, facilitate information and actions from TWS down to the state chapters. Across the broad and diverse region of the CMPS, there are many common issues that affect the status and management of various wildlife species. CMPS can serve as a collective sounding board to help identify and coordinate professional responses to these issues when appropriate and provide some collective guidance as to how our professional members can respond to 'on-the-ground' common problems. We should strive to keep our membership informed and when possible, contribute to the continuing education of our membership.

Personal

I am married and have one daughter who is working her way into the legal profession (yes, another lawyer) and real estate (yes, land development). I enjoy many outdoor activities including hunting, photography, fishing, hiking, backpacking, and camping. My side passion is training and competing with my German Shepherd Dogs in various performance events.

**Brad Simpson—Kansas**Education

B.S. Wildlife Biology, Kansas State University (1989)

M.S. Environmental Biology (wildlife emphasis), Emporia State University (1992)

Work History

2004- Present - Private Lands Coordinator for Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

1994 – 2004 – Assistant Area Manager/wildlife biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

1992-1994 – Range Technician, USFWS, Flint Hills NWR

TWS History

TWS member since 1987, Certified Wildlife Biologist (1999)

Kansas Chapter – member since 2004, currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer, Chair of Strategic Planning Ad-hoc Committee

Texas Chapter – member 1994-2004, served on scholarship, local arrangements, and finance committees for a number of years, Chair of Scholarship Committee 2000-2002

Kansas State University Student Chapter – member 1985-1989, served as Vice-president (1987-1988) and President (1988-1989).

Vision

The CMPS provides an avenue for professional interaction at the summer meeting which is not only important to understand issues and challenges (which apparently there is no end to and continues to grow) throughout the section, but also serves as a mechanism to meet new members, get reacquainted with older members and friends, and to mentor students when possible. The CMPS is also critical in providing the link to TWS from a section standpoint. These things are no secret and that I am confident the CMPS will continue to strive and excel at.

**CRAIG MCLAUGHLIN—UTAH**Education

PhD in Wildlife Ecology, University of Maine, 1998

MS in Wildlife Management, Pennsylvania State University, 1981

BS in Wildlife Conservation and Management, University of Wyoming 1979

Associate in Wildlife Technology, Pennsylvania State University 1976

Work History

Currently: Big Game Program Coordinator, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Previous positions: 2004-2005, Wildlife Division Director, Vermont Fish and Wildlife

Department; 2002-2004, Mammals Program Coordinator, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources; 1983-2002, Lead biologist on Black Bear, Lynx and Wolf issues, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; 1978-1982, field work on black bear and deer in Pennsylvania and Maine.

### TWS History

Present or past membership in several TWS chapters, including Utah, New England, Maine, and Pennsylvania State University Chapter.

### Vision

My professional history has been varied, both in terms of the scope of species that I've studied, conservation issues that I've addressed, and in the geography and social climates in which I've worked. Although ecological conditions in the central mountains and plains region are vastly different than those of New England, the core components of wildlife conservation issues are similar in both regions. As managers, we strive to maintain biological diversity in the face of expanding human populations that alter and destroy habitat and demand additional recreational opportunities on our landscapes. We wrestle with limited financial resources to accomplish our mission of wildlife conservation. We grapple with time-limited decision making based on incomplete and often imperfect information. And we struggle to educate the public about the importance of ensuring the future of our wildlife and their habitats.

Today's wildlife professionals must continue to insist on high scientific standards in our monitoring and management programs, and we need to engage the public in our work. Knowledge gaps will always remain as we march into the future, but rigor in data collection, analysis and decision-making is critical to maintaining the credibility of wildlife professionals in the public arena.

Utah has a very strong and active TWS chapter, with participation from all major entities – state and federal conservation agencies, universities, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. However, I believe many of Utah's wildlife professionals are not well acquainted with the CMPS. I would work to improve the visibility of CMPS in Utah, and facilitate coordination between in-state wildlife professionals and their colleagues elsewhere within the CMPS. A strong CMPS will retain relevance to its members by facilitating the exchange of knowledge on wildlife-related issues, fostering continuing education of professionals, and providing leadership to help inform public policy. Through these functions, CMPS can ensure that wildlife resources, and their conservation, continue to be valued by our increasingly urbanized society.

### **Art Smith—South Dakota**

Art Smith is the Program Administrator for the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' Wildlife Damage

Management Program and has been with Game, Fish and Parks since January 2001. Prior to that he worked as a wildlife statistics consultant for 2 Canadian Provinces, 4 states, the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, and the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit in Madison, Wisconsin.

Art earned his BS in Ecology and Systematic Biology from Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo, CA and MS in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a Certified Wildlife Biologist, recently completed his Professional Development Certification, and has been nationally active in human/wildlife conflict issues for the past decade. He is completing his first term as Board Member at Large for the Section, is the current Secretary-Treasurer and a Past-President of the South Dakota TWS Chapter, served on the TWS national Conservation Education Award Committee from 2000-04 and as Chair in 2003-2004, currently serves as a member of the TWS Publications and Strategic Planning committees, and will assume the Chair of TWS Wildlife Damage Management Working Group position this September.

"I am honored to again be given the opportunity to be considered for the position of Board Member at Large. The CMPS consists of a unique mix of resource users, all competing for similar wildlife interests. The Section is the best group capable of providing a link between these various agencies, organizations, and resource users. The primary goal of the Section should be to enhance our ability to conserve our resources and maintain our credibility as informational and organizational leaders. I appreciate the faith Section members had in me by electing me to the Board two years ago. I look forward to continuing the momentum we've developed over the last few years. Over that period I think we've developed some unique tools to better represent the interests of the Section, and would be honored to be given the chance to continue to develop and fine-tune these tools."

### **Karla Guyn—Manitoba**

#### Education

Environmental Science – Wildlife Diploma, Lethbridge Community College, 1986

B.Sc. Wildlife Biology, University of Montana, 1988

M.Sc. Biology, University of Saskatchewan, 1994

Ph.D. Biology, University of Saskatchewan, 2000

#### Work History

I have worked with Ducks Unlimited Canada for the past 8 years and am currently Director of Conservation Planning. I oversee the biological and scientific integrity of conservation planning in Canada. Prior to this position I was the Regional Conservation Biologist for the prairie region, where I helped to guide conservation programs and the development of decision support tools for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. I have maintained my interest and passion for pintails over the past 12 years. I

helped to develop DU Canada's pintail initiative and still maintain an active role in pintail management and research.

### TWS History

National Chapter: Member since 1996.

Student Chapter: University of Montana 1986 – 1988.

Manitoba Chapter: Member since 1997. Served as President Elect 2004, President 2005 and currently sit on the executive as Past President.

### Vision

TWS provides a unique forum for discussion amongst, and professional development of, wildlife managers. But, participation in TWS by Canadian biologists lags far behind that in the U.S. In addition, the link between CMPS and the Manitoba Chapter has weakened with many recent retirements of wildlife professionals in Manitoba. I hope that I can continue to provide the linkage to CMPS for our new members, and encourage more active participation by our chapter.

## Chapter Reports

### Nebraska

Before the spring primary, NETWS worked with the Nebraska League of Conservation Voters to develop questions for Nebraska's Gubernatorial Candidates and disseminate the responses back to our membership.

The Membership committee has been making efforts to retain past members and recruit new members, as well as continuing to update contact information for our members.

The Board is still working to secure a domain name and develop a new, updated web site.

NETWS has been part of the Nebraska 2007 Farm Bill Conservation working group that is working to develop consensus based recommendations on Farm Bill Conservation programs from both agriculture and conservation interests.

Also, congratulations to Emily Munter, NETWS Treasurer, for being selected to participate in the 2006 Wildlife Society Leadership Institute!

Chapter members continue to assist with planning and support for the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference to be held 3-6 December 2006 at the Doubletree Hotel in Omaha with the them "Economic and Social Values of our Natural Resources". For more information go to <http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/midwest2006/>.

The 2006 Annual Meeting will be in North Platte, Nebraska at the Holiday Inn Express on October 13-14, 2006, with Water Issues being the conference theme.

### Wyoming

The current Wyoming Chapter of TWS newsletter can be found at <http://www.wyotws.org>.

## 2006 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference

### SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS, AND SMALL MEETING REQUESTS

67<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference – “The Economic and Social Values of our Natural Resources”

Doubletree Hotel

Omaha, Nebraska

December 3–6, 2006

You are cordially invited to present at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. For more information on submission of abstracts, small group meeting requests, and general information visit the conference website under “I want to...”.

### Deadlines:

July 31, 2006 - Paper and poster abstracts, Small Group Meeting Requests

October 1, 2006- Program acceptance notification

For more information visit our websites at:

[www.midwest2006.org](http://www.midwest2006.org) or  
[www.ngpc.state.ne.us/midwest2006/](http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/midwest2006/)

Please feel free to distribute this second call notice to interested colleagues, a .pdf version flyer is available on the conference web page for bulletin posting.



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# Tentative Agenda

## Monday, August 28, 2006

- 2:00 - WY Partners in Flight (Beta House, UW)  
5:00 PM  
6:00 - Registration (Beta House, UW)  
7:30 PM  
6:00 - TWS-WY Chapter Executive Board Meeting (Beta House, UW)  
10:00 PM  
6:00 - Great Plains Natural Science Society Annual Meeting (Beta House, UW)  
10:00 PM

## Tuesday, August 29, 2006

- 7:00 - Registration (Beta House, UW)  
9:30 AM  
8:00 - TWS-CMPS Annual Business Meeting (Crane/Hill Dining Hall, UW)  
11:30 AM  
11:30 AM Lunch on your own  
- 1:00 PM  
1:00 - Introduction and Welcome (Crane/Hill Dining Hall, UW)  
1:10 PM
- Daryl Lutz, WY Chapter President
  - Steve Riley, CMPS President

### Student Presentation Session

Alison Lyon-Holloran and Jena Hickey, Moderators

- 1:10 - Population dynamics and resource selection of shira's moose (*Alces alces shirasi*) in northwest Wyoming - **Scott Becker**  
1:25 PM  
1:25 - Comparing the toxicity of the lichen *Xanthoparmelia chlorochroa* collected from several locations throughout Wyoming, using domestic sheep - **Rebecca Dailey**  
1:40 PM  
1:40 - Sage-grouse winter habitat selection and coal bed natural gas development - **Kevin Doherty**  
1:55 PM  
1:55 - Population biology of the reintroduced black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) at Shirley Basin, Wyoming: preliminary results - **Martin Grenier**  
2:10 PM  
2:10 - Monitoring ungulate populations with age ratios - **Nyeema Harris**  
2:25 PM  
2:25 - The interactions of Colorado pikeminnow (*Cyprinella lutrensis*) with red shiner (*Cyprinella lutrensis*), northern pie (*Esox lucius*), channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*), and smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) in the Upper Colorado River Basin - **Kyle Heinrich**  
2:40 PM  
2:40 - Effects of emergency feeding on mule deer herds in northern Utah - **Chris Peterson**  
2:55 PM  
2:55 - Break  
3:10 PM  
3:10 - Creating a win-win situation between private land owners and student TWS chapters: Colorado State TWS neotropical bird surveys - **Adam Phillips**  
3:25 PM  
3:25 - Are wildlife crossings an effective solution? A road ecology case study in Utah - **Silvia Rosa**  
3:40 PM  
3:40 - Mortality associated with chronic wasting disease in free-ranging deer in South Dakota: a multi-state model approach - **Krysten Schuler**  
3:55 PM  
3:55 - Predicting moose habitat using the literature - **Eric Wald**  
4:10 PM  
4:10 - Sagegrouse population response to coal-bed natural gas development in the Powder River Basin: a region-wide lek analysis - **Brett Walker**  
4:25 PM  
4:25 - Hunting satisfaction among Kansas resident and non-resident hunters - **Benjamin Wheeler**  
4:40 PM

- 4:40 - Effects of snow compaction on the movement and distribution of mammals traveling on the snow surface - **John Whiteman**
- 4:55 PM Announcements
- 5:00 PM
- 6:00 - Social and Silent Auction (Crane/Hill Dining Hall, UW)
- 6:30 PM
- 6:30 - Banquet (Crane/Hill Dining Hall, UW)
- 7:30 PM
- 7:30 - Auction/raffle and awards (Crane/Hill Dining Hall, UW)
- 9:00 PM

**Wednesday, August 30, 2006**

- 7:00 - Registration (Crane/Hill Dining Hall, UW)
- 9:30 AM
- 8:00 - Welcome and announcements (Crane/Hill Dining Hall, UW)
- 8:15 AM
- 8:15 - Keynote Presentations
- 10:00 AM Dr. Robert Brown - President, The Wildlife Society  
Dr. Michael Hutchins - Executive Director, The Wildlife Society
- 10:00 - Break
- 10:15 AM

**SESSION I - Wildlife Disease**

Cynthia Tate, Moderator

- 10:15 - Effects of chronic wasting disease on normal behavior of white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) in Southeast Wyoming - **David Edmunds**
- 10:40 AM
- 10:40 - 2004-2005 Wyoming statewide chronic wasting disease surveillance - **Jessica Jennings**
- 11:05 AM
- 11:05 - Evaluation of the elk brucellosis test-and-slaughter program and continued studies on the epidemiology of brucellosis in feedground elk in Wyoming - **Laura Linn**
- 11:30 AM
- 11:30 - Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 PM

**SESSION II - Wildlife Disease (continued)**

Hank Edwards, Moderator

- 1:00 - Intraspecific density-dependent transmission of brucellosis and scavenging rates of pseudo-aborted elk fetuses on feedgrounds of western Wyoming - **Eric Maichak**
- 1:25 PM
- 1:25 - Improved diagnostic and molecular epidemiological tests for brucellosis in elk and cattle - **Amanda Fluegel**
- 1:50 PM
- 1:50 - Rabid skunk behavior during an epizootic in northwestern Wyoming - **Craig Ramey**
- 2:15 PM
- 2:15 - Bighorn sheep hoof deformities - **Todd Nordeen**
- 2:40 PM
- 2:40 - An outbreak of necrobacillosis caused by *Fusobacterium necrophorum* subsp. *necrophorum* in elk on a winter feedground in Wyoming - **Cynthia Tate**
- 3:05 PM
- 3:05 - Break
- 3:20 PM

**Session III - Large Carnivores**

Chuck Anderson, Moderator

- 3:20 - Human opinions and knowledge of increased cougar (*Puma concolor*) harvests prior to bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) translocations - **Loren Chase**
- 3:45 PM
- 3:45 - Cougar management guidelines and implementation and refinement program - **Linda Sweanor**
- 4:10 PM
- 4:10 - Wolf recovery in Wyoming, outside Yellowstone National Park, 1999-2005 - **Michael Jimenez**
- 4:35 PM
- 4:35 - Spatial and temporal relationships of adult male black bears to roads in northwest Montana -

5:00 PM **Tonya Chilton**

5:30 - Student/Professional Mixer (Beta House, UW)

5:30 PM

6:30 - ? Directly following the student mixer: TWS-Colorado Chapter Meeting - All Invited (Washington Park in Laramie) Please bring something to grill. Beer and snacks provided.

Dinner on your own - be sure to ask for local recommendations

### **Thursday, August 31, 2006**

There are three options to choose from Thursday - **1) Scientific session, 2) Field trip, and 3) Chemical Immobilization Course** (2 days) - please be sure you are at the correct place at the correct time for your activity!

#### **Scientific Session**

8:00 - Announcements (Crane/Hill Dining Hall, UW)

8:10 AM

#### **Session IV - Special/Habitat Management**

Steve Kilpatrick, Moderator

8:10 - Overview and current status of Northwest Gap Analysis Project - **Jocelyn Aycrigg**

8:35 AM

8:35 - Avian community response to interspersed fuel reduction treatments into dense Wyoming big sagebrush stands - **Destin Harrell**

9:00 - Effects of changing land-use on ring-necked pheasant populations in southwestern North

9:25 AM Dakota - **Jerry Kobriger**

9:25 - Beaver as ecosystem engineers in competition with elk - **Bruce Baker**

9:50 AM

9:50 - Break

10:15 AM

10:15 - A framework for examining wildlife habitat mitigation in the Upper Green River Basin - **Dan**

10:40 AM **Stroud**

#### **Session V - Monitoring/Techniques/Policy**

Daryl Lutz, Moderator

10:40 - Movement and Distribution Patterns of Pronghorn in Relation to Roads and Fences in

11:05 AM Wyoming - **Daly Sheldon**

11:05 - Spotlight counts: A new method for assessing chick survival in greater sage-grouse - **Brett**

11:30 AM **Walker**

11:30 AM Lunch (provided)

- 1:00 PM

1:00 - Monitoring strategies for white-tailed prairie dogs in Colorado - **Gary White**

1:25 PM

1:25 - Building staff capacity for new initiatives with creative partnerships - **Jarren Kulpers**

1:50 PM

1:50 - Review, questions, meeting close

2:00 PM

8:00 AM - Technical Session

5:00 PM

8:00 AM - Wildlife Chemical Immobilization (day one)

5:00 PM

#### **Field Trip**

Details to follow

7:00 AM - Lunch provided, meet buses at south end of the gravel/dirt parking lot east of the UW

6:00 PM Stadium - parking is free in this lot

#### **Chemical Immobilization Course - Day 1**

Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory, 1174 Snowy Range Road, Laramie

8:00 - AM Taught by Dr. Terry Kreeger, lunch provided, park in the designated area in dirt lot behind  
- 5:00 PM the lab - parking is free in this lot

**Friday, September 1, 2006**

Chemical Immobilization Course - Day 2  
(Same Location)

8:00 AM - Taught by Dr. Terry Kreeger, lunch provided, park in the designated area in dirt lot behind  
5:00 PM the lab - parking in free in this lot

***\*\*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.

# **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.

Approved 15 May 1980

Amended 28 April 1986

Amended 8 October 1987

Amended 11 August 1990

Amended **Day Month** 2006

Approved by TWS Council 26 April 2006

## 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.**
- 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. To allow ample time to notify award winners and allow them time to plan their trip to the Annual Meeting the nomination period should close by late spring.**
- 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:

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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
PRESENTED FOR  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
(NAME) (DATE)

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**

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.

**COMMENT, in the future this will require that the Secretary/Treasurers provide a up-to-date membership list to the Elections Committee Chair prior to ballots coming in so that this person may know whether to count a ballot, count it conditionally or not count it at all. Many get a ballot and vote though they are not members. This will become increasingly true as we go electronic with our newsletter.**

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.

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,
- 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 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.