



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.

OCTOBER 2002

As I type this note, my thoughts are centered on waterfowl hunting. My gear was packed for an early morning duck hunt and although we are two weeks into the season, time has not afforded me that opportunity. The weather this morning was for the ducks however, and not man. Maybe age is catching up to me but I no longer enjoy hunting in pouring rain coupled with freezing temperatures. My backup plan was watching Viking football, but it is their bye week. That maybe a good thing for them! Plan "C" is to catch up on Chapter business and so I begin.

My first order of business is to congratulate and thank Bill Bicknell, Mike McEnroe, all the Committee Chairs and all the Volunteers that made the 9th Annual TWS Convention in Bismarck such a success. If you did not have the opportunity to attend this convention, you missed out on a great opportunity. There was a great amount of planning and preparation that went into this conference and it paid off greatly. The conference was well attended, comments were very positive, and things went smoothly. The Chapter did proud not only in showcasing ourselves but also North Dakota.

Several items and issues were discussed at the September executive board meeting. The Forest Service was asking for nominations to be part of their Scientific Review Team. The Chapter nominated Rick Nelson. Rick has been active on the grasslands issue and has the strong scientific background that we feel would benefit the Review Team. Scott Peterson has been re-appointed as our representative to the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust. A work day of December 3rd was approved to work on files. We are asking anyone that can help that afternoon and into the evening to participate in this needed project. We will be purchasing a couple more file cabinets. Our goal is to sort through boxes of past and present files and organize into a usable system.

New items and issues. Mike Ell has resigned as chair of the Red River Watershed committee. We thank Mike for his past hard work and efforts on this committee. The Chapter is looking for a volunteer to steer this committee. We will be making some changes in the way we mail our newsletter. In the past, the editor would label, sort for bulk mail and deliver newsletters. This was a time consuming project. We looked at several options and have decided to continue printing the newsletter in Bismarck and then use Presort Plus services to mail the newsletter. We should be able to do this with little added cost and provide better service to our membership.

I would like to end by again thanking the Chapter's membership for all your involvement and hard work. It is important that we take a moment and review the awards nomination and criteria provided in this newsletter. I think we all know of individuals or organizations that are deserving of such awards. Please take a moment and nominate someone who deserves that special recognition.

Thank You,

Tim Phalen, Chapter President

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31 Proposal deadline for small grant program

DECEMBER

1 Award Nominations are due

1 Committee Budget Requests are due

3 Executive Board Meeting (Tentative) - Bismarck - 9:00AM

15 Newsletter Information Deadline

FEBRUARY 2003

11 Executive Board Meeting (Tentative) - Mandan, ND

11-13 2003 NDCTWS Annual Meeting - Mandan, ND

24 Newsletter Information Deadline

If you have event dates, deadlines or other dates of interest, please send them to: Tim Phalen, NDCTWS, PO Box 217, Wyndmere, ND 58081

North Dakota Chapter TWS - 2002

Executive Board Members

Tim Phalen Randy Crooke
Darla Lenz Glen Sargeant
Mike Goos Jon Roaldson
Dave Azure

President Portfolio - Tim Phalen

Secretary: Doug Staller
Treasurer: Greg Hiemenz
Newsletter: Stacy Adolf-Whipp
CMPS Rep: Jerry Heiser
Natural Resources Trust Advisor: Scott Peterson
Resolutions and Public Statements: Tim Phalen

Past-President Portfolio - Darla Lenz

Arrangements: Darla Lenz
Program: Darla Lenz
Audit: Tom Sklebar
Membership: Dave Azure
Nominations: Darla Lenz
2002 TWS Annual Mtg: Bill Bicknell & Mike McEnroe
ND Action Group: Jacquie Gerads

President-Elect Portfolio - Mike Goos

Bylaws: Paul Myerchin
Prairie Resources: Karen Smith & Darla Lenz
Legislative: Greg Link
Awards: Mike Goos
Prairie Chicken: Greg Link

Portfolio A - Dave Azure

Wetland Resources: Scott Peterson
Fishery Resources: Mike Olson
Youth Education: Jack Lalor
Historian: Chris Grondahl

Portfolio B - Glen Sargeant

Western Lands: Bill Jensen
Teaming with Wildlife: Chuck Bosch
Education: Kristine Askerooth
Forest Resources: John Schulz

Portfolio C - Jon Roaldson

Missouri River: Randy Renner
Red River Watershed: Vacant
Devils Lake Basin: Roger Hollevoet
Fund Raising: Brian Kietzman & Paul Halko

Portfolio D - Randy Crooke

Northern Great Plains Working Group: Kevin Willis
Endangered Species: Terri Thorn
Law Enforcement: Jackie Lundstrom
Wildlife Damage Management: John Paulson
Finance: Mike Goos

North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes September 17, 2002

The executive board meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society was called to order at 1109 by Tim Phalen on Tuesday September 17, 2002 at U.S.F.W.S.'s Kulm Wetland Management District Office in Kulm, ND. Those in attendance included Mike Goos, Doug Staller, Tim Phalen, Jon Roaldson, Glen Sargeant, and Darla Lenz.

Note: MSC = "moved, seconded, carried" followed by those board members making and seconding the motion.

Old Business

The board approved the minutes from the June meeting. MSC (Goos, Roaldson)

Correspondence sent and received. Correspondence was passed around the room. A plaque from Keep North Dakota Clean will be delivered to Kristine Askerooth. Greg Hiemanz and Jon Roaldson continue to coordinate the mail.

Wilderness Symposium September 7, 2002 Tim passed agenda information on to Scott Kahan to post on website.

Record of Decision - Dakota Prairie Grasslands: Tim was contacted by the USFS to pick up copies of the Record of Decision. Copies were picked up for our files.

File Cabinets/Work Day: Greg Link felt two of the large four drawer file cabinets would get us started. The Chapter has one already. Prices range from \$150-175. Discussion was held as to a workday. The December meeting is scheduled for the 3rd. We feel the need to accomplish this project prior to the legislative session. Tim will get something in the newsletter.

New Business

TWS Website: We got a letter from TWS requesting chapter contribution to their website. A discussion followed. The board felt Scott Kahan should look into the possibility of their website hosting ours. Doug will contact Scott. The board would like a report at the December meeting.

Forest Service - Scientific Review Team: Tim received an e-mail from the USFS looking for nominations to their Scientific Review Team. The Chapter nominated Rick Nelson. Darla explained the Team is part of a deal reached in the ROD. The Team would review the sample allotments. There have been 30 nominees so far and only 7 will make up the Team.

Re-appointment of Scott Peterson to ND Natural Resources Trust: Tim received an e-mail asking the Chapter to reaffirm our representative to the Trust. Tim typed a letter re-appointing Scott Peterson. MSC (Goos, Staller)

2004 Annual meeting: What is a good location for the meeting? Mandan 2002, Grand Forks (2001), It's been 5 years or so since it was in Fargo. The board preference is to not have a joint meeting with Minnesota. Tentatively the choice is to try to have the 2004 meeting in Fargo.

Letter from American Rivers/nominate rivers: Information sent to the Missouri River committee for their recommendation.

Vacancy in Game and Fish Advisory commission for Region 7. Decision was to take no action on this request.

PRESIDENT PORTFOLIO - Tim Phalen

Secretary/Treasurer report - Doug Staller . Treasurers Report. Balance. \$42,255.76. MSC to approve (Sargeant, Goos)

Newsletter - Stacy Whipp has agreed to do the newsletter. We may need to shift operations from Bismarck to Jamestown. We are sticking with Flash printing for the meantime. Board decided to take the burden off the newsletter printing and distribution and contract for services as much as possible and explore possibilities of moving operation to Jamestown. The September issue will be late.

CMPS Representative - Jerry Heiser NTR

Natural Resources Trust Advisor - Scott sent an update that will be in the September newsletter. He also relayed there are two new appointments to the Trust, Jack Olin, Dickinson and Bruce Adams, Minot have replaced Ray Horne and Alan Hausauer on the board.

Resolutions and Public Statements - Tim Phalen NTR. As a reminder, resolutions must be in 15 days before the annual meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT PORTFOLIO -Darla Lenz

Arrangements - NTR

Program - met this summer to discuss and will meet again in October for the 2003 meeting

Audit - NTR

Membership - Dave Azure sent out an email on some new members. MSC to approve to new members for 2002 (Goos, Staller). Five for 2003 put on hold.

Nominations - Darla Lenz NTR

2002 TWS Annual Convention - Bill Bicknell reports they are on schedule and under budget. They still need volunteers. Especially for Thursday evening.

ND Action Group - Jacquie Gerads NTR

President Elect Portfolio - Mike Goos

Bylaws - Paul Myerchin NTR

Legislative - Greg Link NTR.

Awards - Mike Goos - email from Dave to recognize Bill and Mike for their efforts. Mike agreed to take the lead. Reminder that awards are due and will be acted on in December.

Prairie Chicken - Greg Link NTR

Prairie Resources - Second Prairie day was in July 13, more than 100 attended. Next year will be at Cross Ranch.

Portfolio A - Dave Azure

Wetland Resources - Scott Peterson. NTR

Fishery Resources - Mike Olson NTR

Youth Education - Jack Lalor There will be some entries for habitat judging.

Historian - Chris Grondahl. NTR

NDCTWS Website - Scott Kahan. We have upgraded the Website www.ndctws.org we have capabilities for emails at that domain name.

Portfolio B - Glen Sargeant

Western Lands - NTR

Teaming with Wildlife - Chuck Bosch - NTR

Education - Kristine Askerooth - NTR

Forest Resource - John Schulz - NTR

Portfolio C Jon Roaldson

Red River Watershed - Mike Ell NTR.

Missouri River - Randy Renner NTR

Devils Lake Basin - Roger Hollevoet - NTR

Fundraising - Paul Halko Brian Kietzmann- will be meeting during the TWS meeting at the end of September. Currently have 10 people serving on the committee.

Portfolio D - Randy Crook

Northern Great Plains Working Group - Kevin Willis. NTR

Endangered Species - Terry Thorn. NTR

Law Enforcement - Jackie Lundstrom. NTR

Wildlife Damage Management - John Paulson. NTR.

Finance - Mike Goos - Discussion from last meeting. Glenn came on board to Finance. Latest recommendation to move money out of checking and money market. The recommendation is to move 20K into CD's. 6 month and 2 year. (MSC Staller, Lenz)

Meeting adjourned (MSC Lenz, Staller)

REMINDER:

The Fund raising committee is soliciting for donations from Chapter Members for the Auction at the Annual Meeting in February.

Contact Brian Kietzman and Paul Halko

Humorous Stories Contest!

Win Big Prizes!

Attention all Chapter Members! In an effort to remedy the perception that wildlife is a humorless profession, the Chapter is soliciting all of your amusing wildlife (or job related) anecdotes. Submissions will be judged by a committee (bribes optional) and the winning entries will receive some elegant, yet extremely inexpensive, prizes at the annual meeting.

Stories should be true, need not use real names (but everyone will figure out who it is anyway), and can be submitted anonymously (only if you do not want a chance to win one of those glamorous prizes). There is no limit to the number of submissions that you can submit. Humorous anecdotes can encompass the entire realm of wildlife work, from classroom to the field to lab to office to meetings and even to social activities. Entries may be edited, so don't worry about how well it is written or including all the details - Humorous photos which highlight the story will be given extra attention.

All materials can be emailed to michael_olson@fws.gov or mailed to Mike Olson USFWS 3425 Miriam Avenue Bismarck, ND 58501. Or faxed to 701-355-8550. If you have any questions, give Mike a call at 701-250-4481. **Now get to writing! The chapter needs these stories.**



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY' S 9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A Great Team Effort – A Great Success

Nearly 1,500 wildlife biologists, students, and educators from throughout North America and several other countries including New Zealand, China, and India participated in The Wildlife Society's 9th Annual Conference. The conference featured over 500 technical papers and posters on an outstanding array of cutting edge wildlife research and management studies. One of the conference's primary focuses was on contemporary issues facing natural resource specialists in the Northern Great Plains. Technical sessions addressed a wide-ranging list of topics including prairie grouse, waterfowl, shorebirds, endangered species, blackbird management, wildlife population and habitat restoration, private land - public wildlife issues, North American grasslands, GIS, wildlife study design, and conservation planning for prairie birds to name just a few. Tom Sklebar assisted with each and every paper as he took complete charge of the conference's audio/visual and computer needs.

The 9th Annual Conference also provided the North Dakota Chapter an opportunity to highlight a few of the special aspects of this place we call North Dakota. Paul Bultsma and Rick Warhurst organized a prairie wetland tour that came complete with the sighting of a loon on Lake Arena and a taste of kuchen on the prairie. Two early morning birding trips were sold out within hours of being offered. Numerous conference participants sought maps and guidance at the Local Information Desk that was organized by Mike Olson. Their conference experiences were enriched by trips to the Badlands, Refuges and Wildlife Management Areas, the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center in Washburn, mornings afield in search of sharp-tails, and many other adventures both in the Bismarck/Mandan and throughout North Dakota.

The conference featured great food and entertainment from "The Taste of North Dakota Welcoming Reception" Tuesday evening through the closing shot of the Gatling gun Saturday evening at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park thanks to Randy Renner's planning and leadership. Highlights during the 5-day conference included singer/song writer Chuck Suchy, who runs a small grain/cattle operation south of Mandan, telling stories in music and words of life on the prairie to a most appreciative audience. As a special treat, Dick Kimmel, Minnesota DNR and a gifted mandolin player, complimented Chuck's amazing guitar work throughout much of the evening. Mary Louise Defender Wilson was a special guest of the conference Wednesday evening, when she shared the wisdom and dignity of Dakotah and Hidatsa legends with conference participants. Mary Louise related the story of "Stone Woman" and the lessons her elders have learned from prairie wildlife. Thursday evening featured the Student Dinner that far exceed our expectation and the exceptionally well attended Student/Professional Mixer. Friday night's Student Wildlife Quiz Bowl was great fun thanks to the hard work of Rich and Glinda Crawford and the Quiz Bowl moderators Margi Coyle and Dan Hubbard.

The Farewell Banquet and all of the planned events at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park were a smashing success on a near perfect fall afternoon. After a great dinner, featuring prime sirloin prepared "pitch fork fondue" style and vegetarian selections, the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Lincoln, 1875, brought serious charges that left everyone "questioning" the leadership of The Wildlife Society. Sandra Staples-Bortner, TWS Program Director and Conference Planning Guru, was charged with selling inferior buffalo skin robes and mules to the U.S. Army. In her defense, Sandra offered the weak "my dog ate my homework-like excuse" that she was only trying to feed her children. Diana Hallett, TWS President 2001-2002, was charged with conspiring to convert the Fort Abraham Lincoln parade grounds into a pond for ducks and geese. She proudly accepted the charges as read, offering not a single word in her own defense. Harry Hodgdon, TWS Executive Director, was found to have crossed the Missouri River and was seen cavorting with "Peaches", the saloon girl, at Whiskey Point. Harry offered no plausible explanation, at least none that Mary Hodgdon, his wife and TWS staff member, would accept. All were found guilty as charged. The sentence: "**Death by Firing Squad**".

The evening ended with the crowd of nearly 600 biologists, students, and educators literally hanging on every word of Sargent Charles Keller, 1st Artillery Regiment, Fortress Monroe, Virginia on detached service to the western

plains, 1875, as he instructed the troops in the firing of the 45 caliber, short-barreled Gatling gun. This gun, commonly known as the “camel gun” features 10 barrels firing simultaneously. The precision of the camel gun firing 600 rounds per minute brought a fitting close to The Wildlife Society’s 9th Annual Conference.

There are also two extraordinary moments that took place during the conference that deserve mention. One took place near the beginning of the conference and the other at the end. One took place quietly without fanfare and the other was on center stage...both gracious acts went largely unnoticed. On Wednesday evening, a young woman quietly approached Mary Louise Defender Wilson after her performance had concluded. The young woman had read that Mary Louise lost all of her possessions in the prairie fire that destroyed the community of Shields, North Dakota earlier this summer. She took the opportunity of The Wildlife Society’s conference to present Mary Louise a homemade log cabin quilt on behalf of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The second act of grace took place at the Farewell Banquet. Mike McEnroe, Arrangements Committee Co-Chair, assisted Diana Hallett, TWS President 2001-2002, present the best student paper and poster awards. Mike remained on stage to lend a hand with the final raffle drawing. The second prize in the raffle was a \$250 gift certificate from Cabelas. Mike drew a stub from the box and without ever missing a heart beat let the stub fall to the ground. Almost everyone in the large crowd assumed the raffle ticket stub was blank. The raffle, including a handmade shorebird decoy donated by Mike, proceeded smoothly and then the crowd immediately moved around the east end of the Fort Lincoln Commissary for the Gatling gun demonstration. After the crowd had moved on, someone picked up the raffle ticket stub that had fallen to the ground and discovered that it read, “Mike McEnroe - Bismarck, North Dakota”.

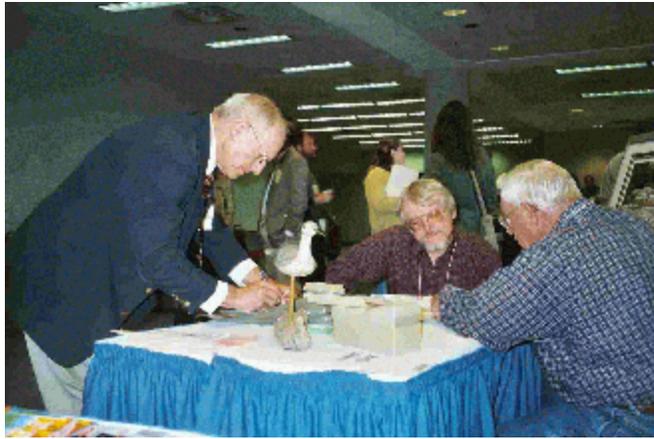
Sometimes the benefits of hosting a major natural resource conference are not always readily apparent. Everyone can see the extensive amount of technical information that is presented over the course of the 5-day conference, with over 500 technical papers and posters being given on cutting edge research and management studies. The conference also provides the readily apparent opportunity to highlight regional natural resources and the issues that impact these resources. However, many other important benefits take place without much notice or recognition. Students discover a professional organization that provides scientific information and is willing to take a leadership role on national policy and legislative issues - some will become lifelong members; young biologists have a great opportunity to meet wildlife professionals and educators from throughout North America, which may in turn lead to a job or a graduate school opening; experienced biologists have the chance to share some of the wisdom they’ve gained with the natural resource leaders of tomorrow; and biologists nearing retirement have a chance to visit with friends they’ve known for decades.

Hosting The Wildlife Society’s conference was certainly one the largest team efforts the North Dakota Chapter has ever taken on. This entire effort was possible and much more fun than I ever imagined because of the great team that was established. Four groups of individuals have been part of this effort since the Chapter was invited to submit a bid in February of 1999 for The Wildlife Society’s 9th Annual Conference. The Bismarck/Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau was with the Chapter each and every step of the way. CVB was a true partner in every sense of the word. The Wildlife Society’s staff in Bethesda, Maryland, TWS President Diana Hallett, and most importantly TWS Program Director Sandra Staples-Bortner were always available to lend a helping hand and answer what seemed to be an endless list of questions. With the encouragement and guidance of Dave Azure and Jon Roaldson, over 100 volunteers from the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society stepped forward during the 3-year planning process and while the conference was underway to meet our responsibilities as the host Chapter. And finally, the 25 members of the Chapter that assumed leadership roles on the 2002 Arrangements Committee deserve special recognition. I’ve mentioned several of the Arrangements Sub-Committee Chairs in this conference summary. Other Sub-Committee Chairs that were an integral part of planning and hosting the conference were Roger Collins - Associated Meetings, Scott Kahan and Bill Pfeifer - Conference Fund Raising, Dan Hare and Ken Torkelson Media Relations and Photography, Scott Peterson and Dave Dewald - Merchandise Sales, Lee Albright and Lynda Knutsen - Photography Contest, Phil Mastrangelo and Floyd Bentz - Signs, Rick Nelson, Alicia Waters, Karen Kreil, and Randy Kreil - Student Activities, Jane Austin - Program Committee Liaison, and Jerry Kobriger - TWS Council Liaison. The entire Arrangements Committee and volunteers freely donated their

time and expertise to the conference, making this an enjoyable collaborative effort from start to finish. Thanks again to everyone who participated in making The Wildlife Society's 9th Annual Conference an overwhelming success.

Bill Bicknell

2002 Arrangements Committee Co-Chair



Bill Pfeifer (right), leader of the conference's local fund raising efforts and the "Picasso of Raffle Ticket Sales" has Dean Hildebrand (left), Director of North Dakota Game and Fish Department, signing up while explaining that every penny of the raffle goes to support the conference.



The U.S. Army brings serious charges against Diana Hallett, TWS President 2001-2002, Harry Hodgdon, TWS Executive Director, and Sandra Staples-Bortner, TWS Program Director during the conference's Farewell Banquet. All were found guilty as charged. The sentence: **"Death by Firing Squad"**.



The members of the championship team from Humboldt State University, Arcata, California pause to enjoy the moment after correctly answering one of many questions during the Annual Wildlife Quiz Bowl.



In the afterglow of a splendid evening at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, The Wildlife Society's 9th Annual Conference draws to a close. The last hurrah takes place Under the watchful eye of Sargent Charles Keller, 1st Artillery Regiment, Fortress Monroe, Virginia, on detached service to the Western Plains (1875), as he supervises the firing of the 45 caliber, short-barreled Gatling gun at its maximum efficiency of 600 rounds per minute.



Kristine Askerooth (left), 2002 National Wildlife Refuge Employee of the Year and member of the conference Fund Raising Sub-Committee, explains to Beth Madden, Medicine Lake, Montana, that “**Honker**” does not bite and will only nibble on occasion.



Harry Hodgdon, TWS Executive Director, went to meet his maker with a sly grin. Apparently, “Peaches”, the saloon girl, had left an impression. Headlines in the ***TWS Inquirer*** to read, “**Things don’t go well at Farewell Banquet....TWS announces an international search for new Executive Director.**” Harry’s last spoken words were reported to be, “**If I’d have only known it was going to be this kind of Farewell Party, I would have worn black.**”



Scott Kahan, the Conference Fund Raising Chair, and Kristine Askerooth discuss the upcoming National Wildlife Refuge System centennial during the Conference Trade Show. The Trade Show, featuring books, binoculars, radio telemetry equipment, jewelry, native plant materials and equipment, information from conservation agencies and organizations, was a popular part of The Wildlife Society’s 9th Annual Conference.

The Wildlife Society
9th Annual Conference

Arrangements Committee Volunteers

Bill Bicknell - Arrangements Committee Co-Chair - FWS

Mike McEnroe, Arrangements Committee Co-Chair - FWS

ASSOCIATED MEETINGS

Roger Collins, Chair - FWS

AUDIO VISUALS AND COMPUTERS

Tom Sklebar, Chair - USGS

Jerry Gulke - NDGFD

A.J. Klein - USGS

FIELD TRIPS AND TRANSPORTATION

Paul Bultsma, Co-Chair - DU

Rick Warhurst, Co-Chair - DU

Chris Grondahl - NDGFD

Paulette Scherr - FWS

Mike Goos - FWS

Jeb Williams - NDGFD,

FUND RAISING

Scott Kahan, Chair - FWS

Bill Pfeifer - Local Fund Raising Leader - NDCTWS

Merle Bennett - ND Natural Resources Trust

Con Hillman - DU

John Schulz - NDGFD

Mike McEnroe - FWS

John Paulson - USDA Wildlife Services

Scott Collins - FWS

Roger Collins - FWS

Keith Trego - ND Natural Resources Trust

Chuck Bosch - FWS

Alicia Waters - USBR

Rick Patzman, Montana Dakota Utilities, Bismarck

Fred Giese - FWS

Lloyd Jones - FWS

LOCAL INFORMATION

Mike Olson, Chair - FWS

Chuck Bosch - FWS

Greg Hiemenz - USBR

Tammy Fairbanks - FWS

Kelly McDermott - FWS

MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Randy Renner, Chair - DU

Jane Austin - USGS

Pam Pietz - USGS

Bill Bicknell - FWS

MEDIA RELATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Dan Hare, Chair, Photography - Pheasants Forever

Ken Torkelson - Media Relations - FWS

MERCHANDISE SALES

Dave Dewald, Co-Chair - NRCS

Scott Peterson, Co-Chair - NDGFD

Jack Lalor - FWS

Kristine Askerooth - FWS

Paul Halko - NRCS

Mark Anderson - NRCS

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Lee Albright, Co-Chair - FWS

Lynda Knutsen, Co-Chair - FWS

Craig Bihrlle - NDGFD

SIGNS

Floyd Bentz, Co-Chair - USBR

Phil Mastrangelo, Co-Chair - USDA Wildlife Services

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Rich Crawford, Co-Chair - University of North Dakota

Rick Nelson, Co-Chair - USBR

Alicia Waters, Co-Chair - USBR

Clarence Bina - ND Department of Public Instruction

Karen Kreil - FWS

Randy Kreil - NDGFD

A Marguerite Coyle, University of North Dakota

Craig Stockwell, North Dakota State University

Dan Hubbard, South Dakota State University

VOLUNTEERS

Dave Azure, Co-Chair - FWS

Jon Roaldson, Co-Chair - NDGFD

Jim Alfonso - FWS

Sharon Schweigert - FWS

Marie Gartner - FWS

Ryan Wilson - FWS

Wade King - FWS

Steve Krentz - FWS

Mary Baumann - NRCS

Curtis Bradbury - NRCS

Patsy Crooke, COE

Craig Davis - FWS

Cami Dixon - NRCS

Silka Finkbeiner - USGS

Jacquie Gerads - NDGFD

Mike Grabow - FWS

Nate Harling - NDGFD

Dave Hirsch - APHIS

Bill Jensen - NDGFD

Mike Johnson - NDGFD

Roger Johnson - NDGFD

Ron Jyring - Bismarck State College

Darla Lenz - USFS

Kent Luttschwager - NDGFD

Manitoba Chapter of The Wildlife Society Student
Representatives
Eileen McEnroe - NDGFD
Mark McKinstry - University of Wyoming
Scott Mcleod - DU
Carl Mitchell - FWS
North Dakota State University Student Chapter of The
Wildlife Society
Rod O'Clair - NRCS
Tim Phalen - NDGFD
Brad Podoll - NRCS
Glenn Sargeant - USGS
Mark Scherfy - USGS
Jill Schaffer - USGS
Bruce Stillings - NDGFD
Craig Stockwell - North Dakota State University
Dan Svingen - USFS
Lowell Tripp - NDGFD
University of Minnesota - Crookston Student Chapter of
The Wildlife Society
University of Montana Student Chapter of The Wildlife
Society
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Student
Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Ryan Wimberley - USDA

PROGRAM COMMITTEE LIAISON

Jane Austin - USGS

TWS COUNCIL LIAISON

Jerry Kobriger - NDGFD

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 significant contributions because Chapter members have been willing to take time from their demanding schedules to take an active role in 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 NDCTWS P.O. Box 1442, Bismarck, ND 58502. If you are interested in being 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 individuals to run for President-elect. The Committee members are:

Mike Olson 250-4419

Bill Bicknell 250-4414

Scott Peterson 324-2211



Funding request deadline

December 1, 2002



The Executive Board asks that funding requests be submitted prior to the December 3, 2002 executive board 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 chairman or represent an organization considering Chapter funding during the upcoming year, please contact your respective Executive Board portfolio representative or Greg Hiemenz, Chapter Treasure prior to December 1, 2002.



Reminder for the Dec 3 work day. Committee chairs or their representatives should consider coming to the Dec. 3rd filing event to protect their interests and help within their area of expertise.

FIRST AND LAST CALL FOR PAPERS

The Program and Arrangements Committees are working to organize the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society's 2003 Annual Meeting. Mark your Calenders! This years meeting will be held in conjunction with the Dakota Chapter of The American Fisheries Society. The meeting will be held at:



**Seven Seas Inn
Mandan North Dakota
February 11-13 2003**

The Chapter welcomes your participation and active involvement in the Annual Meeting. Please give some thought to presenting a paper or poster highlighting ongoing management efforts, new and innovative approaches, conservation initiatives, or research activities. The theme for the upcoming annual meeting offers something for everyone interested in the conservation of North and South Dakota's natural resources.

2003 THEME - Aquatic and Terrestrial Conservation Challenges and Opportunities.

Potential topics include:

- small water development and its impact on the terrestrial and aquatic community
- protecting potholes for perch, pintails, phalaropes and pondweed
- aquatic and terrestrial habitat assessment with GIS
- angling and wildlife groups and their input into our world
- genetic management above and below the water line
- non-native species threats to aquatic and terrestrial habitats
- what is the latest news regarding the wonderful world of amphibians
- wildlife and wild fish health issues
- political involvement of professional societies
- past, present and future fish and wildlife mitigation
- Missouri River future management for fish and wildlife

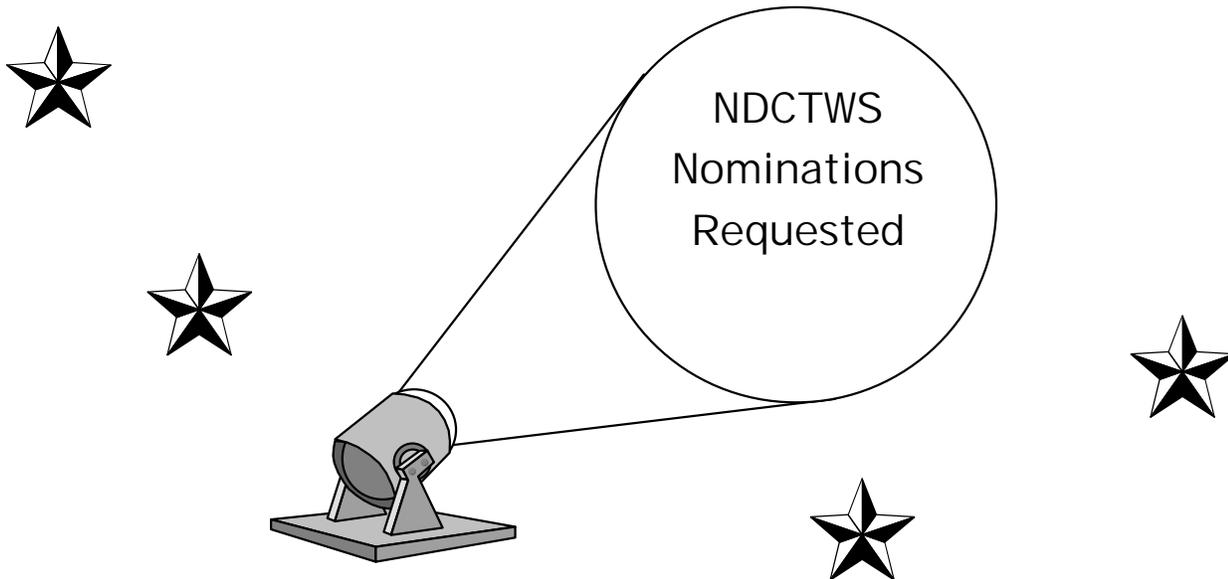
There is also room on the agenda to highlight your particular work activities by presenting a paper or poster. If you are interested in giving a paper or poster at the annual meeting, please send the title, author(s) name, address and phone number, audio visual equipment needs, and a brief abstract by

DECEMBER 1ST to:

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

Abstracts can also be submitted directly to members of the program committee below.

Mike Olson 250-4481 Darla Lenz 250-4443 Bill Bicknell 250-4481 Rick Nelson 250-3600



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, 2002**.

Award nominations should be sent to:

Mike Goos

Audubon Refuge, 3275 11th St. NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531
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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: _____

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NAME _____

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

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Student.....\$ 8.00 _____

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