

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The mission of the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society is to provide a forum for discussion of ecological issues among natural resource professionals; to enable its membership to pursue conservation of natural resources; and to inform the public on ecologically wise uses of natural resources in support of a conservation ethic.

January 2006

Welcome to the new year! Hopefully, 2006 will be a productive year for the Chapter as we continue to pursue conservation on several fronts. Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to prepare for the Chapter's Annual Meeting to be held this year in Williston. This edition of the newsletter contains several pages of important information that will prepare you for the meeting. Specifically, I want to call your attention to the draft Resolution regarding the North American Wildlife Conservation Model which will be discussed at the Business Meeting. The resolution reiterates the main points of the letter we sent to The Wildlife Society last summer. That letter is now posted on the Chapter's website; the link is on the main page, upper left-hand corner. Adopting the Resolution will not only signify our endorsement of the Model, but will also complement the position papers drafted by the Commercialization Committee, providing a stronger foundation from which to exert influence on wildlife-related issues.

This is also the time of year when other, well-intentioned "resolutions" fall by the wayside. If that's happened to you, don't fret! I have the key to your redemption! You can 1) resolve to attend this year's Annual Meeting in Williston, and *at least attend* the Business Meeting while you're there, 2) resolve to respond to the Finance Committee next time they solicit your input, 3) resolve to join a committee, or if you're already on one, resolve to initiate a new activity/action within your committee, 4) resolve to join the CMPS and TWS, if you're not already a member, and/or 5) resolve to recruit at least one new member to the Chapter. These goals are probably easier attained than most, will result in a stronger Chapter, and won't require you to purchase a new wardrobe if met!

As this is my last opportunity to provide commentary for this space, let me extend a warm and sincere "thank you" for allowing me the privilege of serving as your President. I was blessed with an extremely talented Board with which to work, and am proud of the way we were able to work together through some difficult topics. As I wrap up my term, I now am privy to the "secret" known by all past presidents. If you want to know that secret, you'll have to run and serve yourself!

With that, I hope 2006 brings you good fortune and good health, and I'll see you in Williston!

Dave

JANUARY

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Jan 25 - **State Wildlife Grant Update (SWG) and Coordination Briefing** will begin meeting at 8:30 at the Game and Fish office in Bismarck.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 - **Deadline to submit annual committee reports** to Dave Azure for inclusion in the Annual Business Meeting Booklet. If committee chairs miss this deadline, they will be responsible for bringing their report and appropriate copies to the meeting.

Feb 8 – **Executive Board meeting** will be at 10:00 AM at the Airport International Inn, Williston, ND.

Feb 8-10 – **North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting** – Airport International Inn, Williston, ND

If you have event dates, deadlines or other dates of interest, please send them to: Dave Azure, NDCTWS; 7745 11 St. SE, Pingree, ND 58476

Northern Plains Biological Symposium

The Northern Plains Biological Symposium was started in 2003 by a group of North Dakota State University graduate students who wanted to create an atmosphere where people in the area who are interested and excited about the field of biology could gather and share ideas. Several years later, this symposium is completely grad student operated and funded through donations and the NDSU Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association (BSGSA). The BSGSA feels that this symposium provides a stepping stone for research in and around the area and facilitates discourse between area researchers of all levels.

The NPBS seeks to facilitate an open discourse on relevant topics in the field of biological sciences, to provide opportunities for local undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty to present their research in a professional setting, and to expose graduate presenters to a friendly, intellectual audience. The symposium is also designed to help local undergraduate students become exposed to aspects of a graduate and/or professional life in the biological sciences. We hope that the symposium will help bring in more graduate students to not only the area, but also to the field of biological sciences.

The Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association (BSGSA) of North Dakota State University is proud to be one of the many sponsors for the Third Annual Northern Plains Biological Symposium. The symposium is scheduled for April 7, 2006 on the North Dakota State University campus. Registration is free and all who plan on coming are encouraged to register early so that we may get an accurate count for attendance. We request that you register in advance regardless of whether you plan to submit an abstract. Registration deadlines will be open until the week before the symposium (note: this is different if you plan to present), and registration will be available the day of, but again, we prefer advanced registration. If you prefer to mail in your registration, please send in all the information required in the form below to: Heath Hagy, NDSU Department of Biological Sciences, Stevens Hall, Fargo, ND 58105

Abstracts for the symposium are due by February 28, 2006 and may be submitted online or mailed. Both paper (oral presentations) and poster presentations are welcomed and require a brief abstract (~200 words). Online registrations are actually preferred and can be submitted at <http://biology.ndsu.nodak.edu/bsgsa/register.html>. For more information please contact Heath Hagy, BSGSA president, or visit the website listed above.

North Dakota Chapter TWS - 2006

Executive Board Members

Randy Renner Dave Azure
Larry Brooks Marsha Sovada
Mark Sherfy Allyn Sapa
Will Meeks Brian Kietzman

President Portfolio – Dave Azure

Secretary/Treasure: Mark Sherfy
Newsletter: Adam Ryba
CMPS Rep: Stan Kohn
Natural Resources Trust Advisor: Scott Peterson
Resolutions and Public Statements: Dave Azure

Past-President Portfolio – Randy Renner

Arrangements: Randy Renner
Program: Randy Renner
Audit: Tom Sklebar
Membership: Brian Wehausen
Nominations: Randy Renner
ND Action Group: Casey Anderson

President-Elect Portfolio – Will Meeks

Bylaws: Paul Myerchin
Prairie Resources: Vacant
Legislative: Randy Renner
Awards: Will Meeks
Prairie Chicken: Greg Link

Portfolio A – Larry Brooks

Wetland Resources: Cami Dixon
Fishery Resources: Mike Olson
Historian: Jeremy Duckwitz
Website: Scott Kahan
Wildlife Commercialization: Mike McEnroe

Portfolio B – Allyn Sapa

Western Lands: Bill Jensen
State Wildlife Grants: Chuck Bosch
Education: Kristine Askerooth & Jack Lalor
Forest Resources: Brian Prince
Invasive Species: Dave Dewald

Portfolio C – Brian Kietzman

Missouri River: Al Sapa
Red River Watershed: Jack Lalor
Devils Lake Basin: Roger Hollevoet
Fund Raising: Paul Halko
Small Grants: Randy Renner

Portfolio D – Marsha Sovada

Northern Great Plains Working Group: Kevin Willis
Endangered Species: Sandy Hagen
Law Enforcement: Jackie Lundstrom
Wildlife Damage Management: Phil Mastrangelo
Finance: Mike Goos

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Executive Board Meeting Minutes 13 December, 2005

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 9:00 AM at Ducks Unlimited in Bismarck, ND. Board members in attendance included Dave Azure, Larry Brooks, Brian Kietzman, Will Meeks, Randy Renner, Al Sapa, Mark Sherfy, and Marsha Sovada. Chapter members in attendance were Bill Jensen, Mike McEnroe, and Scott Peterson.

Notes: MSC = “Moved, seconded, and carried” followed by names of board members making and seconding the motion. NTR = “Nothing to Report” from the committee chair.

NDNRT REPORT

Scott Peterson met with the Board to summarize current activities of the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust. Scott reported that the Trust Board has been conservative with investments and expenditures on grants, and he reviewed the current status of the Trust’s conservation programs. There was a discussion of how the Chapter and its members can provide input into Trust activities. Members are reminded that our NDNRT representative is available and interested in hearing input from Chapter members regarding conservation priorities. This input can consist of specific project ideas for a given tract of land, or concept ideas for broader focus areas. Keith Trego will be invited to give a presentation at the Annual Meeting regarding Trust activities. This will help our membership to have a solid understanding of the Trust, enabling us to present ideas that fit the Trust’s mission and aren’t repetitive of old ideas. A written report from Scott is included in this issue of the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report—Mark Sherfy provided a summary of the Chapter's financial status. It is anticipated that we will be about \$10,000 ahead of our projected 2005 budget. This will result in a net decrease in assets of approximately \$5000 for 2005. There was a motion to accept the budget report (MSC Renner/Meeks).

Correspondence Sent & Received—Dave circulated copies of letters he has sent in the past few months (reappointment for Scott Peterson, letter to the Governor regarding selection of the Game and Fish Department Director, a follow-up letter to the Governor expressing pleasure with the appointment of Terry Steinwand, a letter to FWS in support of the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan document for easement refuges in North Dakota, and thanks to Darla Lenz for her work for the Chapter) and received (TWS on our WIN submission, and U.S. Forest Service regarding the Scientific Review Team).

TWS Letter (N.A. Model of Wildlife Management) —The Board discussed next steps after our letter was presented to TWS. There was discussion of a formal endorsement of the Model by the Chapter, to serve as a stepping stone to a more proactive role of the Chapter, such as drafting legislation for 2007. It was noted that North Dakota is hosting the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies during July 24-27. The meeting will include a plenary session dealing with the issue of a North American treaty. There was a motion to prepare a resolution for the Chapter to adopt the seven principles of the North American Wildlife Conservation Model as the guiding principles for evaluating and providing input on issues with respect to wildlife management policy (MSC Sapa/Sovada).

Endowment Update—A second letter has gone out to the membership requesting input on the endowment. A full update will be provided to the membership in Williston.

4th Annual N.A. Duck Symposium—Randy noted that funds are coming in to support the symposium. The website (www.4nads.com) has been launched. Dates for the symposium are August 24-26 in Bismarck. It will include a memorial presentation and dedication of a WPA in McClean County to Frank Bellrose. There will be several workshops before the symposium.

IRS Election—The Chapter's 503(c) nonprofit status imposes limitations on expenditures for lobbying purposes. The Board has obtained professional advice on how to manage this issue, and has concluded that electing 501(h) status is desirable. This election raises that ceiling on lobbying expenditures to 25% of annual expenditures, but imposes a requirement for filing a tax return separate from the parent society. There was a motion to make an IRS 501(h) election for the Chapter (MSC Renner/Sherfy). Mark will follow up on the paperwork. We will probably obtain professional advice on tax return preparation to ensure that IRS requirements are met.

Conservation Easement Initiated Measure & UND Survey—The Chapter contracted with UND to conduct a random telephone survey of North Dakota residents regarding an initiated measure on North Dakota easement law. Expert guidance suggests that it is wise to gauge public support before putting a measure on the ballot. Results should be available for the Annual Meeting. Funds for the survey are being provided by 4 conservation organizations in North Dakota – no additional funds are being provided by the Chapter.

Tickler List—Dave circulated a first draft of a "tickler" list to remind future board members and officers of recurring deadlines. Additions / corrections / deletions should be sent to Dave. Al recommended that we adopt standard or fixed newsletter dates and submission deadlines. It was noted that the October newsletter is especially critical due to deadlines for nominations, awards, and abstracts.

NEW BUSINESS

State Water Commission Proposal (McClusky / Red River)—There is a proposal to reopen the McClusky Canal to move water to the Red River. Red River Committee should take up the issue, and work with Bill Bicknell regarding the Chapter's historical role on this issue.

2006 Awards—There was a motion to accept a nominee for the Professional Award (MSC Renner/Sovada), and a motion to close nominations and present the award (MSC Brooks/Sapa). There was discussion of the North Dakota Habitat Award, a motion to accept a nominee (MSC Meeks/Sovada), and a motion to present the Habitat Award (MSC Renner/Meeks). There was discussion of a Special Recognition Award, a motion to accept a nominee (MSC Meeks/Sovada), and a motion to present the Special Recognition Award (MSC Meeks/Renner). There was a motion to present the Case of the Year Award, with clarification of who the recipient(s) are (MSC Sapa/Meeks). Names were forwarded by MSU-Bottineau, UND, and NDSU for Student Awards. There was a motion to accept the student award winners (MSC Meeks/Sherfy).

2006 Small Grants—Due to uncertainties with the 2006 budget and a lack of suitable applications, the Small Grants Program has been temporarily suspended for this year.

2006 Budget—There was a discussion of the budget for 2006 and the potential challenges of holding the annual meeting in Williston. The Board generated a draft 2006 budget, which was approved for presentation to the membership (MSC Sovada/Kietzman). A copy of this draft budget is included in this issue of the newsletter.

Committee Annual Reports—Committee chairs are reminded that their annual reports are due to Dave by 1 February.

PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Dave Azure)

Secretary/Treasurer (Mark Sherfy)—NTR.

Newsletter (Adam Ryba)—Submission deadline for the newsletter was set at 29 December.

CMPS (Stan Kohn)—NTR.

NRTA (Scott Peterson)—See above.

Resolutions & Public Statements (Dave Azure)—See above.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Randy Renner)

Arrangements (Randy Renner)—Randy is working with the International Inn on final arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

Program (Randy Renner)—The committee met on 12 December, and is still looking for a few more papers. Mike McEnroe is working on a Wildlife Commercialization session. Conference call will be held on December 20 to finalize the program.

Audit (Tom Sklebar)—Mark will contact Tom to ensure that an audit is completed before the Annual Meeting.

Membership (Brian Wehausen)—NTR. Brian will be asked to provide a membership list to Board members, and to have a copy available at the Annual Meeting.

Nominations (Randy Renner)—It was suggested that solicitations for the Professional Award include a list of past recipients. Randy reported that there is a full slate of Executive Board candidates, including Joel Brice, Cami Dixon, Paul Myerchin, and Stacy Whipp. President-Elect candidates include Mark Sherfy and Al Sapa.

NDAG (Casey Anderson)—NTR.

PRESIDENT ELECT PORTFOLIO (Will Meeks)

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin)—NTR.

Legislative (Darla Lenz)—There was discussion of new chairs for several committees, and a motion to accept Randy Renner as new chair of the Legislative Committee and Al Sapa as chair of the Missouri River Committee (MSC Meeks/Sherfy).

Awards (Will Meeks)—See above.

Prairie Chicken (Greg Link)—NTR.

Prairie Resources (Darla Lenz)—There was discussion of the future of Prairie Day. Several chapter members remain very interested in maintaining this event. Will is pursuing a candidate to fill the committee chair position.

PORTFOLIO A (Larry Brooks)

Wetland Resources (Cami Dixon)—Cami reported that a 3-day interagency meeting to review wetland delineation, HGM, and mitigation had recently been held.

Fishery Resources (Mike Olson)—NTR.

Historian (Jeremy Duckwitz)—NTR.

NDCTWS Website (Scott Kahan)—Chairs should review committee web pages and provide additions / changes / deletions to Scott.

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe)—Mike has sent a summary to Will for future planning, and is working on the program for the Annual Meeting.

PORTFOLIO B (Allyn Sapa)

Western Lands (Bill Jensen)—The Committee is checking on the status of energy projects in the western part of the state.

State Wildlife Grants (Chuck Bosch)—Paulette Scherr has joined the committee.

Education & Outreach (Kristine Askerooth)—NTR.

Forest Resources (Brian Prince)—Larry Brooks reported that a candidate has expressed interest in chairing the committee.

Invasive Species (Dave Dewald)—NRCS is starting the process of addressing Russian olive in their Field Office Technical Guide. The committee is considering a 2007 follow-up to the 2005 symposium.

PORTFOLIO C (Brian Kietzman)

Red River Watershed (Jack Lalor)—NTR.

Missouri River (Randy Renner)—Al and Randy have been following the Lake Sakakawea land exchange issue, and noted that a report is due out soon regarding comments on the exchange. They are also following a few proposed developments near the river north of Bismarck. Members with comments or inquiries on the Master Plan should contact Al. Priority issues include protection & valuation of reservoir lands, retaining public ownership and access to reservoir lands, minimizing privatization of the shoreline, and expansion of public outreach.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet)—NTR.

Fundraising (Paul Halko)—The committee met last week. Everything is on track for the Williston meeting. An additional raffle for a muzzleloader will be held this year. Members who need additional tickets should contact Paul Halko.

PORTFOLIO D (Marsha Sovada)

Northern Great Plains Working Group (Kevin Willis)—NTR.

Endangered Species (Sandy Hagen)—NTR.

Law Enforcement (Jackie Lundstrom)—NTR.

Wildlife Damage Management (Phil Mastrangelo)—NTR.

Finance Committee (Mike Goos)—See above.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM (MSC Sherfy/Renner)



The next Executive Board meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 8th at the International Inn in Williston, ND.

Economic growth precludes wildlife conservation

Mike Larson, Chair, TWS Working Group for the Steady State Economy

The fundamental conflict between economic growth and wildlife conservation may be the greatest obstacle to achieving excellence in wildlife stewardship. Currently, economic growth enjoys unquestioned supremacy as a policy goal at all levels of government. However, TWS issued a technical review recognizing the fundamental conflict (Trauger et al. 2003) and during 2004 adopted a position on economic growth. This article is intended to provide a brief synopsis of the fundamental conflict, address a couple potential concerns about the steady state economy, and ask for your help in resolving the fundamental conflict.

Economic growth is an increase in the production and consumption of goods and services. Nationally, Gross Domestic Product is an index of the size of the economy, which is a function of human population size and the per capita rate of resource consumption. All sectors of the economy require the consumption of finite natural resources. As more resources are allocated to the human economy, fewer remain in the economy of nature. Our economy grows, therefore, at the competitive exclusion of wildlife in the aggregate. Furthermore, the laws of physics dictate that perpetual economic growth is an oxymoron.

We cannot rely on technology to resolve the conflict. Technology, including substituting rare resources with more common ones, has the potential to mitigate the fundamental conflict but only to the extent that it increases the efficiency of resource use without contributing to increases in the rate of resource use. Unfortunately, new technology that makes it to the market, when coupled with the goal of economic growth, invariably serves to accelerate resource consumption (Czech 2003).

The only alternatives to economic growth are a declining economy (i.e., recession) and a steady state economy (SSE), which consists of mildly fluctuating human population size and per capita resource use that do not change in magnitude over the long term. Since the mid-1800s renowned economists from John Stuart Mill to Herman Daly have advocated a SSE, described how society would function under a SSE, and provided ideas about how to transition to a SSE. Under a SSE overall wealth and the size of economic markets (e.g., Nasdaq) would be constant but capitalism could still operate as people and business firms compete, resulting in relative economic winners and losers. For example, the wildlife profession could grow under a SSE but only at the expense of a less sustainable economic sector, such as automobile racing.

Please learn more about macroeconomics, the fundamental conflict, and the SSE. Discuss them with your colleagues and friends. Consider becoming a member of TWS's Working Group for the Steady State Economy (WGSSE), whose mission is to address the fundamental conflict by discussing it with peers, policy makers, and the general public and by promoting a SSE as a feasible and positive alternative to the growth paradigm. The WGSSE also advocates a stronger policy position on economic growth by TWS. You can find literature citations and additional information at our web site <<http://www.wildlife.org/wg/steadystate/>>.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

February 8-10, 2006
Annual Meeting at Williston, North Dakota

WHEREAS; the North American Wildlife Conservation Model (Geist, 2004) has evolved as the framework for ethical and sustainable wildlife and natural resource management; and

WHEREAS; the North American Wildlife Conservation Model is based on the following principles;

- 1) wildlife should be held and managed as a public trust, for the benefit of the public, and at the discretion of a sovereign state or province,
- 2) wildlife agencies must continue to combat the illegal market hunting and trafficking of dead game animals,
- 3) surplus wildlife is to be allocated by law, not the market place. This approach insures that all citizens in good standing, irrespective of wealth, social status, or landownership are able to participate in the annual harvest of wildlife within the laws set by legislatures,
- 4) wildlife should be killed for cause only and all hunters should be obliged to properly make use of all animals killed,
- 5) wildlife is an interstate and international resource to be managed cooperatively by sovereign states and nations,
- 6) science is the proper tool for evaluating and discharging wildlife management policy,
- 7) sport hunting should be distinguished by the elements of ethical conduct and fair chase, and

WHEREAS; the principles of the North American Wildlife Conservation Model have guided the development of modern wildlife management and wildlife agency administration;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society will use and follow the North American Wildlife Conservation Model in its education and conservation objectives, and

BE it further resolved that the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society endorses the North American Wildlife Conservation Model as the guiding principles to make sound wildlife management decisions and promote effective wildlife policies in the State of North Dakota, and

BE it further resolved that copies of this Resolution will be forwarded to President of The Wildlife Society, the President of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society, the Governor of North Dakota, the Director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, the North Dakota Congressional delegation, and the Regional Director of Region 6 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Approved by the membership on February 9, 2006.

Will Meeks, President, North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Citation: Geist, V. 2004. Wildlife Conservation: In pursuit of ecological sustainability. International Fund for Animal Welfare. Limerick, Ireland, June 16-19, 2004.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Your Fundraising Committee has been diligently planning to have an enjoyable evening to test your skills, knowledge and luck; while sharing old times and laughs with friends. We have exciting new events and a few of the traditional standbys planned. We need your help!

Tickets, Tickets, Tickets!!!

This year we will be hand delivering or mailing raffle tickets independent of the newsletter. Our hope is you will have the tickets in advance of the holidays to give your friends and family a chance at the great list of prizes. Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the registration booth. If you need more tickets contact a committee member. There is also a raffle for a Thompson Center Encore 50 Caliber Muzzleloader and Ruger 10/22 .22 rifle

Road Ringer, Road Ringer, Road Ringer!!!

That bird just won't go away! This year's spin on the Ringer will be:

- 1) Nominations for the potential Ringer recipients will be taken for the small fee of \$5,
- 2) An auction will be held for the right to choose which nominee gets hit by the Ringer.
- 3) One lucky recipient, purchases the Ringer for the year!

Donations, Donations, Donations!!!

The success of the Annual Fundraiser is dependent on you. The handicrafts of our talented members are often the most sought after items. If you are craft-challenged, donations are great as well. Last year's trend of offices or friends matching and pooling their resources to purchase large prizes worked great. This allowed us to purchase the high quality prizes of last year. What ever you can do is greatly appreciated. Give us a call with your ideas.

Paul Halko
662-8611

Brian Kietzman
253-6483

Rodd Compson
253-6484

Mike Graue
848-2722

Scott Mcleod
355-3541

Ed Meendering
647-2866

Heather Duchscherer
537-2043

Gregg Knutsen
387-4397

Dan Duchscherer
768-2548

Chad Klindtworth
442-5474

Chuck Bosch
250-4415

**North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Draft 2006 Operating Budget**

Income		
Annual Meeting	\$	5,000.00
Auction/Fundraiser	\$	4,000.00
Membership-Regular	\$	3,000.00
Membership-Student	\$	100.00
Raffle	\$	2,000.00
CMPS Incoming	\$	30.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	10.00
Life Memberships	\$	600.00
Savings Account Interest	\$	100.00
Total Income	\$	14,840.00
Expenses		
Annual Meeting	\$	5,000.00
Auction	\$	500.00
Awards	\$	900.00
Raffle	\$	1,000.00
CMPS Outgoing	\$	30.00
Discretionary	\$	3,000.00
Education		
Keep ND Clean Poster Contest	\$	250.00
ND Jr. Duck Stamp Contest	\$	300.00
Food and Habitat Plot Contest	\$	800.00
Education & Outreach Total	\$	1,350.00
Legislative	\$	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	200.00
Missouri River	\$	1,000.00
Newsletter	\$	3,500.00
Postage		
Finance Committee	\$	100.00
Membership Mailing	\$	100.00
Legislative Postage	\$	100.00
General Postage	\$	300.00
Postage Total	\$	600.00
Prairie Resources	\$	750.00
Printing (Letterhead, Envelopes)	\$	350.00
Sponsorships		
Recurring Sponsorships	\$	500.00
N. Amer. Duck Symposium	\$	500.00
Sponsorship Total	\$	1,000.00
Student Scholarships	\$	1,500.00
Website	\$	150.00
Wildlife Commercialization		
Travel for Speakers	\$	1,000.00
Wildlife Commercialization Total	\$	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$	22,830.00
Net	\$	(7,990.00)

EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

PAUL MYERCHIN - EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE

Education: B.S. Environmental Geology & Technology, University of North Dakota, 1994
Juris Doctorate, University of North Dakota, School of Law, 1997

Present Position: Attorney, Bormann & Myerchin, LLP, Bismarck, ND (1998 to present).

Previous Positions: Law Clerk, South Central Judicial District, Bismarck, ND (August 1997 to July 1998); Biological Technician/CRP Nest-dragging Crew Member and Crew Leader, Summers of 1994 and 1995, Eureka, SD; Ducks Unlimited Committee Member since 1990 and Co-Chairperson of the Bismarck DU Banquet from 2000-2003.

Chapter Activities: Bylaws Committee Chair since 1999, and student member of the Chapter at UND from 1993 to 1997.

Statement: Recently, I read a profound statement by outdoor writer E. Donnal Thomas, Jr. in the *Ducks Unlimited* September/October 2005 issue regarding the needs of wildlife. Thomas wrote, "An old axiom of wildlife biology holds that game needs only four things to prosper: clean air, clean water, ample food and place to live. To which I would add a fifth: the determination of people who care."

Since my involvement with the NDCTWS as a undergraduate student at UND, it has been readily apparent that the Chapter's members are dedicated professionals that care about North Dakota wildlife. Therefore, a nomination to serve on the Executive Board of the NDCTWS is truly an honor. I would thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to serve the Chapter, professionals who care about North Dakota wildlife.

As an attorney in a two person law firm Bismarck, I am not directly employed in the wildlife profession. Nevertheless, I enjoy the freedom to follow my passion for the love of the North Dakota outdoors and have remained connected to wildlife issues. As a practicing attorney with a diverse background, I can be an asset to the Executive Board and help the Chapter meet it's stated objectives: to advance the science and art of wildlife management; to improve public understanding and support of scientific management of wildlife and related resources; to notify and seek support of the Wildlife Society on wildlife related problems in North Dakota; to provide a common meeting ground for people interested in wildlife related conservation; to promote and maintain high professional standards; and to recognize and commend outstanding accomplishments in wildlife conservation. Thank you for considering me for the Executive Board.

JOEL BRICE - EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE

Education: B.S. Wildlife Management, 1996, UW Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI.
M.S. Biology, 2002, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.

Present Position: Waterfowl Biologist and Manager of US Conservation Programs, Delta Waterfowl Foundation, Bismarck, ND. 2001 – present.

Previous Positions: Jan – March 2001, Biological Science Technician, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center/University of Montana, Jamestown, ND; 1996 – 1998, Research Consultant, Society of Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus, Ltd.

Statement: I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to run for an Executive Board position with the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

North Dakota is not my home state, but it truly has captured my heart and imagination. My current position of employment affords me the somewhat unique opportunity of focusing almost exclusively on one aspect of wildlife management. One of the more exciting prospects of an Executive Board position would be the chance to promote and defend all natural treasures of our diverse and impressive state.

Curiosity and passion are two traits that have helped me throughout the course of my past and present employment. They are probably the two greatest traits or talents I would transfer to an Executive Board position.

CAMI DIXON - EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE

Education: B.S. Biology, 1994 Bethel College, St. Paul, MN
M.S. Environmental Studies, 1996 Friends University, Wichita, KS

Present Position: Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Devils Lake Wetland Management District and Complex (2003-present)

Previous Positions: 1999-2003, Biologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Jamestown, ND; 1998-1999, Biological Science Technician, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Valley City Wetland Management District; 1997, Biological Science Technician, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center; 1996-1997, Research Intern, Jane Goodall Institute Center for Primate Studies

Chapter Activities: Chairperson of the Wetland Resources Committee since 2002; Volunteer for the 2002 National TWS meeting in Bismarck

Statement: It is an honor to be considered for the ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society Executive Board. Prior to beginning a career on the prairies of North Dakota, I was on a somewhat different path of wildlife conservation; more focusing my sights on the plains of Africa than North Dakota. Literally, the extraordinary experiences obtained through working with Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service ignited my passion for prairie life. Not only did the subtle beauty and vastness of this landscape inspire me, but I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and integrity of the natural resource professionals. These attributes were further demonstrated to me as I became involved with NDCTWS and had the opportunity to network with the membership. I thoroughly enjoy and feel privileged to be an active member of this group.

With the many competing demands on the North Dakota landscape, the role of the membership of NDCTWS is more critical than ever. If elected to the executive board, I would strive to continue to be the voice of the membership to protect the wildlife and natural resources of the state. With a varied background in working with three federal agencies and a non-government organization, I would bring a unique and diverse perspective to the group. Additionally, the strength of the Chapter is based on the activity of the membership, and therefore I would be highly supportive of committee based activities. This ensures appropriate expertise and professionalism as the Chapter forges ahead into the future, often facing complicated and contentious issues.

STACY ADOLF-WHIPPI - EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE

Education: B.A. in Biology with emphasis in Wildlife Ecology, 1995, Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN;
M.S. in Wildlife Sciences, 1998, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD.

Present Position: Wetland District Manager, USFWS, Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge Complex May 2002 to Present.

Previous Positions: *Refuge Operations Specialist*, USFWS, Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge Complex 1998-2002; *Biological Field Technician* (endangered species), US Army Corps of Engineers April 1998-June 1998; *Graduate Research Assistant*, South Dakota State University January 1996-1998; *Biological Field Technician* (endangered species), US Army Corps of Engineers June 1995-December 1995 & June 1994-August 1994; *Field Research Technician* (land reclamation) Glen-Harold Mining Company & NDSU June 1993-August 1993; *Laboratory Technician*, Northern Great Plains Research Center June 1991-August 1991 & June 1992-August 1992.

Chapter Activities: North Dakota Chapter Newsletter Editor August 2002-May 2005; ND Chapter TWS Member 1998-Present; ND Chapter Student Member 1995-1998; Central Mountains and Plains Section 2005-Present; National TWS Member 1995-1997 and 2003-Present.

Statement: Since I started on the path toward wildlife management and conservation, I have regarded the Chapter as a respected voice for that resource. The Chapter provides a place for the natural resource professionals to congregate and circulate information. It creates an avenue into the political arena where so many of our battles are fought. The Chapter also provides a source of mentors and advisors for those just entering the profession. None of these things can completely define the Chapter and its role in natural resource management but they are part of its strong foundation. I am honored to be considered for a position on the Executive Board and would truly love to be part of this foundation. If elected, I would do my best to ensure the continuation of the Chapters objectives and to represent the membership at the best of my ability in all issues.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE



AL SAPA

Education: B. S. Wildlife Management, 1969, South Dakota State University

Present Position: Retired, '02, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Previous Positions: U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Bismarck; Devils Lake Wetlands Management District, Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge, Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge, U. S. Forest Service (Idaho), U. S. Navy.

Chapter Activities: Member of The Wildlife Society since 1966, Chapter member since 1974, Participation on a variety of committees including Garrison Diversion, Devils Lake, Wetlands, Legislative, and Missouri River. Past President-Elect and Board candidate. Board member 2004-2006.

Experience: I have held positions with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in North Dakota for nearly 30 years. Through these positions, I have gained a broad range of experience and a long-term perspective on natural resources and their management. I have experience in supervising activities or participating in many significant resource issues in the State such as energy development, GDU, Devils Lake, Missouri River Master Manual, and the Endangered Species Program. Experience gained through the Ecological Services Program includes working knowledge of most federal and state agencies, and private organizations dealing with natural resource issues, and local, state and federal political interests. As a Field Supervisor, I have human resource and fiscal experience, and knowledge of pertinent laws and regulations.

Statement: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society plays a unique role in North Dakota resource issues. Outside direct political reach, the Chapter draws on collaborative experience and knowledge from the best biological minds in the State. That being said, there is always the opportunity to improve upon our record. Bringing that variety of experience and knowledge to the Executive Board strengthens the Chapter through new ideas and perspectives.

Areas where I would emphasize include 1) strengthening the decision process to assimilate the broad range of Chapter member views, 2) continue to look for ways to enhance member participation, 3) improve documentation of Chapter activities and policy decisions, and 4) stronger emphasis on Chapter outreach/education objectives.

There are a number of important issues before the Chapter in the coming years, including the development of the Chapter Endowment Fund, follow-through on our North American Wildlife Conservation Model proposals (commercialization of wildlife sub- issues), and development of our lobbyist and related activities. I believe I have the experience and knowledge to move the Chapter forward on these and the many challenges that our Chapter is likely to face.



PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE



MARK SHERFY

Education: B.S., Biology, 1988, College of William and Mary; M.S., Wildlife Ecology, 1992, University of New Hampshire; Ph.D., 1999, Fisheries and Wildlife Science, Virginia Tech.

Present Position: Research Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center (2001-present).

Previous Positions: Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay Field Office, Annapolis, MD (1999-2001 & 1994-1995); Graduate Research Assistant / USFWS Coop-Ed Student, Virginia Tech / USFWS (1995-1998); Environmental Scientist, Gulf of Maine Research Center, Salem, MA (1992-1994); Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of New Hampshire (1990-1992); SCA Volunteer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Devils Lake Wetland Management District (1990); Biological Laboratory Technician, U.S. Department of Defense, Bethesda, MD (1998-1990).

TWS Activities: Member of North Dakota Chapter (2001-present), Maryland/Delaware Chapter (1999-2001), Virginia Chapter (1995-1998), New England Chapter (1990-1994) Central Mountains and Plains Section (2001-present), Southeast Section (1995-2001), Northeast Section (1990-1994), National TWS (1991-present); Southeast Section newsletter editor (1996); Secretary/Treasurer of North Dakota Chapter (2003-present); National Conference session moderator (2002), Best Student Paper judge (2004), Student Quiz Bowl judge (2002), presenter (1997, 1999, 2004).

Statement: Service to professional organizations presents some unique challenges. Despite enthusiasm for the mission of an organization, it can be difficult to find time and energy for participation in its activities. As professionals, we are rarely rewarded in the workplace for involvement in societies such as the Chapter that are dedicated to natural resource conservation. Rather, our motivation for being active members comes from our commitment to furthering the Chapter's goals and objectives. It is this commitment that I hope to express by serving as the Chapter's President.

As Secretary/Treasurer for the past 3 years, I have gained first-hand knowledge of the Chapter's assets. Although we are fortunate to have a solid financial foundation, the assets that are most valuable and meaningful to the Chapter are its members. We each possess a unique set of life experiences, educational background, cultural heritage, and professional expertise that contributes to our ability as an organization to effectively address natural resource issues of significance in North Dakota.

We are poised to make substantial advances as an organization over the next few years. In some areas, there has been debate about the best way to move forward, whereas in others, we have quickly agreed on a mechanism to meet our objectives. In all cases, I believe that the role of the President is to understand the context within which the Chapter makes its decisions, to ensure that all voices within the Chapter are fairly and clearly heard, and to maintain the Chapter's integrity and reputation.



TO VOTE

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

2006 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM
Airport International Inn, Williston, North Dakota
8-10 February 2006

Theme “Northern Great Plains at a Crossroads: A Struggle between Society’s Needs and North Dakota’s Wildlife Resources”

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

8:00 – 12:00 **Registration**

10:00 – 12:00 **Executive Board Meeting**

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 5:00 **Registration Continues**

1:15 – 1:25 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Dave Azure, President, NDCTWS

CHANGES ON THE PRAIRIE

Session Moderator – Cami Dixon, USFWS, Devils Lake, ND

1:25 – 1:55 **Change in NDGFD Leadership: New Directors Perspective**
Terry Steinwand, Director, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Bismarck, ND

1:55 – 2:15 **Climate Change and land Use Effects on Small Mammal Communities in a Northern Great Plains Landscape**
John T. Leonhart, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
Rick A. Sweitzer, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

2:15 – 2:35 **Risk of Grassland Conversion in the Missouri Coteau of North and South Dakota**
Johann Walker, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Bismarck, ND
Scott Stephens, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Bismarck, ND
Darin Blunck, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Bismarck, ND
Dave Naugle, University of Montana, Missoula, MT

2:35 – 2:55 **CRP, Swampbuster and Sodbuster: Current Impacts on Wildlife in ND and Future Concerns/Opportunities**
Scott McLeod, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Bismarck, ND

2:55 – 3:15 **Wind and Wildlife Resources: Facts, Issues and Action**
Jill A. Schaffer, USGS – NPWRC, Jamestown, ND
Douglas H. Johnson, USGS – University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

3:15 – 3:30 **BREAK**

Session Moderator: Joel Brice, Delta Waterfowl, Bismarck, ND

3:30 – 3:50 **The Potential of Prairie Wetlands for Carbon Sequestration**
Raymond Finocchiaro, USGS – NRWRC, Jamestown, ND

- 3:50 – 4:10 **Wildlife Values in the West**
Arlen Harmoning, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Bismarck, ND
Sandra Hagen, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Bismarck, ND
- 4:10 – 4:30 **Survey of North Dakota Attitudes on Easements**
Randy W. Renner, Ducks Unlimited, Bismarck, ND
- 4:30 – 5:00 **North Dakota Natural Resources Trust Accomplishments and Direction**
Keith Trego, ND Natural Resources Trust, Bismarck, ND
Terry Albee, ND Natural Resources Trust, Bismarck, ND
- 5:30 **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

Thursday, February 9, 2006

COMMERCIALIZATION OF WILDLIFE AND IMPACTS ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Session Moderator: Mike Estey, Habitat and Population Evaluation team, USFWS, Bismarck, ND

- 8:00-8:20 **Review of Baiting and Wildlife Feeding Practices**
Greg Link, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Bismarck, ND
- 8:20-8:40 **An Initiated Measures on Big Game Shooting Preserves**
Jason Dubord, North Dakota Wildlife Federation, Bismarck, ND
- 8:40-9:00 **The Commercial Bait Fish Industry in North Dakota**
Terry Steinwand, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Bismarck, ND
- 9:00-9:20 (pending confirmation) **The Block Management Program in Montana**
- 9:20-10:00 **Oversight of Guides and Outfitters in North Dakota**
Rich Grosz, UFWS, Bismarck, ND
Bruce Burkett, North Dakota game and Fish Department, Bismarck, ND
- 10:00-10:15 BREAK
- 10:15-11:45 **Jim Posewitz, Executive Director, Orion; The Hunter's Institute, Helena, Montana**
- 12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 5:00 **Annual Business Meeting**
N. American Wildlife Conservation Model Resolution
Endowment update
Election
NDNRT discussion
Committee participation discussion
Committee reports
2006 Budget
- 6:00 – 7:00 **Social Hour**
- 7:00 – 9:00 **Awards Banquet**

Friday, February 10, 2006

GENERAL SESSION

- Session Moderator:** Paul Myerchin, Borman and Myerchin, Bismarck, ND
- 8:00 – 8:05 **Announcements**
- 8:05 – 8:25 **Tigers in our Wetlands**
Dave M. Muschet, USGS – NPWRC, Jamestown, ND
Ned H. Euliss, Jr., USGS – NPWRC, Jamestown, ND
- 8:25 – 8:45 **Recent Additions to North Dakota’s Bird Checklist**
Dan Svingen, Dakota Prairie Grasslands, Bismarck, ND
Ron Martin, Dakota Prairie Grasslands, Bismarck, ND
- 8:45 – 9:05 **Spatial Distribution of Amphibian Parasites in a Prairie Pothole Landscape**
Eric E. Pulis, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- 9:05 – 9:25 **Distribution and Habitat Associations of Swainson’s and Ferruginous Hawks in North Dakota**
Clara M. McCarthy, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
Marco Restani, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
Robert K. Murphy, USFWS, Kenmare, ND
Marsha A. Sovada, USGS – NPWRC, Jamestown, ND
- 9:25 – 9:45 **Predictive Models for Sensitive Butterflies on the Little Missouri National Grassland**
Gary Foli, USFS, Watford City, ND
- 9:45 – 10:00 **BREAK**
- Session Moderator:** Stacy Whipp, USFWS, Pingree, ND
- 10:00 – 10:20 **Dakota Water Resources Act EIS**
Rick Nelson, USBOR, Bismarck, ND
- 10:20 – 10:40 **Movements and Distribution of elk in the Southern Badlands of North Dakota**
Glen A. Sargeant, USGS – NPWRC, Jamestown, ND
Michael W. Oehler, NPS, Medora, ND
C. L. Sexton, NPS, Medora, ND
- 10:40 – 11:00 **TBA**
- 11:00 – 11:20 **TBA**
- 11:20 – 11:40 **Population and Carrying Capacity Estimates for Large Ungulates at Sullys Hill National Preserve, North Dakota**
Sean R. Bertie, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- 11:40 – 11:50 **Natural Resource Communication Award Presentation**
- 11:50 – 12:00 **Closing Remarks – Adjourn**

Coming and Going

Todd Frerichs has recently taken a new position at Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge in Valentine, Nebraska. Todd was the Lostwood Wetland District Manager from 1997 until 2005. Todd's drive and passion for the resources of North Dakota will be sorely missed, but Nebraska has gained a great advocate for natural resources. Todd was an active member in the chapter being part of several committees including the invasive species, fund raising and the commercialization of wildlife committees.

**Plan on attending the
2006 Annual Conference!!**

February 8-10, 2006

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A block of rooms has been reserved and when making reservations, please mention you are with the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

The Seven Seas is located west of Mandan, just north of Interstate 94. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please submit your absentee ballot and membership application (included in this newsletter) prior to February 6, 2006.

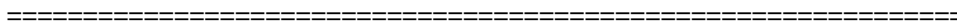
ABSENTEE BALLOT

President-Elect Candidates

(Vote for one)

Al Sapa

Mark Sherfy



Executive Board Candidates

(Vote for two)

Cami Dixon

Stacy Adolf-Whipp

Joel Brice

Paul Myerchin

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I am _____ am not _____ a current member of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

- ~ Regular.....\$ 15.00 _____
Available to any person employed, trained or is a student in a natural resource field. Entitled to vote in Chapter elections.

- ~ Patron, Sponsor or Benefactor \$ 10.00 _____
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