

# 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.

## November 2006

### The Long and Short of it . . .

First off, I would like to extend a healthy sign of gratitude to Terry Steinwand and his staff at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for their part in sponsoring the recent Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) meeting. Although this meeting was held in late July, the ripples from it have been far reaching. The plenary session was compelling and reminded us of our responsibilities as natural resource managers. It also challenged many of us to “dig deep” and consider what we do, how we do it, and why we do it. The role of the public trust doctrine in natural resource management has never been under as much attack as we see today. However, our efforts have not gone unnoticed. There are many facets of wildlife conservation that are parallel or in line with outcomes of that meeting. I am proud to think that the state of North Dakota, as well as the Chapter has somehow brought the issue of wildlife commercialization and the *public's trust* to the forefront. My hat goes off to you all!

This is one of those exciting newsletters with a lot of substance. I sincerely encourage all members that receive a copy of this to pay special attention to the many important items. Printed again is the Final Draft Dakota Prairie Legacy Endowment. We received and reviewed the comments/suggestions from the last newsletter and made the appropriate edits. This will be your last chance to make substantial changes and comments. Once the draft goes to “*final*” it will be considered as such for vote at the annual meeting.

On the heels of the WAFWA meeting there has also been interest in ramping up our efforts to strengthen our connection between students, and evaluate how the Chapter can compliment ongoing work to educate and help the public develop an appreciation for conservation. If there are members excited about new possibilities, please contact Bill Bicknell (see Bill's comments in the newsletter). There have already been efforts to involve the Universities of the state, such as recent participation by NDSU to send three students to the last Board meeting.

There are also notes in the newsletter of proposed membership due changes to retain our members and have them become more involved. Please note that awards, budget requests, resolutions, and bylaw changes are also due to the Board members by December 1. Please do not wait; get these in.

As a matter of housekeeping, the Chapter is in need of a Missouri River Chair. This is one of the most important Committees in the Chapter with many issues and threats to its management. Contact Brian Kietzman if you are interested in making a difference. Also, thanks to Adam Ryba for his participation as the NDCTWS newsletter editor. He has provided many technical improvements and his work was appreciated. I would also like to welcome Sandy Hagen as the “new” newsletter editor. Stepping up to help the Chapter communicate is deeply welcomed. Thank-you.

I have to end this newsletter with a bitter sweet tale. In fact, as I have been writing this and thinking about the accomplishments of the Chapter over the past year, it has seemed easy to provide appreciation and thanks for all the Chapter has achieved. Over my past 4.5 years on the Board, I have often caught myself in awe of the passion, energy and commitment of our members. The Chapter can indeed move seemingly immovable objects.

This is indeed the hardest part of a President's message that I have had to write. There is no easy or eloquent way to say I must "exit stage left." I have been provided an opportunity to accept a new challenge in Alaska. I will become part of a team to manage the Alaska Maritime NWR in Homer. Now, this decision wasn't easy. I weighed many thoughts and often struggled with my recent commitment to the Chapter. But in the end, I have to prepare myself and family for a large challenge and lifetime adventure. It is with a deep sense of gratitude and sorrow that I will call the next Board meeting, my last. I hope that the members of the Chapter will understand the difficulty I had with this decision as well as take this in step. There are many untapped resources in the Chapter (you know who you are). It always seems daunting to step forward, but once the step is made it gets easier, and easier. This is especially true if you allow your personal values to guide you.

As I consider this move, I hope to stay involved with TWS and will keep an ear cocked to the south (*that seems odd*) to see the big imprints that the NDCTWS leaves. I feel there will be times that I smirk when I consider how involved and passionate this Chapter is as others scamper to emulate your actions.

Take care and do good things. I leave you only with one last thought . . . "*the mind is like a parachute - it works only when it is open* (Unknown author)."

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**DECEMBER**

- 1 Last Call for Papers for 2007 NDCTWS Meeting
- 1 Funding Requests Deadline
- 1 Project Proposals for Small Grants Program Due
- 1 Nominations Due for The North Dakota Award, The North Dakota Wildlife Habitat Award and Special Recognition Awards.
- 5 **Board Meeting** in Bismarck at USFWS office, Bismarck, ND at 9:00 am
- 14-15 ND Natural Resources Trust Board Meeting, Bismarck, ND

**FEBRUARY 2007**

- 7-9 NDCTWS Annual Meeting at the Seven Seas Inn, Mandan, ND

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

## **North Dakota Chapter TWS - 2006**

### **Executive Board Members**

#### **President Portfolio – Will Meeks (will\_meeks@fws.gov)**

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 (dave\_azure@fws.gov)**

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 (asap@bis.midco.net)**

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

#### **Portfolio A – Paul Myerchin (clarklaw@btinet.net)**

Wetland Resources: Cami Dixon  
Fishery Resources: Mike Olson  
Historian: Jeremy Duckwitz  
Website: A.J. Klein  
Wildlife Commercialization: Mike McEnroe

#### **Portfolio B – Cami Dixon (cami\_dixon@fws.gov)**

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 (bkietzman@state.nd.us)**

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

#### **Portfolio D – Marsha Sovada (marsha\_sovada@usgs.gov)**

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

**Treasurer-Mark Sherfy (mark\_sherfy@usgs.gov)**

## **North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

### **Executive Board Meeting Minutes September 19, 2006**

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 9:00 AM at Lonetree Wildlife Management Area. 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 NDSU students Sarah McIntyre, Drew Kessler, and Nathan Stroh, and Chapter members Scott Peterson, Bill Bicknell, Mike McEnroe, Mike Goos, and Mike Szymanski.

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 a summary of income and expenses for 2006. Assets are currently \$43,413.10, and the Chapter is \$14,360.03 ahead of the 2006 budget. There is \$2000 remaining in the Discretionary line item, of which \$1000 is earmarked for the Education Committee. There was a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Chapter \$5000 to \$10,000 in a 1-year CD yielding 5%. The Board voted to invest in a 1-year \$10,000 CD, with \$5000 coming from the savings account and \$5000 from the checking account (MSC Sapa/Azure). In the interval between Board meetings, there was an e-mail vote (MSC Azure/Kietzman) to provide \$100 in student travel support for the CMPS Conference. The Board voted to accept the Treasurer’s Report (MSC Sapa/Sovada).

Correspondence Sent and Received—The Chapter sent a reply to the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding their letter to us about exclusive guiding permits on the Squaw Creek NWR. Letters were sent to NDSU, UND, and UND-Bottineau to encourage student involvement in the Chapter. TWS is seeking Chapter news for The Wildlifer with an October 15 deadline. We sent letters to Senators Dorgan, Burns, Taylor, and Dicks (Interior Appropriations Subcommittee) in support of full or greater funding for the State Wildlife Grants program. Copies of this letter will be sent to Senator Conrad and Congressman Pomeroy.

Liability Waiver—Al and Paul met with BNC Bank, carrier of our employee dishonesty policy. The annual premium for a commercial general liability policy would be about \$443. An alternative for events such as Prairie Day is to hold the event on Federal lands, or other lands where a liability release from the Chapter would not be required. In this situation, we could also have event attendees sign releases. This arrangement would reduce our liability exposure. The principal events for which we should consider potential liability are the Annual Meeting, the Jr. Duck Stamp contest, occasional bus tours, and Prairie Day. Individual members are protected due to incorporation of the Chapter, and the Chapter's liability is limited to cash assets. Dave will check with the Seven Seas Inn regarding their liability coverage and whether it could be extended to include the Chapter.

Dakota Prairie Legacy Endowment—Mike Goos reported that the draft Charter for the Dakota Prairie Legacy (DPL) produced 3 sets of comments from the membership. The Committee has three main charges. Con Hillman is leading development of a plan to raise \$50,000 and prepare an information brochure. A draft Executive Director position description is being prepared. Mike McEnroe has worked hard on this, and no comments have been received yet. Terry Allbee has drafted a recognition certificate for DPL donors. Mike McEnroe clarified that the Chapter can legally own land, and Al Sapa suggested that we keep a list of operating procedures for the endowment. The Board reviewed the submitted comments on the DPL Charter. A final draft version appears in this version of the newsletter.

North American Model—TWS is working on a position statement and on establishing a committee for technical review of the North American Wildlife Conservation Model.

## NEW BUSINESS

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies—Bill Bicknell provided a written summary of a Roundtable discussion among 12 Chapter members following the WAFWA plenary session. The discussion focused on keeping the public wildlife public, with three main topics:

- 1) The North American Wildlife Conservation Model – The Chapter should continue its work to put the Model into action, and should work on education within and outside the profession to ensure that wildlife remains public.
- 2) Education of wildlife students and young professionals – The Chapter should strengthen its connection to students, mentoring and passing the

torch to the next generation. One way to foster student involvement is to consider free registration for students at the annual meeting. We could also encourage one-on-one pairing of students with professionals for mentoring, and seminars from interested Chapter members at the universities on career insights, major issues, etc. There has been a declining student membership, and a general observation that ties to university faculty as active Chapter members are an important way to keep students involved.

3) Olaus Murie's challenge to the wildlife profession, as presented in a July 1954 paper in the Journal of Wildlife Management titled "Ethics in wildlife management." This paper emphasized the importance of our attitudes, appreciation and regard for nature, and our choice between "tinkering with the wildlife machine" or giving our profession its due dignity and importance. It is also important for us to be more expressive and creative in communication so it's seen how exciting a wildlife career can be.

Bill has suggested formation of committee for the purpose of passing the torch to the next generation of wildlife leaders. The committee's role would be to work with universities to establish educational programs that prepare students for wildlife careers. He is looking for like-minded individuals in the Chapter to work in this area. Dave Azure and Cami Dixon have been working with universities and will continue to do so. The committee could organize an annual meeting session focusing on what we've learned and how we have implemented our knowledge. Another possibility would be a display for the Heritage Center on the history of wildlife management in North Dakota.

The Board discussed ways to enhance student involvement. A bylaws amendment would be required to have a non-voting student Board member, but attendance by students can be encouraged without an amendment. It is important to have participation and a real role for students. The Board voted to waive registration fees for students at the 2007 annual meeting (MSC Azure/Sherfy). The students in attendance agreed that student-biologist one-on-one meetings would be valuable to them.

North Dakota Action Group—The Board is exploring the role of this committee, and believes that its potential value is providing an awareness of where NAWCA funds are spent.

Potential Bylaw Change—Paul Myerchin circulated a proposed amendment to the bylaws. The Board voted to provide notice to the membership in the January newsletter on the proposed amendment of the Chapter's fiscal year (MSC Myerchin/Azure).

Prairie Resources Committee—The committee will proceed with planning for a 2007 event on non-state land. Paul will prepare a liability waiver for attendees to sign.

Alternative Energy Committee—Focus areas for this potential committee would include biomass, wind, and conversion of coal to alternative fuels. All of these are resources to which we are dedicated by definition. Rick Patzman, Randy Renner or Scott McLeod, Arnie Kruse, Jill Shaffer, and Paul Myerchin have expressed interest. Areas they could be effective include preparing a position statement and discussion of pressing projects.

The Northern Great Plains Working Group has formed an Energy group. Their focus is likely to be narrower in scope than ours would be. The two groups need to work together to determine where areas of common interest and overlap are before we move forward with a formal committee designation.

Proposed Dues Structure Change—The Board discussed a modified dues structure that would add two new membership categories for members 55 years or older with 5 or more years of previous Chapter membership. Regular Senior Membership would be \$10/year, and Senior Life Membership would be \$100. This proposal would encourage membership by retirees. The Board voted to adopt the modified dues structure, and to published it in the newsletter and have it be voted by the membership at the Annual Meeting (MSC Sapa/Sovada).

Tribal Wildlife Committee—Dave Azure is exploring development of this committee.

Joint Meeting with South Dakota—Brian Kietzman and Kurt Foreman (SD Chapter President-Elect) have discussed a joint meeting with South Dakota in 2008.

#### **PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Will Meeks)**

Newsletter (Adam Ryba)—The deadline for newsletter submissions is September 29. The next issue will include the bylaw change announcement, the endowment Charter, the first call for papers for the Annual Meeting, an award notice, and a reminder for bylaw submissions. The Board discussed adding current events, updates on wildlife professionals throughout the state, etc. We should add e-mail or contact information for Executive Board members. Adam is stepping down after the next edition, so we need a new chair.

CMPS (Stan Kohn)—The conference was held in Laramie in September. John Cooper was the professional award winner, Paul Coughlin was

elected Vice-President, and Art Smith and Brad Simpson were elected Board members. The Bylaw revisions were approved. The Section provided \$1500 among 5 undergraduates to attend the TWS meeting in Anchorage. Gary White is the new CMPS president, and Lynn Stevens is the new newsletter editor. The next conference will be in Garden City Kansas, August 6-9, 2007.

NRTA (Scott Peterson)—Scott updated the Board on recent Trust activities. The Board met in July. They released an RFP for investment services, and voted to extend the contract with their existing firm. Their previous asset allocation was 85% fixed and 15% equity, but the agreement has been changed to reduce fixed income and increase equity holdings. The strategic plan review is coming up and will be discussed at the December 14-15 meeting in Bismarck.

Resolutions & Public Statements (Will Meeks)—Last call prior to the Annual Meeting will be in the January newsletter.

#### **PAST PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Dave Azure)**

Arrangements (Dave Azure)—Dave is working with Seven Seas on arrangements for February.

Program (Dave Azure)—Clay Jenkinson is scheduled to appear at the Awards Banquet and at a paper session. He wants to focus on conservation ethic for the Little Missouri and the Northern Great Plains. John Organ, Michael Hutchins, and Erik Fritzell are likely to be in attendance. It is possible that some of the dialogue from the WAFWA plenary will be recreated.

Membership (Mike Szymanski)—We now have 250 members in good standing, including 85 life, 145 regular, and 7-10 students. Mike is working on firming up our list of people who have stopped paying memberships – we need to contact these people to get them to renew. A targeted mailing with Annual Meeting program information is being considered. We used to have a tri-fold brochure for recruitment, but it hasn't been used in a long time. This and other recruitment tools need to be resurrected. NDSU now has 22 members of its student chapter.

Nominations (Dave Azure)—Will be looking for Board members and President candidates soon.

## **PRESIDENT ELECT PORTFOLIO (Al Sapa)**

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin)—The bylaw amendment published in this issue has been the only recent activity.

Legislative (Randy Renner)—Mike is considering a legislative social this fall after the elections. A budget proposal for 2007 will be prepared between Randy and Mike. NDNRT will provide office space and administrative support as needed. Potential legislative issues include high fences, a trespass bill, recreational land tax bill, a bill to increase violations of State statutes to felony status, and a tagging bill for nonresident waterfowl hunters.

Awards (Al Sapa)—Criteria for awards will be announced soon. Al will start the recruiting effort for nominations.

## **PORTFOLIO A (Paul Myerchin)**

Wetland Resources (Cami Dixon)—The Board discussed combining this committee with Devils Lake Basin committee due to commonality of issues.

Historian (Jeremy Duckwitz)—There is a need to resurrect the interview process for past presidents, award winners, or other influential chapter members. Game & Fish or DU videographers might help out with production of a video. This could be incorporated into a display at the Heritage Center. The archive of newsletters provides a good starting point for planning interviews, selecting people to talk to, and highlighting important issues. This would be important for preservation of the Chapter's history and informing the Board and the membership. The main questions would be what excited them about their career, and what did they want to pass along to the younger generations?

NDCTWS Website (Scott Kahan)—A.J. Klein, the Northern Prairie web master, is interested and willing. There was a discussion of whether the website should be contracted out.

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe)—The committee prepared the follow-up letter to FWS on exclusive guiding/outfitting on refuges, asking for clarification of FWS's policy on exclusive permits. There has been discussion of the Texas deer breeders case, in which no intervening is desirable at this time. There was a recent domestic elk (red deer) escape from Idaho into Wyoming, where there is potential for interaction with the Yellowstone elk herd.

## **PORTFOLIO B (Cami Dixon)**

State Wildlife Grants (Chuck Bosch)—The committee worked on the letter of support to the Interior Appropriations Committee.

Education & Outreach (Kristine Askerooth)—Kristine and Bill Bicknell are working together on educational issues, including scholarship letters to universities.

Invasive Species (Dave Dewald)—The committee is putting together a noxious weed pocket ID guide with several partners.

## **PORTFOLIO C (Brian Kietzman)**

Missouri River (Al Sapa)—Mike Olson and Al are working on the idea of a revision to the 1944 Flood Control Act. Chapters in Missouri River basin, including us, are a resource that could be brought to bear on improving management of the Missouri River. Al is attending Missouri River Master Plan meetings. He will be requesting a replacement chair for next year when he is President.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet)— There is an active class action lawsuit in which landowners are suing the State Water Commission over upper basin drainage.

Garrison Diversion (Bill Bicknell)—The committee prepared a 17-page comment letter in April on alternatives to meet contemporary water needs for RRV. Emphasis was on fully evaluating the RRV pipeline, accelerating payment to NDNRT so effort can be concentrated in the RRV, and legislation to provide long-term funding for management of Lonetree and other Garrison Diversion lands. They are working on setting up meetings to coordinate Garrison issues.

## **PORTFOLIO D (Marsha Sovada)**

Northern Great Plains Working Group (Kevin Willis)—The Working Group met a few weeks ago to discuss CRP and the next Farm Bill. They will be preparing a draft of their recommendations for the new Farm Bill. They also discussed biofuels and switchgrass.

Finance Committee (Mike Goos)—See above.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM (MSC Sapa/Myerchin)

**The next Executive Board meeting will be at the Fish and Wildlife Service office in Bismarck on December 5, 2006 at 9:00 AM.**

At the September Board Meeting there was discussion to continue the momentum that was gathered on the heels of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies meeting. Bill Bicknell presented information to the Board about an initiative to move us along this path. The Board agreed that many of the messages and themes that came out of the plenary session are worth investigating. Moreover, the Chapter is already doing an excellent job in moving in that direction (i.e., University involvement, etc.). The Board agreed to try to recruit help for the effort, develop objectives, and asked Bill to provide a commentary (below).

## **AN ENTHUSIASTIC FIRST STEP THE LEGACY TRUST INITIATIVE**

**“Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm.”** Undoubtedly the great American essayist, Ralph Waldo Emerson, was not considering the wildlife profession when he made this insightful observation but maybe we should. When you think about it the opportunity to work on conservation issues is an incredible honor. Conservation biologists have the opportunity to work on fascinating, ever-changing issues affecting natural resources of unparalleled beauty. We have the privilege of working hand in hand with dedicated individuals who clearly know their work matters today and even more importantly, for the generations to come. Our profession affords the unique privilege of managing natural resources on behalf of the public, an awe-inspiring and endlessly fascinating challenge. Can other professions legitimately make these claims?

In the July 1954 issue of the *Journal of Wildlife Management*, the paper “Ethics in Wildlife Management” by Olaus Murie was published. Murie challenged wildlife professionals when he wrote, “We have a choice as a profession: We may be content to expertly tinker with the wildlife machine and keep it alive somehow; or we can give our profession the dignity and importance it deserves and help the public to interpret the facts so as to contribute in man’s struggle to find himself.” Murie likewise challenged both educators and students by stating, “Our training in the universities should be such that we do not come out pretty good technicians but philosophical illiterates. We need to look up from our technical study at times and look at the horizon.” As a result of Murie’s challenge, the Chapter is investigating an initiative focusing on the wildlife profession and our role in society or as Murie recommends “look at the horizon.” This initiative, proposed as the Legacy Trust Initiative will begin by examining opportunities to strengthen the connection between wildlife students and the Chapter. A second component of this effort will be to evaluate how the Chapter can compliment ongoing work to educate and help the public develop an appreciation for all things wild.

The journey down this path presents a need to read and learn from similar initiatives, develop a well thought out strategic plan, and coordinate both within the Chapter’s existing committee structure and with outside agencies and organizations. The objective of the Legacy Trust Initiative is to compliment the great work taking place at North Dakota’s educational institutions and by the conservation agencies and organizations throughout the state. This is clearly a lofty goal, but is there a better organization in the state of North Dakota to enthusiastically take on this challenge?

If you have questions, recommendations or advice concerning how to get this initiative off to a good start, please contact Bill Bicknell at 355-8512 (work), 222-2411 (home) or [William\\_Bicknell@fws.gov](mailto:William_Bicknell@fws.gov)

## **Garrison Diversion Committee Report:**

The Garrison Diversion Committee submitted a detailed comment letter to the Bureau of Reclamation on April 12, 2006, concerning Draft Environmental Impact Statement that was prepared to address alternatives for meeting the comprehensive water needs of the Red River Valley. The Chapter's comment letter focused on the need to strengthen the environmental provisions of the project in accordance with the authorizing legislation. The letter also emphasized the need for state and federal agencies and organizations to work together to find sustainable solutions to North Dakota's comprehensive water needs.

Upon completion of the letter, the Committee has arranged meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bismarck staffers for Senator Dorgan and Conrad and Congressman Pomeroy, the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District and the North Dakota Water Users Association. The purpose of these meetings has been to open a dialog about the Red River Valley's water needs and establishing a process to discuss the project alternatives in detail.

With the assistance of the North Dakota Water Users Association, the Chapter's Garrison Diversion Committee has met with the State Engineer, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, the Governor's Office, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District and the Bureau of Reclamation on four occasions since May. The initial meeting focused on the possibility of modernizing the Flood Control Act of 1944 to meet the contemporary water needs of both upper basin and lower basin states. The focus of the next three meetings has been directed towards addressing alternatives for meeting the water needs of the Red River Valley. While it is too early to tell where this process will lead, previous opportunities to work collaboratively with North Dakota's political and water development leaders have led to important environmental and wildlife provisions being included in the Garrison Diversion Reformulation Act in 1986 and the Dakota Water Resources Act in 2000.

For additional information concerning the Chapter's involvement on this issue please contact Bill Bicknell, Committee Chair, at 355-8512, Al Sapa, Mike McEnroe or Keith Trego.

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## **TWS ELECTION RESULTS**

### **Dear TWS Members:**

The results of the 2006 elections for TWS Vice President and section representatives, and the vote on proposed bylaws changes are in. Ballots were counted and verified on 11 July by the Ballot Validation Committee. Thanks are due to committee members Paul Wilson (Chair), George Allen, Robert Blohm and Laura Henze, for volunteering their time to tabulate and validate the results.

Thomas Franklin, Conservation Director, Izaak Walton League of America, was elected Vice President. Dr. Bruce Leopold, Chair, Wildlife and Fisheries Department, Mississippi State University was reelected to a second term as representative of the Southeastern Section and Dr. Bruce Thompson, Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish was elected as representative of the Southwest Section. All will be formally inducted onto Council at the 2006 Annual Conference in Anchorage, AK in September.

All of the 10 proposed bylaws changes also passed (see <http://www.wildlife.org/leadership/index.cfm?tname=election> for a list of each of the approved bylaws changes).

We thank all TWS members that took the time and effort to register their votes and run for office. Participation in the democratic process is one way that TWS members can directly affect the future direction of our Society. We look forward to working with new Council members to fulfill the mission and goals of The Wildlife Society.

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS

The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society has maintained a proud tradition of active involvement on issues affecting North Dakota's natural resources. We have been able to make significance contributions because Chapter members have been willing to take time from their demanding schedules to take an active role guiding the chapter. If you know someone who is willing to be a candidate for the Executive Board or President-Elect, please contact the Nominations Committee or submit written recommendations to Dave Azure, 1108 8<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Jamestown, ND 58401. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, do not wait for a formal request, nominate yourself!! All nominations are greatly appreciated! The Nominations Committee will select four candidates for the Executive Board, and two for President-Elect. Don't put it off any longer, you will probably never be less busy. Make this the year you decide to step up and serve!



**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER BYLAWS!!!!**  
**Consideration of the change will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting**  
**in Mandan - February 2007**

ARTICLE III.

Proposed Amendment  
Chapter Year

The Chapter's operating and fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31, and the Chapter's financial reporting will follow the Society's calendar years schedule.

*Note: Reference to "Society" is considered the Parent Society of TWS.*

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**CHAPTER WORKS TO STRENGTHEN  
CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS**

The Executive Board of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society is taking bold steps to strengthen the connection between Chapter members and wildlife/natural resource conservation students at Sitting Bull College, MSU - Bottineau, NDSU, and UND. The Executive Board voted unanimously to waive the conference registration fee for all full time students majoring in wildlife, biology, or conservation. The Executive Board is also evaluating the feasibility of organizing a student lunch during the Chapter's Annual Meeting in February. The purpose of this meal function is to create a relaxed atmosphere for interested students and professionals to visit about the wildlife profession and a host of related issues. Representatives from the Chapter will be contacting students and their advisors this fall to determine the level of interest and how to best organize this function. The Chapter is also discussing how to successfully organize a mentoring/seminar program that would be meaningful to both students and professionals. This idea has been around for some time and has never gotten taken wing. One of the challenges in organizing an effective mentoring program is that the Chapter has a limited number of members living in the communities near campus. Several member of the Chapter have volunteered to work on this initiative. For additional information, please contact:

Dave Azure	Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge	285-3341
Cami Dixon	Devils Lake Wetland Management District	622-8611 Ext. 334
Will Meeks	Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge	848-2722 Ext. 27
Bill Bicknell	Fish and Wildlife Service, Bismarck	355-8512

## **CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS**

Over the past few years, the Chapter has become increasingly proactive in addressing a variety of issues affecting the natural resources of our state and region. Many of these relate to the increasing pressures exerted by the forces of commercialization, privatization, and development and the potential impacts these may have on our ability to sustain our natural resources. The Program Committee is excited about report that the 2007 Annual Meeting at the Seven Seas in Mandan is shaping up to be another top-notch affair and invites you to participate. In addition to some extremely distinguished invited speakers, we anticipate having paper sessions which focus on the future with regard to the topics of alternative energies, commercialization/privatization of wildlife, and other contemporary issues as they relate to wildlife management. Of course, we also intend to have sessions devoted to traditional themes such as prairies, wetlands, and good ol' fashion wildlife research.

So, it's time to begin thinking about how you can participate. If you are interested in giving a paper or poster at the 2007 Annual Meeting, please sent the title, author(s) name, address and phone number, and a brief abstract by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** to:

**NDCTWS Program Committee  
P.O. Box 1442  
Bismarck, ND 58502**

Abstracts can also be submitted directly to members of the Program Committee: Mike McEnroe, Marsha Sovada, Dan Svingen, Rick Nelson, Sandra Hagen, Will Meeks, Randy Renner, or Dave Azure.

Once again, the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society invites you to attend and participate in the 2007 Annual Meeting to be held at:

**Seven Seas Inn  
Mandan, North Dakota  
February 7-9, 2007  
Reservations: 701-663-0025**



Funding request deadline  
December 1, 2006



The Executive Board asks that funding requests be submitted prior to the December executive meeting. The Board recognizes that funding requests requiring immediate attention may still occasionally arise throughout the year. However, funding requests received prior to the December Executive Board meeting will receive priority and ensure equitable funding consideration for Chapter committee projects and partnerships with other organizations.

If you are a Chapter standing committee chair or represent an organization considering Chapter funding during the upcoming year, please contact your respective Executive Board portfolio representative or Mark Sherfy, Chapter Treasure prior to December 1, 2006

**NDCTWS SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM  
REQUEST FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the NDCTWS Small Grants Program is to encourage projects that promote the wise management and conservation of wildlife, plants, and other natural resources in North Dakota. Priority will be given to projects in areas that have been traditionally underfunded, such as nongame species conservation and conservation education.

**Guidelines**

The grant program consists of one or more awards of up to \$1000 for project work occurring in North Dakota. The grant is available to any university, student, professional individual, group, agency, or organizational project. Grants are awarded annually; therefore, successful applicants must reapply each year for future funding.

The grant may be used for travel (within North Dakota) to/from study sites, lodging, expendable equipment, salaries, and supplies. Administrative overhead expenses are ineligible, as are those for durable field equipment such as cameras, computers, GPS units, or surveying equipment. Proposals must be received by December 1, 2006. All proposals are reviewed at the final executive board meeting of the year by the NDCTWS executive board and ranked on the basis of (1) quality of project, (2) meeting the purpose of the NDCTWS Small Grants Program, and (3) budget needs. Grant recipients will be notified by the executive board and will be announced in the newsletter.

Project leaders will submit a 1 to 2 page report summarizing the results of the project to the NDCTWS executive board. Also, an article summarizing the results of the project must be

submitted for inclusion in the Chapter newsletter. Grant recipients are encouraged to do an oral presentation or poster at the annual NDCTWS meeting. The name of the Chapter should be acknowledged as a financial supporter on any final reports or publications.

### **Proposals**

Written proposals should not exceed 2 single spaced typewritten pages. The proposal narrative must address the following criteria:

- statement of purpose
- project objectives
- methods
- study area
- target species or audience
- project duration
- benefits to the conservation of natural resources in North Dakota

Literature citations and an itemized budget should be included but do not count toward the 2 page limit. Other sources of support for the project must be identified in the budget. Subcontracting is not allowed. Grantee will be expected to obtain any necessary permits.

### **Deadline and Mailing Instructions**

Deadline for submission of proposals is December 1, 2006. Please mail proposals to: NDCTWS, P.O. Box 1442, Bismarck, ND 58502. Or send by email to [asap@bis.midco.net](mailto:asap@bis.midco.net)

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## **A Proposal to Modify Chapter Dues Structure**

**(For information and Comments. This will be considered at the annual meeting.)**

The North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society is composed of many long-term members. These senior members have contributed much to the development and success of our organization. In an effort to recognize these members, and to retain them as valued members for the future, the Board proposes the following two membership dues additions:

For members 55 Years or older with 5 or more years of previous Chapter membership;

- 1) Regular Senior Membership dues of \$10 per year; or
- 2) Senior Life Membership dues of \$100 (total).

The Senior Memberships are available to previous Regular members employed, trained, or a student in a natural resource fields; are entitled to full Chapter privileges including voting in Chapter elections. Life membership dues will not change during the tenure of the life member.

### **ATTENTION:**

Annually the Chapter has to allocate funds to pay for undeliverable newsletters due to members moving. If you have a change of address, please notify Mike Szymanski (Membership Chair) at [mszymanski@nd.gov](mailto:mszymanski@nd.gov) or 701-328-6360. This simple action on your part will help the Chapter save time and money. Thank you.

## **Membership alert!!!**

Thank you to the members that provided comment on the first draft of the Dakota Prairie Legacy Endowment Charter. As published in the newsletter, the Charter is now in its **final draft** stage. There have been many hours put into this endeavor over the past one and a half years. Care has been taken in crafting the Charter to allow for flexibility while providing direction for the future. Any changes that may occur that are now unforeseen may easily be handled by amendments. Now will be your last chance to make suggestions and edits. It is the intent of the Board to bring this to a vote during the Annual Business meeting in February.

### **FINAL DRAFT**

#### **NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY DAKOTA PRAIRIE LEGACY ENDOWMENT CHARTER**

##### **1.0 PURPOSE**

The Goal of the Dakota Prairie Legacy (DPL) endowment is to provide income to enhance the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society's (Chapter) ability to meet objectives stated in its Bylaws.

##### **2.0 OVERSIGHT**

###### 2.1. Administration

The DPL will be administered by the Executive Board (Board). The Finance Committee will advise the Board regarding investment strategies and distributions from the DPL.

###### 2.2 Reviews

Written assessments of DPL status will be provided by the Finance Committee to the Board by July 31 and January 31 of each year. The end-of-year assessment, summarizing all activities and assets of the DPL, will be presented to the membership at the annual Business Meeting.

The DPL will be subject to annual review by the Chapter's Audit Committee.

The Board will keep appropriate permanent records of the identity and gifts of DPL donors.

###### 2.3 Accountability

The Board will be accountable to the Chapter's membership for the proper application of the resources of the DPL.

##### **3.0 GIFTS TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND**

###### 3.1 Unrestricted Gifts

Gifts to the DPL will be considered unrestricted unless specifically designated otherwise. Unrestricted gifts will be invested into the appropriate DPL funds for use in accordance with this Charter.

### 3.2 Restricted Gifts

Accounts for restricted purposes may only be established upon approval of the Board. Funds accepted into these accounts will be used for the purposes specified by the donor and approved by the Board, but will be subject to the following limitations:

- That the Board may redirect the proceeds to similar or related programs should the designated program become overly endowed or discontinued.
- That the restrictions be limited to a time period not to exceed ten years, unless specifically exempted by the Board, at which time the Board could redirect the funds to the general (unrestricted) portion of the DPL.

### 3.3 Non-Cash Gifts

All non-cash donations (e.g, real estate, stocks and bonds, artwork, firearms, or other items) will be evaluated by the Finance Committee to determine the most appropriate action, with the principal goal of converting these gifts to cash. The Finance Committee will forward its recommendation to the Board for approval.

Donated property may be converted to cash through auction at the Chapter's annual fundraiser, negotiated sale to a third party, public sale or auction, or other methods approved by the Board. Donated property will be liquidated in a manner that prioritizes financial benefit to the Chapter.

Any decision by the Board to retain ownership of donated real estate will be presented to the membership along with a business and management plan to provide for the long-term maintenance, management, and costs of ownership (e.g., taxes) of the property. Land ownership proposals must support Chapter objectives or operations, and be approved by majority vote of the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

### 3.4 Refusal of Gifts

The Board reserves the right to refuse any gift to the DPL.

### 3.5 Recognition

Benefactors will be recognized by the Chapter unless they specifically request anonymity. The Board may approve various plaques, programs, or other methods to recognize and thank donors.

## 4.0 INVESTMENT OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### 4.1 Investment Objectives

Selection of investments for the DPL will prioritize the following objectives:

- Conservation of resources for the effective maintenance of fund balances.
- Regular investment growth at a reasonable rate of return.
- Growth of the fund balance over and above that necessary to offset inflationary rises.

### 4.2 Assets

Assets of the DPL will be invested in one or more funds monitored by the Finance Committee. When additions are made to the DPL, the Finance Committee will recommend to the Board how the additions may be allocated among funds. The Board may change the allocations to ensure that returns meet objectives.

Assets held in the DPL are specifically directed to the support of the programs specified under “Allocation of Endowment Funds” (5.1). Assets may not be reassigned for any other use without provision for replenishment.

The Finance Committee will consult with a professional investment advisor in devising an investment strategy and selecting specific investment options. Costs for this service will be annually reported to the Chapter membership.

## **5.0. ALLOCATION OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

### **5.1 Allocation Procedures**

No allocations may be made from the DPL from the time of establishment until a base level of \$50,000 is reached. Upon reaching this base level, allocations may be made after approval of the Chapter’s budget at the Annual Business Meeting in the following year. In all subsequent fiscal years, allocations from the fund will be made after approval of the Chapter’s budget at the Annual Business Meeting.

Allowable allocations will be a restricted percentage of the DPL fund balance at the end of each fiscal year. After reaching \$50,000 in monetary assets, annual allocations will be limited to 1% of the fund balance. The allowable allocation will increase to 5% of the fund balance upon reaching a \$250,000 in monetary assets. The percentage restriction on allocations will be eliminated upon reaching a \$500,000 fund balance. Percentage restrictions of 5% or 1% will be reinstated if the fund balance falls back below \$250,000 or \$50,000, respectively.

Allocations will normally be made solely from returns on investment and will not invade the total amount of all contributions made during the life of the DPL. This condition will supersede the percentage restrictions outlined above (5.1).

The Board, by a two-thirds vote, may invade the assets/principal of the DPL in response to critical need. The funds used for such an extraordinary need are to be considered loans which will be repaid to the DPL. No future loans will be allowed until the principal from the past loans is replaced.

The Board may elect in any given fiscal year to forgo allocation of funds from the DPL.

Returns made available from the DPL will be transferred to the Chapter’s general fund for disbursement in accordance with the Chapter’s annual budget.

Allocations will not be used for loans to individuals or organizations for any purpose.

The maximum size of the DPL will be \$10,000,000. Upon reaching this funding level, the Finance Committee will develop a plan for allocating sufficient funds to reduce the size of the DPL. This plan will be approved by the Board prior to implementation.

### **5.2 Allocation Recipients**

The DPL will support the goals described in the Long-Range Plan of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The Long-Range Plan will provide the prioritization and applicable cost/benefit reviews for programs eligible for fund allocations. The Plan will be reviewed and updated every five years. The Board will provide a final decision on recipients and amounts to be allocated.

In accordance with the Chapter's Bylaws and annual budgeting procedures, committees will be eligible to submit proposals to the Board for use of allocated DPL funds. All programs or proposals consistent with the Chapter's objectives will be eligible for allocation of DPL funds.

**5.3 Administrative expenses**

Reimbursement for all administrative expenses for the DPL will be approved in advance by the Board. These include expenses for the sale or auction of donations, and cost for obtaining professional investment advice/management. These costs will not be subject to the limits on allocations outlined under section 5.1.

**6.0 LIABILITY**

No member of the Chapter, the Finance Committee, or the Board shall be liable for any investment made in any fund administered as part of the DPL.

**7.0 AMENDMENTS**

The provisions of this charter will constitute a contract between the Chapter and respective donors. Any amendment of this charter shall apply only to gifts made after the effective date of the amendment.

Subject to the foregoing, this charter may be amended by a majority vote of the Chapter Membership, in accordance with procedures for amending the Chapter's Bylaws.

**8.0 MERGER, CONSOLIDATION, OR DISSOLUTION OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

If at any time the Chapter is lawfully merged or consolidated with any other organization, all the provisions hereof in respect to the DPL shall be deemed to have been made in behalf of the merged or consolidated organization which shall be obligated to administer the same in all respects and in accordance with the terms thereto. If the Chapter should ever be dissolved without any lawful successor thereof, the DPL, including both principal and interest/dividends to date, shall be deemed the responsibility of The Wildlife Society, Inc. following the procedures outlined in the Chapter's Bylaws (Article IX – Dissolution).

**9.0 TERMINATION**

The DPL may be terminated by proposal of the Board to the Chapter membership. Any such proposal must be presented to the membership in writing at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Business Meeting or other Special Meeting in accordance with the Chapter's Bylaws. The proposal must include a plan for allocation of DPL fund balances and must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Chapter membership.

**10.0 APPROVAL**

This Charter will become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the Chapter membership at the Annual Business Meeting

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Approval Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter President



NDCTWS  
Nominations  
Requested

Each year the Chapter recognizes outstanding achievements at the awards banquet. This banquet, when we pause to recognize the contributions of our peers, is truly the highlight of each annual meeting. Please take time this fall to nominate deserving candidates for **The North Dakota Award, The North Dakota Wildlife Habitat Award** and **Special Recognition Awards**.

**The North Dakota Award** (Professional Award) is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution towards furthering the aims of professional wildlife endeavors in North Dakota.

**The North Dakota Wildlife Habitat Award** is presented to an individual or group that has made a substantial contribution toward preserving and/or establishing high quality wildlife habitat in North Dakota.

In addition, the Chapter presents **Special Recognition Awards** to individuals or groups for their commitment to special projects, issues, or ongoing programs Concerning North Dakota's natural resources. During the past few years individuals have been recognized for efforts concerning prairie education, media coverage of natural resource issues, and the conservation of North Dakota's badlands.

If you know an individual or group deserving of recognition for their contribution, please submit a written nomination.

If an award candidate you nominated last year was not selected, please resubmit the nomination for consideration.

Nominations must be submitted by **DECEMBER 1, 2006**.

Award nominations should be sent to:

Al Sapa  
2009 Grimsrud Dr  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
Email: [asap@bis.midco.net](mailto:asap@bis.midco.net)

**NORTH DAKOTA  
CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award:** *Professional:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Wildlife Habitat:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Special Recognition:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Present position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Career:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination statement:**

**A typed statement explaining why this individual or group is deserving of recognition. Please explain fully the single accomplishment or series of accomplishments that are noteworthy and should be acknowledged by the Chapter. Include information concerning other awards and honors received, involvement in Chapter and other professional and community organizations, and other relevant information that will help in the selection process. Pertinent news, clippings, letters, or documents to support the nomination may be attached.**

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

***NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 1, 2006***

Return to: Al Sapa, 2009 Grimsrud Dr. Bismarck, ND 58501  
Email: [asap@bis.midco.net](mailto:asap@bis.midco.net)

## Who's coming, who's going . . . .

**Will Meeks** – Will has recently accepted a position at the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge in Homer Alaska. He has been an asset to the USFWS here in Region 6 and will continue being a great leader and steward in Region 7. He will be sorely missed at the Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge. The Chapter would like to extend its special appreciation for his efforts.

Do you know anyone new to the state resource management? Has anyone moved recently, or possibly retired? If so, please help our members stay informed. Please provide a small write-up to Adam Ryba, Newsletter Editor ([adam\\_ryba@fws.gov](mailto:adam_ryba@fws.gov)) for inclusion in the newsletter.

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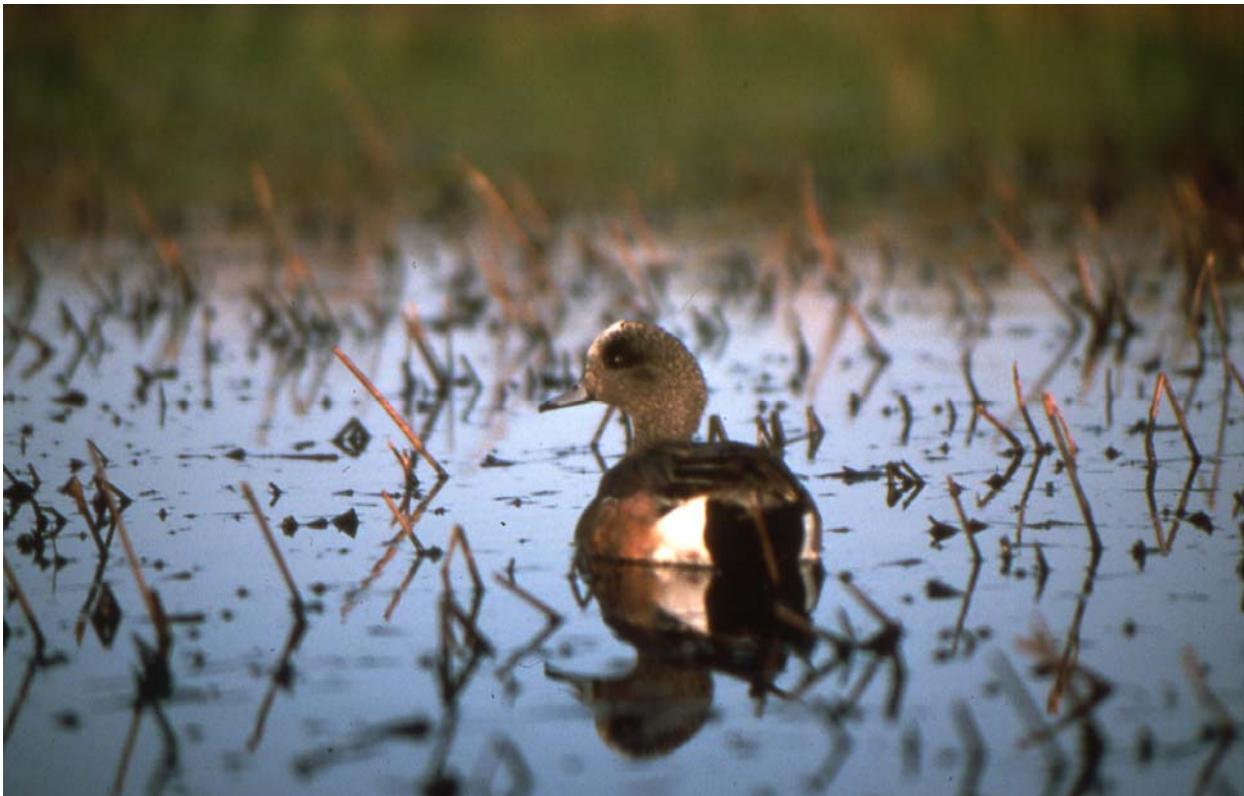
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## READING LIST – North American Wildlife Conservation Model

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Students or other Chapter members are asked to notify Mike Szymanski, Membership Chair, of any address changes. Please mail the change to ND Chapter Wildlife Society, PO Box 1442, Bismarck, ND 58502-1442. This is greatly appreciated and helps to keep our expenses down.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION/TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Available to any person or organization which is interested in supporting the Chapter  
as it is operated by membership. Non-voting status.*
  
- ~ Life Member..... \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ~ Student..... \$ 8.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ~ Central Mtn. & Plains  
Section TWS..... \$ 1.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  
- TOTAL enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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