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Mark your calendar!

The **2004 NYTWS Fall Field Meeting** will take place on Thursday, September 16th and Friday, September 17th. The meeting will be held at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge in Seneca Falls. Further information to follow by e-mail and on our website.



**The New York Chapter
of The Wildlife Society**

Newsletter

REGIONAL NY-TWS MEETINGS; IS THERE A NEED AND DESIRE?

Lynn Braband
Chapter Past President

For years, I have had “organizational envy” of my wife. As a dietitian, her profession has not only national and state organizations but local, regional groups that regularly meet. Now I am sure there are a lot more dietitians than wildlife biologists in New York State. However, I have often felt that many of us would like the opportunity to interact locally with fellow biologists outside of our normal work context.

Last year we pioneered an eastern New York get-together with the Cobleskill student chapter. It was on a Saturday evening in May and was in conjunction with Cobleskill's Fish and Wildlife Festival. It was billed as a Professional-Student Mixer. Cobleskill provided the location, and we provided the goodies. The main attraction was a group discussion on finding employment/choosing career paths.

The pilot event in western New York will be held at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in Genesee County on Friday, August 27, 2004, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Heidi Bogner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will be giving a slide-illustrated presentation on marsh birds in the

Iroquois/Tonawanda/Oak Orchard complex. The Chapter will provide refreshments for informal fellowship afterwards. The event will, of course, be open to all Chapter members and guests, although we anticipate that most participants will be from western NYS. No fee will be charged for attending. The Chapter's Executive Committee encourages you to invite a colleague who is not a Chapter member to this event. For all those who do, a drawing will be held with a prize each for a member and his/her guest.

A reminder will be distributed electronically by mid-August. Please contact me if you need additional information. My phone number is (315) 787-2408, and my e-mail address is LAB45@cornell.edu.

My hope is that, if these regional meetings do fulfill a need, Chapter members will take the initiative to organize future get-togethers for their localities. I have already been contacted by a member in central New York about possibly organizing an event next spring.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE REFUGE

€ From I-90 (the Thruway) take Exit 48-A (Medina/Pembroke). Turn left (north) onto Route 77 towards Medina and Indian Falls. Go approximately 8 miles. At the flashing traffic light in Alabama, go straight for one more mile. Turn left onto Casey Road. There will be a green and white sign for Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters at the intersection. Refuge headquarters is one mile on the right.

€ From the North: Take Route 63 South, out of Medina. Go approximately 6 miles to Casey Road. Turn right onto Casey Road.

€ From Lockport area: Take Route 77. Go approximately 12 miles east. Turn left onto Casey Road. There will be a large, wooden sign at the intersection for Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge - Headquarters.

Further information on the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge can be found at <http://iroquoisnwr.fws.gov/>

Notice

Due to continuing health issues, Dr. Harry Hodgdon, Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, is taking extended medical leave. It is the hope of TWS Executive Committee that this break from his duties as Executive Director will allow Harry to focus his energies on his health and well being. The long-term situation with respect to Executive Director responsibilities will be assessed by 30 September 2004 after TWS Council meets at the Annual Conference in Calgary, Canada.

Beginning 21 July 2004, Tom Franklin, Wildlife Policy Director, will serve as Acting Executive Director, this in accordance with TWS Bylaws and established protocol.

Annual Business Meeting Information

Below is the draft meeting minutes from the 2004 Annual Business Meeting. Please review prior to this winter's meeting.

Draft Minutes Annual Business Meeting February 6, 2004

1. Meeting Called to Order 11:13 AM
2. Call for Revisions of Agenda – no revisions
3. Minutes of 2003 meeting submitted. No Changes. No Quorum for Approval.
4. Treasurer's Report – presented and incorporated in records. Total Assets as of 12/31/03 were \$17,937.26.
5. Finance Committee Report – 50 in 5 Campaign – Continue to work with campaign. The plan is to reissue the campaign at the end of 5 years. It started in Dec. 2001. Of the original committee only George Mattfeld is left. Should the Executive Committee take any action on this? Or, establish a new committee? No, further discussion.
6. Audit Committee Report – Audit was completed, no discrepancies found.
7. TWS Council Highlights – Notes were submitted by Lynn Braband for John Organ NE Section Representative.
 - a. Technical Position Paper on Steady State Economic Growth – Council would like feed back from NYTWS Chapter and ask whether or not NYTWS would provide support for the Position Paper.
 - b. TWS list serve was suspended due to inappropriate commentary by a single individual. List serve will likely be re-established at a later date.
8. Presidents Report – Submitted by Lynn Braband, and entered into the record. Report included overview of the past year, letter from TWS President Dan Decker concerning membership, and information on supporting the Farm Bill initiatives involving use of Certified Wildlife Biologists as Technical Service Providers.
9. Nominating and Awards Report
 - Stuart Free Awards given to John Ozard and Kevin Berner
 - Student award given to Michael Anderson from Cornell
 - Nomination of Officers – Existing Officers agreed to run for another term, unchallenged. Secretary Cast single vote to elect officers to a new term.
10. Publicity and Information (Communications) Report – NYTWS has new website located on the server at TWS. Additional information needs to be added to the site.
11. Membership Report provided by Kristi Sullivan in Vice-President's Report. Membership records show 112 paid members for 2003 with 19 new members 10% are students, 13% are women. We are actively working on cleaning up our membership database and need current e-mail listings for all members.
12. Program Report provided by Kristi Sullivan in Vice-President's Report. Fall Field Meeting was held at Arnot Teaching and Research Forest. Quiz bowl was hosted by Finger Lakes Community. Event was attended by 34 regular and student members.
13. Conservation Affairs Report – No Report given
14. Other activities – Certification Committee – Roy Jacobson has retired from committee. By-Laws – no actions

- 15. Old Business – Suggestion of having a Raffle at the Annual meeting. It was not done at this meeting but should in the future?
- 16. New Business – Pursue a 2 or 3 way meeting with AFS and ASF for 2005 annual meeting?
- 17. Installation of New President – Charles Smith was installed as New President for 2 year period. Comments by Charlie Smith – Taking suggestions for Fall Field Meeting and Annual Meeting for 2005. Timing of meetings will be attempted to coincide while schools are in session. Ethics and Philosophy may be much more important in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Reminders.....



Fifty in Five Development Program

Membership Contributions

\$11,400
\$20/member/yr.

1st Yr \$3500
2nd-4th Yr \$2300 each



50 in 5 CAMPAIGN

A stewardship project to better position the NY Chapter TWS to serve the wildlife resource and profession of New York State.

In the fall of 2001 the membership approved a program plan and a financial plan with a goal to build a stable base fund - \$50k - for a more effective (\$5,000) annual program - in five years. To reach this goal we need: modest occasional fund-raisers and corporate donations (\$1,800), registration and publication earnings associated with special professional events (\$4,800), investment returns (\$18,000), and most importantly member contributions (\$11,400) of \$20/member/year for five years. Please consider making a lump sum donation of \$100 or an annual contribution of \$20/year.

For details see Winter 2002 newsletter or contact:

Lynn Braband LAB45@cornell.edu or David Adams djadams@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Contributions should be sent to NY Chapter TWS, David Adams, NYS DEC, 625 Broadway, Floor 5, Albany, NY 12233-4754

Past President's Report

Lynn Braband

**FROM THE
NY-TWS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2004
HUNTINGTON FOREST, NEWCOMB, NY**

Not by design, but both of the Chapter's major meetings had forestry and wildlife themes. The fall field meeting was held at Cornell University's Arnot Forest, and the 2004 annual meeting was in SUNY-ESF's Adirondack Ecological Center at Huntington Forest. Next year, we hope to have a joint annual meeting with the state chapters of the American Fisheries Society and the Society of American Foresters.

Robyn Niver, of the USFWS Cortland office, is the new newsletter editor. We are now back on a quarterly publication schedule with newsletters being issued in a March, June, September, and December rotation.

We made efforts to improve interactions with the state's four student chapters. Meredith Gore, Cornell University graduate student, has agreed to be the Chapter's liaison to the student chapters. In May, we had a booth at the SUNY-Cobleskill Chapter's Fish and Wildlife Festival, followed by a professional student mixer. The Finger Lakes Community College Chapter organized a professional/student quiz bowl at our fall field meeting.

The aforementioned professional/student mixer at Cobleskill was our first pilot regional Chapter activity. I had hoped to organize a second activity in western NY this year but moved too slowly. One of my objectives during my tenure as Past President will be to follow through on this activity.

Our contribution to TWS's COWCH project has also moved slowly and may be another area of emphasis in my activities as Past President.

We wrote a letter of support concerning the State of Florida's planned policy on feral cats and are drafting a similar letter for Pennsylvania. In addition, we decided to write a forthcoming letter of support for Tom Lyons (NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation) concerning his initiatives regarding feral cats on state park lands.

We donated \$250 to TWS for a workshop being developed to train wildlife biologists in applying for the USDA NRCS Technical Services Provider program.

In late September, we received a letter from Dan Decker, TWS President, concerning the gradual decline in membership. As described in the letter, half of section and chapter members are not members of TWS. As a Chapter, we are seeking ways to address this issue.

I wish to thank Dave Adams, Tim Green, and Kristi Sullivan for their diligent and capable service on the Executive Committee over the past two years. And kudos to Charlie Smith as he takes over the reins as Chapter President. Although, technically, "kudos" refers to the acknowledgement of achievements, so I will need to reserve them until two years from now!

Endowment Campaign

By now, you should have all received a letter from George Mattfeld on the Endowment Campaign to Sustain Wildlife Conservation. In case you have not, here is a copy.

June 30, 2004

Dear

On behalf of the New York Chapter Executive Committee and The Wildlife Society I am pleased to introduce the Society's "Endowment Campaign to Sustain Wildlife Conservation". I hope you will agree that the enclosed program description is vital to answering a longstanding question - How can our profession deliver a strong message to affect policy decisions?

In recent years I'm sure many of you have noted leadership by TWS Council and Tom Franklin in the development of an effective outreach program. The enclosed brochure cites a few achievements. It explains why our more active role as public wildlife management advisors is badly needed. Most importantly, having proven ourselves as advocates, we now have a long-range plan to more systematically and effectively shape sound natural resource policy.

Securing wildlife management science with a published body of peer reviewed research has been vital to our profession. Putting more priority on delivering that knowledge to public decision processes is a critical and timely decision. The melding of proven excellence, demonstrated ability, and forward thinking is an important and exciting evolutionary step. However, I believe it is a step that cannot be taken without the collective and personal effort of our profession and each of its members.

Ray Owen and James Teer, have led Wildlife Society efforts to build a funding base to support such programming. Sixty percent of the \$3 million campaign goal has already been raised. Current President, Dan Decker, has made an inspiring and significant gift. Ann and I have decided on a \$5,000 codicil to our will. Twelve Chapters and Sections have rushed to pledge from \$33,250 - with more expected. Your Executive Committee is considering a minimum NY Chapter commitment of \$6,000. Our state's overall goal is \$100,000 and I am determined to coordinate a successful effort to reach it!

After your review, I'm sure you will want to help make sure your effort as a wildlife management professional has greater and lasting impact. There are many ways to get involved - one time gifts, annualized pledges, commitments from a will or insurance policy, corporate or organization pledges secured through your personal connections, or ideas about potential donors. Please give your investment in the future some thought and discussion with those who share your life. It is my job to find a role and method that is right for you - give me a call at 518-331-7205 at any time or email me at gmattfel@nycap.rr.com. In any case I will be calling **you** in the next few weeks to set up a visit and find a way for you to get involved.

Sincerely yours,

George F. Mattfeld
NY State Coordinator

PS - The Endowment Campaign does not replace our own "50 in 5" campaign for Chapter programming. However, the two could easily be linked, some donors may insist on expenditure limited to NY, the Chapter might decide to feature participation in public decision making, etc. In any case a 5-year \$100 Chapter pledge is a more

Wildlife Jobs Now Online

As you may have read in the May-June Wildlifer, we are discontinuing the job advertisement section there and are now offering Wildlife Jobs Online. An Adobe PDF file with all the details for Wildlife Jobs Online is available at the following web address:

www.wildlife.org/jobs/WildlifeJobsOnline.pdf

The Wildlife Society Wildlife Jobs Online offers TWS members and nonmembers a timely, accessible, and free listing of wildlife jobs, internships, and graduate school openings. Employers of wildlife professionals, technicians, and students can use it as a fast and economical means of distributing announcements of wildlife jobs, internships, and graduate school openings to a large and diverse pool of candidates.

On our web site (www.wildlife.org/jobs) employers will find instructions on how to submit an ad. A short form is available that prompts them to provide the information required. If you have any questions, please contact Janine Walker at yanin@wildlife.org.

Currently Seeking Nominations for NYTWS President-elect

We are currently accepting nominations for the office of President-elect and nominations should be sent to Lynn Braband at lab45@nysaes.cornell.edu before 31 December 2004.

Check out our new website at:
<http://www.wildlife.org/chapters/ny>

GOT DATA? Consider publishing in *Northeast Wildlife*, the technical journal of the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society. University and college faculty and students are particularly encouraged to submit articles.

For details, contact Martyn Obbard, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7000, 300 Water Street, 3rd Floor North, Peterborough, Ontario, CANADA K9J8M5, (705) 755-1549,

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City, State and Zip Code: _____

Dues: January 1 - December 2004, Regular \$10.00

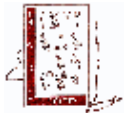
January 1 - December 2004, Student \$ 5.00

Please Check: New Renewal Regular Student

“50 in 5” Contribution: \$20.00 for 2004 Other: _____

Make check(s) payable to: “New York Chapter, TWS”

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