

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.

May 2006

I have one of those nifty little inspirational pictures on my desk. It says, “Success is a journey, not a destination.” It sits in the corner generally gathering dust; I really only reference it when I have a technician in my room considering the next move for their career. Sometimes I take a look at it when I am struggling for the start of a memo or letter. It wasn’t until this morning that I focused on it and thought about what that saying means to the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

All too often organizations measure their success in annual outputs, reports, or activities. But what does it really mean to the longevity of the organization? How important will the ebb and flow of committees, rising issues such as liability for our events, membership recruitment and retention, Missouri and Red River management, and the Endowment be to the Chapter in 10, 50, 200 years? I will contest that all of these currently, and those in the future, are of paramount importance to the Chapter.

At the most recent Board meeting, we had a long discussion about the Endowment. So much in fact that it was decided to dedicate 3 hours for this topic at the next board meeting (June 13th at Audubon NWR). I believe this decision was based on the fact that the Endowment may provide a very important vehicle in the delivery of the “journey.” I fear there are many that view the endowment as a “destination.” It’s OK to have goals, but we need to open our minds to all the possibilities of the future to help prepare the Chapter for growth.

I won’t drone on about the mechanics of our last Board meeting; you can read that in the Minutes. There are very notable issues that we discussed, and many that you will find important. I will though, ask you to consider what you can do for the Chapter. How can you become involved with the journey? Theodore Roosevelt so simply said, “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” I’d like to think he was sitting in the Badlands somewhere when he felt the inspiration to compose that saying.

Respectfully,

Will Meeks

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JUNE

13 - Board Meeting at the Audubon National Wildlife
Refuge at 9:00am
15-18 Sullys Hill Birding & Nature Festival (see below)
23-24 Burke County Birding Festival @ Lostwood NWR.
(www.burkecountynd.com/recreation/htm)

JULY

24-28 – Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies,
Bismarck, ND

August

23-26 North American Duck Symposium, Bismarck, ND
28-1 September Central Mountains and Plains Chapter of
The Wildlife Society meeting in Laramie, WY.

*If you have event dates, deadlines or other dates of interest, please
send them to: Will Meeks, 8315 Hwy 8, Kenmare, ND 58746*



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North Dakota Chapter TWS - 2006

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Paul Myerchin Marsha Sovada
Mark Sherfy Allyn Sapa
Will Meeks Brian Kietzman

President Portfolio – Will Meeks

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

Past-President Portfolio – Dave Azure

Arrangements: Dave Azure
Program: Dave Azure
Audit: Tom Sklebar
Membership: Tom Jones
Nominations: Dave Azure
ND Action Group: Casey Anderson

President-Elect Portfolio – Allyn Sapa

Bylaws: Paul Myerchin
Prairie Resources: Jill Shaffer
Legislative: Randy Renner
Awards: Al Sapa
Prairie Chicken: Greg Link

Portfolio A – Paul Myerchin

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

Portfolio B – Cami Dixon

Western Lands: Bill Jensen
State Wildlife Grants: Chuck Bosch
Education: Kristine Askerooth & Jack Lalor
Forest Resources: Tom Claeys
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 11 April 2006

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 10:00 AM at the North Dakota Game & Fish Department in Jamestown. Those in attendance included Dave Azure, Cami Dixon, Brian Kietzman, Will Meeks, Paul Myerchin, Al Sapa, Mark Sherfy, and Marsha Sovada. Also in attendance were Mike McEnroe and Tom Jones.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer’s Report—Mark Sherfy provided an update on the Chapter’s financial status. There was a motion and unanimous vote to accept the Treasurer’s report (MSC Azure/Kietzman).

Fiscal Year—The Board discussed merits of changing the Chapter’s fiscal year to follow the calendar year, which matches how we currently track our expenditures. There was a motion and unanimous vote to propose a bylaw change at the next annual meeting to make the Chapter’s fiscal year Jan 1 to Dec 31 (MSC Azure/Myerchin).

Correspondence Sent and Received—

Correspondence sent included a letter to the Corps on sandbars, a comment letter to Dave Pieper responding to Scientific Review Team reports on grazing in Dakota Prairie Grasslands, an e-mail to Bob Lanka regarding CMPS memberships. We also submitted a Project WILD funding proposal and sent a letter to Dale Hall on the Compatibility Determination for Squaw Creek NWR. There was a discussion of establishing a log for tracking correspondence. There was a motion and

unanimous vote to donate \$200 to TWS (MSC Sovada/Sherfy)

Red River EIS—Al Sapa circulated a draft set of the Chapter's comments on the Red River EIS. Major principles include interbasin transfer and use of the Sheyenne River as water conveyance. The Chapter recommended that double treatment be employed, and commented on the need to enhance the aquatic environment component.

Membership—We sent out 160 letters to encourage membership renewals, and have received about 37 responses so far. We also have 11 Life Member certificates & pins to distribute. There are now 282 paid members for this year. Dave Azure and Al Sapa circulated a review of the Chapter's membership policy with some preliminary ideas for changing the membership fee structure. This could include a Regular-Retired rate for retirees as well as a Life Member-Retired rate as a means to retain retirees. Mike Goos circulated a copy of the policies and objectives for Life Memberships. Life Membership is intended to replace annual income from regular memberships, so the income from the investments is available for the Board to spend but the principal is intended to be set aside. In contrast, the Endowment is intended to meet long-term needs rather than replace membership income. These funds do not replace anything – the principal and the income are both available if needed. Mike circulated a set of objectives & policies for the endowment for the Board's review, including a draft recognition certificate for donors. The Board will comment on the draft before June meeting, and the Finance Committee will explore ideas for what things the endowment would enable the Chapter to accomplish. The Finance Committee has always been very focused on procedures for handling money, and this exercise deals with the Chapter's goals and outlook over the long term, which requires some input beyond the Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Committees—Will Meeks circulated a list of committee chairs who responded to the recent query regarding their activity.

CMPS Fee Structure, Membership, Nominations, Outreach—We will let our CMPS members know that they need to provide their e-mail address to CMPS so they get the newsletter.

Tribal Committee and Workshop—Dave will meet with Jeremy Guinn (Professor at Sitting Bull College) regarding tribal involvement in the Chapter. He will also meet with Standing Rock and Fort Yates staff to discuss Chapter involvement.

Mentoring Program—The Board discussed the need to nurture student and younger member involvement and also groom/recruit people for committee roles and candidates for office. Dave, Cami, and Will will work on developing ways to accomplish this. One idea was to invite new people and potential Board candidates to meetings. There is also a need to encourage student involvement. Having them help with Annual Meeting registration works very well, and we might consider this approach for other activities (Prairie Day, Legislative session & lobbying, etc.).

Wind Power Committee—The Board discussed whether wind power issues should be handled separately, as part of Prairie Resources, or as part of a new Alternative Energy Committee to deal with bio-fuel issues as well. Dave will discuss this issue with people in the state who are involved in alternative energy issues and report back at the June meeting.

Liability Waiver for Prairie Day—Prairie Day was planned for Whitestone Battlefield in 2006. Operation on state land requires contract with the State Historical Society, and the contract requires us to have liability insurance. The contract would

also require the Chapter to defend SHS in event of a lawsuit and pay any ensuing damages. Paul Myerchin reported that a commercial general liability policy would be \$350-\$800 annually. There was discussion of the Chapter's liability insurance needs, both for Prairie Day and for other events. There was a motion and unanimous vote to forgo Prairie Day for 2006 and research the Chapter's liability insurance needs prior to June Board meeting for action in June (MSC Sapa/Sherfy).

PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Will Meeks)

Secretary/Treasurer (Mark Sherfy)—Mark Sherfy will prepare the Chapter's tax return for 2005 and will consult with other Board members prior to submitting the return to the IRS.

Newsletter (Adam Ryba)—All materials are due to Adam by April 21.

CMPS (Stan Kohn)—See above. Will Meeks will consult with Stan regarding North Dakota nominations for CMPS officer positions.

NRTA (Scott Peterson)—NTR.

Resolutions & Public Statements (Will Meeks)—The new resolution passed in Williston is being distributed.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Dave Azure)

Arrangements (Dave Azure)—The meeting is set for February 7-9, 2007 at the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan.

Program (Dave Azure)—The committee is looking into potential keynote speakers. A half-day commercialization session is under consideration. Energy is another possibility, as is disease.

Audit (Tom Sklebar)—NTR.

Membership (Tom Jones)—There was a motion and unanimous vote to accept the following new members (MSC Azure/Sovada): Dan Ackerman, Dorothy Fecske, Josh Frey, Tedd Gutzke, Kim Hanson, Renae Heinle, Gwen Kappes, Jesse Kolar, Ryan Latozke, Ruth Lewis, Clara McCarthy, Laurie Richardson, Jason Smith, Jeremy Thury, Rick Tischaefer, Matt vanThuyn, Johann Walker, and Jeremy Wentz.

Nominations (Dave Azure)—NTR.

NDAG (Casey Anderson)—NTR.

PRESIDENT ELECT PORTFOLIO (Al Sapa)

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin)—Paul will work on a reminder for the September newsletter regarding proposed bylaw changes.

Legislative (Randy Renner)—We received an invitation to a ND Wildlife Federation event to discuss legislative issues that was held on Sunday, April 9. Major issues included a high fence initiative, the Farm Bill and CRP, prohibitions on baiting, distinguishing between individuals and commercial outfitters, gratis tags, trespass laws, and blaze orange for upland game bird hunting.

Awards (Al Sapa)—The Board discussed the possibility of carrying over candidates for the North Dakota Award for multiple years. There is a possibility of forming a committee to deal with award nominees. We will also investigate whether a bylaw change is needed.

Prairie Chicken (Greg Link)—The committee will meet this summer.

Prairie Resources (Jill Shaffer)—See above.

PORTFOLIO A (Paul Myerchin)

Wetland Resources (Cami Dixon)—NTR.

Fishery Resources (Mike Olson)—The committee is working on a letter regarding GDU.

Historian (Jeremy Duckwitz)—There was discussion of the Historian’s role, which in some Chapters includes keeping records, resolutions, etc.

NDCTWS Website (Scott Kahan)—Scott Kahan is interested in turning over website responsibility to someone else, and Cami Dixon has an idea for a replacement person. The Board discussed having TWS host the website, but the general consensus was that we want to retain control.

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe)—Squaw Creek NWR issued a special use permit for a commercial operator on refuge lands. The Chapter has sent a comment letter on this issue to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The committee will be working on a coordinated outreach effort among various committees.

PORTFOLIO B (Cami Dixon)

Western Lands (Bill Jensen)—NTR.

State Wildlife Grants (Chuck Bosch)—The committee is working on letter to Game & Fish on behalf of the Chapter.

Education & Outreach (Kristine Askerooth)—Kristine provided updates on Keep North Dakota Clean and Junior Duck Stamp. The committee submitted a request for funds for the Tewaukon NWR educator position that was previously not funded in our budget. This would involve work with a zoo and FWS to visit schools to talk about wetlands and native wildlife. The request was for \$1000 for materials & supplies. There was a motion and unanimous vote to add \$1000 to Education budget for 2006 (MSC Sapa/Azure).

Forest Resources (Tom Claeys)—NTR.

Invasive Species (Dave Dewald)—Several Chapter members attended a Russian olive workshop recently. Russian olive might be taken out of the Field Office Technical Guide by NRCS.

PORTFOLIO C (Brian Kietzman)

Red River Watershed (Jack Lalor)—NTR.

Missouri River (Al Sapa)—A letter was written to the Corps of Engineers regarding vegetation control on Missouri River sandbars. Al is participating in meetings regarding land management around Lake Sakakawea. The Chapter received a request from Keith Trego for additional Missouri River funds. Board is unsure of the future funding needs of this project and would like to have this clarified through a presentation by Keith at the June meeting.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet)—NTR.

Fundraising (Paul Halko)—NTR.

Garrison Diversion (Bill Bicknell)— See Old Business.

PORTFOLIO D (Marsha Sovada)

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

Endangered Species (Sandy Hagen, Anne Coyle)—NTR.

Law Enforcement (Jackie Lundstrom, Tim Phalen)—High profile LE cases are now under investigation dealing with killing of eagles and elk.

Wildlife Damage Management (Phil Mastrangelo)—NTR.

Finance Committee (Mike Goos)—NTR.

Board members are reminded to look over the Endowment documents before next meeting. The Board meeting in June will include involvement

by Committee Chairs to get input and direction for the Endowment.

The next Executive Board meeting will be at Audubon NWR on Tuesday, June 13 at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM (MSC Azure/Sherfy)

REMINDER FOR REQUEST FOR FUNDS & GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Generally the Board entertains requests for funds during the December meeting. If you have budget requests please plan on submitting them prior to November 30th. In the event that funds are needed outside of the normal standard procedure, please route them through the appropriate committee, if applicable. The Board is tasked with reviewing each request critically and it is difficult to approve requests outside the normal process.

Also there have been times when the NDCTWS has been requested to administer small grants. At this time, these have not become burdensome due to the small amounts of funds. However, in order to evaluate these requests, please be reminded that the Board will need some lead time to decide on them. **If considering such a request, please send it through the committee with plenty of time to act accordingly.**

NDCTWS LIFE MEMBERS

Since the beginning of the new year we have added many new life members to our ranks. These include: Todd Frerichs, Randy Renner, Mark Sherfy, Mike Estey, Mike Szymanski, Keith Trego, Greg Heimenz, Tim Phalen, Dave Azure, David Hirsch, and Dean Hildebrand.

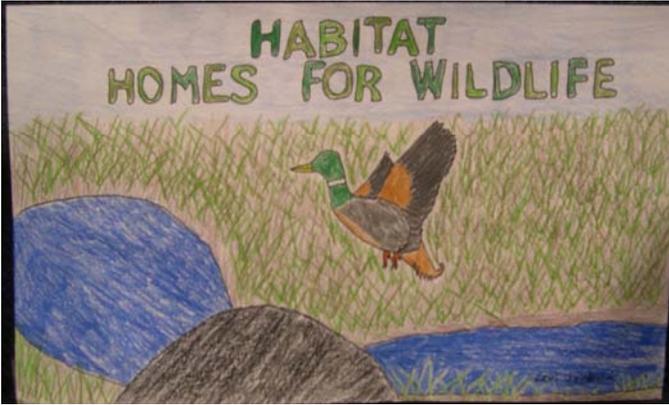
Thank you for your continued support for North Dakota's natural resources. If you are not a life member, please consider investing in the Chapter's future.

NORTH DAKOTA CMPS BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES NEEDED

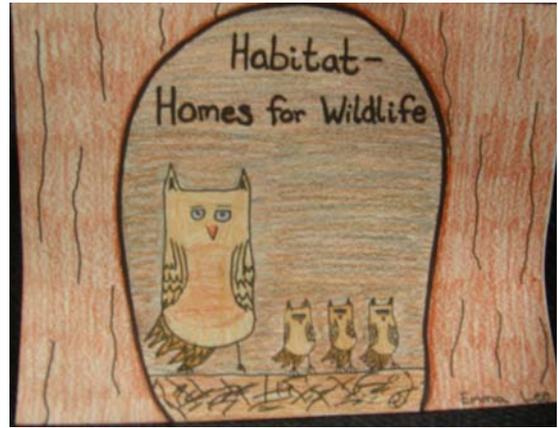
CMPS is in need of two candidates for the Vice President position and 4 candidates for two board member positions. One of the things the nomination committee tries to do is get candidates from around the section in the hopes of getting a representative from each member state and province. If you know of folks from ND that might be interested in either position please contact Brandon Houck (bhnwtf@hotmail.com) or Gary White (gwhite@cnr.colostate.edu). These positions would take office at the start of new business on August 29, 2006 in Laramie and their term would last through the end of old business in 2008. Candidates are recommended to attend the annual CMPS meeting usually held in August.

KEEP NORTH DAKOTA CLEAN CONTEST

NDCTWS and USFWS partner to sponsor the Keep ND Clean Poster Contest on an annual basis. This contest is for 1st grade - 8th grade students. We sponsor grade 4 - our theme this year was "Habitat - Homes for Wildlife". We had 2,044 fourth graders from ND participate in the contest this year. These participants represented 121 schools.



First Place: Levi Jordheim



Third Place: Emma Lee



Second Place: Samantha Steiner

CMPS MEMBERSHIP ALERT

As you know, the CMPS fee structure was recently changed from a \$5.00 annual fee to a \$1.00 annual fee. **As a matter of clarification**, the change to the \$1.00 annual fee was based largely because the CMPS was going to an electronic newsletter. However, in order to receive the newsletter, the CMPS newsletter editor needs your email address. It is difficult and in some cases impossible for the NDCTWS membership chair to query NDCTWS members (which are also CMPS members) from our database. This is due to the fact that not all members that sign up provide their personal email address. This also becomes quickly confusing once you consider on-line renewal from the NDCTWS web page and also the renewal of memberships on the Parent Society's website. **THEREFORE, IF YOU ARE A CMPS MEMBER PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO msteffl@ngpc.state.ne.us THIS WILL ENABLE YOU TO BE ADDED TO THEIR EMAIL DATABASE AND ALLOW YOU TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER!!**

Invited contribution – CMPS President Steve Riley

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

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

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

Since you are probably curious, the Section believes it can accommodate this action by the growth in membership (since many local chapter members are not currently Section members). We also think that almost everyone will feel comfortable with the nominal fee. Members will still have the option to receive paper copies of the newsletter through the mail for a "subscription fee" of \$4 annually, to cover postage and handling.

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

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

51st CMPS Annual Meeting

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

Be sure to take advantage of the significant price break offered to those who register early by going to our web site at

<http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/cmposwildlife> and register now.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, August 28

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

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

Tuesday, August 29

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

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

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

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

11:30 AM – 1 PM. Lunch on your own

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

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

Wednesday, August 30

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

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

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

10:00 AM. Break

10:15 – 11:30 AM. Technical Session

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Lunch provided

1:00 – 3:00 PM. Technical Session

3:00 – 3:15 PM. Break

3:15 – 5:00 PM. Technical Session

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

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

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

Thursday, August 31 through Friday, September 1
Wildlife Chemical Immobilization

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

Attendance limited to the first 30 to register.

Class Participants will receive the following;

Two full days of training in wildlife immobilization.

A copy of the book: Kreeger, T. J. 1996. Handbook of Wildlife Chemical Immobilization. International Wildlife Veterinary Services, Inc. Laramie.

A certificate of course completion.

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

Location to be determined.

Ten Participants Win Top Spots For TWS Leadership Institute

The Wildlife Society has established a Leadership Institute to address the coming shortage of leaders in the wildlife profession; over 75% of the leaders in the wildlife profession will retire in the next decade. The mission of the Leadership Institute is to cultivate the next generation of promising individuals to lead TWS and the wildlife profession into the future. The pilot program is funded by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and matching funds from TWS' endowment fund. "Three out of four of today's state and federal agency leaders will retire within the next decade," says Dr. Michael Hutchins, TWS Executive Director/CEO. "We need young, savvy professionals ready to step into the big shoes that current leaders will leave behind. The institute is designed to enhance leadership knowledge and skills – and groom leaders to help resolve the many conservation and management challenges that lie ahead. As the wildlife profession's leading membership association, The Wildlife Society has a responsibility to prepare its members to meet this urgent need."

Ten early-career professionals have been selected to participate in The Wildlife Society's groundbreaking Leadership Institute. The institute is geared toward young professionals who are two to three years out of school, currently working in wildlife management or conservation, and active members of The Wildlife Society. The eight women and two men selected to participate in the 2006 Leadership Institute are:

- Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, SD
- Silka Kempema, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, SD
- Jordana Kirby, Wildlife Specialist, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, KY
- Michael Larson, Wildlife Research Scientist, MN Department of Natural Resources
- Katie Moriarty, Biological Science Technician, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CA
- Emily Munter, Fish and Wildlife District Manager, NE Game and Parks Commission
- Sheldon Owen, Wildlife Disease Biologist, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, SC
- Erin Patrick, Wildlife Biologist/GIS Specialist, Oklahoma National Guard
- Raquel Wertsbaugh, Private Land Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Watershed Network
- Lori Williams, Wildlife Biologist, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

These individuals will participate in a variety of distance learning and hands-on projects, which will culminate in intensive mentoring activities and leadership workshops at the 2006 TWS Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. TWS chose the participants based on their commitment to and involvement in TWS, excellent academic record, leadership potential as indicated by professional and personal activities, and commitment to the wildlife and natural resources field. Participants will be tracked in coming years in order to assess the program's success.

Bismarck Youth Wins North Dakota's Best of Show

A drake canvasback floating on the water was the top winning waterfowl chosen as the 2006 Best of Show in the North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Contest. "The Aristocrat", is the title of the Best of Show winning painting by 16-year-old, Thomas Dwyer from Bismarck. Thomas used oil paints to depict a lone male canvasback resting on the water. His artwork was selected from almost 600 entries from across North Dakota. Thomas has been competing in the ND Jr Duck Stamp contest since he was nine years old. Every year Thomas has placed first in his age group.

Thomas's painting will compete at the end of April 2006 at the National Jr Duck Stamp Contest alongside 51 other state and U.S. territory entries. First place winners of the National Jr Duck Stamp receive a trip to Washington DC, a \$4000 cash award and their entry made into a stamp.

Thomas attends Shiloh Christian School where he enjoys playing football, basketball and baseball. He enjoys spending time at his dad's farm where he hunts and spends lots of time outdoors. Thomas especially enjoys harvest time and running the combine.

Kaylee Callahan from Valley City High School received Best of Show runner-up honors. Kaylee is 18 years old and used colored pencils and acrylics to create a wintry scene with two white-fronted geese.

An awards ceremony will be held for all the first, second, and third place North Dakota winners in Bismarck on May 6th in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club banquet. Winning students will receive ribbons and prizes donated from North Dakota Game & Fish Department, various state wildlife, sportsmen's groups and other organizations. The winning artwork will travel around the state to local malls, national wildlife refuges, and other events throughout the summer.



2006 Runner up by Kaylee Callahan

**The other first place winners (age)
in the four age categories are:**

Noah Christenson (8 yrs) Maxbass
Olivia Christenson (14 yrs) Maxbass
Joseph Dwyer (12 yrs) Bismarck
McKayla Gessner (16 yrs) Newburg
John Guertin (17 yrs) Valley City
Jessica Haag (16 yrs) Fairfield
Jaiden Langlie (8 yrs) Fargo
Brennen Stotts (10 yrs) Lisbon
Brittany Taylor (17 yrs) Grand Forks
Jade Teske (10 yrs) Westhope

**Second Place winners (age)
in the four age categories are:**

Hannah Christenson (12) Maxbass
Rebecca Christenson (10) Maxbass
Benjamin Kietzman (8) Edgeley
Daniel Kietzman (13) Edgeley
Timothy Kietzman (6) Edgeley
Penny Lam (15) Valley City

Shaylee Miller (6) Deering
Ashley Miller (12) Newburg
Bryer Shaw (12) Devils Lake
Jenny Shelstad (18) Mandan
Nathan Triebold (16) Valley City
Kari Wisnewski (14) Geneseo

**Third Place winners (age)
in the four age categories are:**

Travis Askerooth (7) Cayuga
Nicholas Bury (15) Bismarck
Charles Coleman (12) Bismarck
Elizabeth Judd (18) Valley City
Stephanie Kietzman (12) Edgeley
Katelyn Kjelland (15) Valley City
Jory Miller (12) Deering
Hadlee Schell (11) Westhope
Cody Sivertson (17) Valley City
Mikayla Smith (8) Lisbon
Jamie St. Denis (15) Valley City
Megan Tichy (7) Tower City



2006 Best of Show by Thomas Dwyer

WHO DO YOU CALL?



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