



North Dakota Chapter

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



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.

Winter 2009

ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting February 11-13th, 2009 Seven Seas Inn, Mandan

Featuring sessions on:

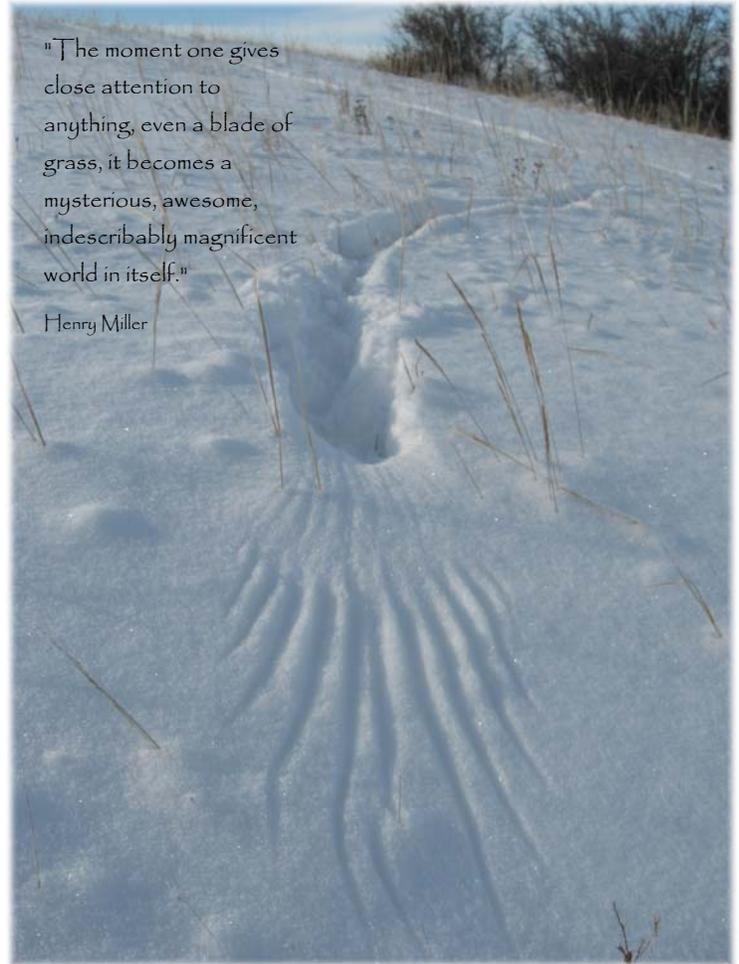
“Energy Development Issues: Considerations for Natural Resource Management”
and
“A North Dakota and National Perspective to Missouri River Management”

A block of rooms is being held until **February 4th**. Please mention The Wildlife Society when making reservations. Hotel contact information can be found on page 12.

**NOTE!! Only Checks and Cash are accepted for registration fees at the annual meeting.
NO CREDIT CARDS PLEASE!**

“The moment one gives close attention to anything, even a blade of grass, it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribably magnificent world in itself.”

Henry Miller



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CHECK OUT THESE EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING!!

Wednesday, February 11th

- **2nd Annual Founders Club Social — 5:00-6:00 pm**

Note: Founders' Club members are those individuals who donate \$250 or pledge to donate \$1000 or more to the Chapter's Dakota Prairie Legacy (the Endowment) prior to May 31, 2010.

Thursday, February 12th

- **Student/Professional Lunch — 11:50-1:15 pm** free for students!!

- **Student Career Fair — 1:15-3:00 pm** students, come meet your future here!!

- **Professional Women in Natural Resource Social — 4:00-6:00pm**

\$10/person, RSVP by February 9th to cami_dixon@fws.gov or kristine_askerooth@fws.gov

A Message From the President

Last summer I bought a snowblower at an auction. I didn't consider it a necessity at the time, and my final bid made me consider carefully whether it was worth the expense. Had I known in June what our December weather would bring, I would have been willing to spend far more than I actually did. It turns out I made a good decision about allocating my personal resources, even though I didn't know how soon the benefits of that decision would be realized. Preparing for the future is important, but also challenging because it requires us to set aside today's resources for tomorrow's use. We make investments hoping for outcomes like my snowblower in which their value is quickly and clearly evident. However, I need only look at the balance in my retirement account to understand that these outcomes are never guaranteed.

Investments should not be made lightly. When we make informed and prudent choices, we can feel good about the potential for a positive return eventually occurring. I think we all share this mindset in setting aside our valuable time and money to support the Chapter's mission. We don't know what our future challenges will be, but we do have a 45-year track of positive impact on North Dakota's natural resources. Although today's economy may affect timing of our financial goals, it doesn't change the priority of our mission or the importance of working as hard as we can today to support the Chapter. Unlike the stock market, I think our past performance is a very good indicator of our future successes.

As we prepare for transition to a new President and Executive Board, I'd like to thank each of you for your commitment and dedication to the Chapter and its objectives. Each of you plays an important role in helping us meet our goals. Similarly, our Chapter plays an important role in meeting the goals of the Central Mountains and Plains Section and The Wildlife Society. Therefore, I'd like to leave you with a challenge to enhance your knowledge, support, and participation in these two organizations. A great place to start would be their websites (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/CMP/> and <http://www.wildlife.org>), where you can read about the current regional and national issues being faced by wildlife professionals. When our Chapter is called upon to provide a North Dakota perspective on these issues, the collective knowledge of our members is the foundation of our input to CMPS and TWWS. We are part of a regional and national network of wildlife professionals, and involvement at multiple levels of our society broadens and diversifies our perspective. I encourage you to explore and join our regional and national units, taking advantage of the many opportunities they provide for professional growth.

It's been a great privilege to work with a dedicated group of individuals on the Board this past year, and I'd like to thank each one of them for making this time enjoyable and productive. I'd also like to thank the new officer nominees for volunteering their time to the work of the Chapter. Time is a precious commodity, and it is only through donations of this resource that we can accomplish the things we do.

The Program Committee has assembled another outstanding slate of presentations for the upcoming Annual Meeting in Mandan, February 11-13. The program includes special sessions on Missouri River Management and Energy Development Issues, with keynote addresses by John Cooper and Susan Wefald. There are several important items on the Business Meeting agenda, including revisions to the Chapter's bylaws and position statements on depredation management for deer and migratory birds. Drafts of these documents can be found on the Chapter's website, and hard copies will also be available for review prior to the Business Meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all in Mandan, and kicking off another productive year for the Chapter...but first, it looks like I need to get that snowblower moving again!

Mark Sherfy



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 11th 2009

10:00 AM

Seven Seas Inn, Mandan

CHAPTER NEWS

ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP!

The Bylaws Committee has done an extensive review of our Bylaws over the summer. Substantial changes are being proposed and we ask all the membership to review these proposed changes and provide comments to Paul H. Myerchin at henrylaw@btinet.net no later than **Saturday, January 10, 2009**.

Please pay special attention to:

Article IV. Membership, Section 8 — Dues

Article VI - Meetings, Section 1, Clause D — Quorum

The proposed changes to the Bylaws are available on the Chapter's website:

www.ndctws.org

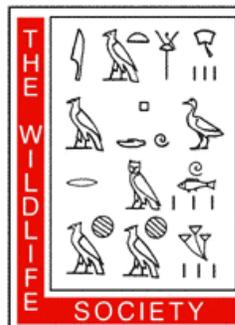


FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Two position statements will be presented at the annual meeting for approval from the membership. These include a statement regarding deer depredation management and control, and a statement regarding management and control of migratory game bird depredation, human health and safety and nuisance issue. Copies will be available at the business meeting, or advance copies may be obtained from Mark Sherfy.

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY NEWS

The Wildlife Society Council seeks member review and comment on the following draft position statement, **Lead in Ammunition and Fishing Tackle**, prior to revising and finalizing it. Comments must be received by **15 February** to be considered in a final position statement. Please send comments to: **Laura Bies, Assoc. Director of Government Affairs, The Wildlife Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-2144, or via email to laura@wildlife.org** http://joomla.wildlife.org/documents/positionstatements/Draft_on20Lead_Ammo_and_Tackle.pdf



<http://wildlife.org/>

Did you know?... that The Wildlife Society's unique emblem features Egyptian hieroglyphics and depict our broad interest. The literal translation of the hieroglyphics, from top to bottom, is: beasts (mammals), birds, fishes, and flowering plants (vegetation).

North Dakota Chapter TWS 2008—Executive Board Members and Committees

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State Wildlife Grants	Bruce Kreft	bkreft@nd.gov	701-328-6224
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Prof. Women in Nat. Resources	Cami Dixon & Kristine Askerooth	camidixon@fws.gov	701-662-8611

Inactive Committees	Representatives	Contracts
Fishery Resources, Mike Olson	USDA Tech Comm., Karen Kreil	Legislative Liaison, Mike McEnroe
Forest Resources, Tom Claeys	Garrison Master Plan, Al Sapa	Webmaster, A.J. Klein
Prairie Chicken, Greg Link	CMPS Rep., Stan Kohn	
	NRT, Scott Peterson	

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes December 9, 2008

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 9:00 AM at Audubon NWR near Coleharbor, ND. Those in attendance included Al Sapa, Stacy Whipp, Mark Sherfy, Curtis Bradbury, Sandra Johnson, Kent Luttschwager, Mike Rabenberg and Kathy Baer. Also in attendance were Mike McEnroe and Bill Bicknell.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Sent: Comments on proposed rule to amend Part 402 of Title 50 of the CFR implementing Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973; Peggy Winbauer regarding fund transfer authorities; MDU Legacy Trust Initiative luncheon funding request. Received: TWS thank you for donation to Leadership Institute. E-mails received: Laura Bies TWS Teaming w/Wildlife Fly-In; Laura Bies TWS lead ammunition and tackle position statement; Bob Lanka TWS Fellows Program; Bob Lanka TWS considering unified memberships; Gary White unified memberships; Gary White CMPS Group Achievement Award nominations.

Sapa mentioned that Alexis Duxbury could not find a copy of our letter to Kadmas Lee & Jackson regarding Missouri Flood control act. He will follow up to see if our comments were received.

DPL/FINANCE COMMITTEE: Investments are shrinking due to poor economy. The committee is suggesting that any new funds received for DPL or Life Memberships not go into the investment funds immediately; instead place them into Money Market savings account temporarily. Committee is concerned about losing more on investments, where we could make 3% safely in Money Market. The \$500 received for the DPL this quarter will also be kept in the money market account for now.

Last year's CD yielded \$435 in income. \$10,000 was reinvested in another one-year CD at 3.5% interest rate.

Committee requested \$100 for DPL social. DPL social is from 5-6 PM on the first day of the annual meeting.

New draft acquisition policy was distributed to Board. Board decided to review the policy and vote on at the February Board meeting and make membership aware of the policy at the annual business meeting.

This policy only deals with real estate transactions. It does not deal with donations of guns, art work, etc. Fundraising committee is working on policy on how to deal with personal property.

McEnroe contacted Fritzell regarding the Jesse lots. Fritzell stated that no letter regarding the turn down of the lots was needed from the Chapter.

Hillman and McEnroe have contacted all the members they feel comfortable asking for DPL contributions. The Finance Committee is looking for other members to contact potential contributors.

BYLAWS REVIEW: Bylaws were posted on December 6 to the website. No comments received to date. The deadline for member comments regarding by-laws review is Jan 10, 2009.

SECRETARY/TREASURER POSITION: Luttschwager and/or Sapa will contact potential candidate for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Sapa will contact others regarding the position. Committees will be asked to submit written reports to streamline minutes at board meetings.

CHAPTER BROCHURE: One thousand copies of the Chapter Brochure were printed in October at a cost of \$518.02. A special thanks to Carol Aron who was instrumental in the editing and layout. Each of the Board members will have a stock of the brochure for distribution to prospective members and interested parties and organizations. Each member of the North Dakota legislature will also receive the brochure to help identify our Chapters mission and assist our Legislative Liaison. Members that can use copies to promote the Chapter should contact a Board member. The Brochure is also on the Chapter's webpage.

NEW BUSINESS

NEWS FROM BETHESDA: Teaming w/Wildlife fly-in notice: Lead ammunition/tackle position statement received from TWS. Membership will be notified of the parent's Position Statement. TWS Leadership Institute was referred to Bicknell to pass on to Students, etc. The parent society is exploring pros and cons of a unified membership structure for all Chapter, Section, and TWS members.

CMPS DUES: CMPS is trying to streamline dues collection. They would prefer we send them checks, once or twice a year. \$1 for electronic newsletter/ \$5 for hard copy membership. Board discussed options for sending CMPS funds. CMPS is also looking for their national group achievement award nominations.

BUDGET: *Move to approve the draft budget that was prepared at December 9 meeting for presentation to membership at annual meeting. (MSC Sapa, Luttschwager)*

SMALL GRANTS: No requests received.

AWARDS: ND Professional award nominations received; *moved to approve nomination for ND Professional Award (MSC Sapa, Rabenberg).* Habitat award nominations received; *Move to accept nomination for habitat award (MSC Sapa, Whipp).* Special Recognition award nominations received; *Move to accept nomination for special achievement award (MSC Sapa, Bradbury).* No nominations received for Chuck Pulver award so far. Natural resource Communications award: recipient to be determined at annual meeting. University awards received: from MSU-Bottineau, Sitting Bull, Valley City; waiting for recipients from NDSU and UND.

COMMUNICATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP: 3 main avenues of talking to membership are newsletter, website and e-mails. Board would like to have the electronic versions rise to the same level as the newsletter. Sherfy proposed a communications committee to work on bringing everything together and to a high level of standard. The challenges of the website are where/who hosts, who manages, webmaster, timeliness of postings, etc. McEnroe would like a list of Chapter members that live in ND to send e-mails regarding legislative activities/ concerns.

PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Mark Sherfy)

Secretary/Treasurer (Kathy Baer) — Kathy provided copies of current budget, account balances and the Meek's report. Members who pay Chapter memberships on the National's website, should pay attention to Chapter Membership rate they are paying. There have been a couple of instances where members were charged student rate instead of regular rate or regular rate was charged instead of senior. \$500 received for DPL and will be held in money market account until Finance Committee advises to transfer to VanGuard/Wellsely.

Baer expressed need to be rid of the left over Duck Symposium money. A new Symposium committee is formed; next meeting is in August of '09. Renner will contact ND members to see what they want done with the money or we will transfer to our savings account until they decide what to do with the money.

Newsletter (Sandra Johnson) — Deadline for newsletter is Dec 19, 2008. Sapa was approached about the effectiveness of an electronic newsletter. We can let members know of savings by not mailing/printing for all members. Only requiring student members to receive newsletter electronically, all others are voluntary. Signature line needs to be included on absentee ballot according to by-laws. All absentee ballots need to be received 48 hrs prior to the start of the annual meeting.

CMPS Representative (Stan Kohn) — Kohn has requested replacement as CMPS representative. Glen Sargent has agreed to replace Kohn as our representative. Need to determine what the Rep's role is in representative to CMPS. Roles are defined in the bylaws. *Propose Glen Sargent be representa-*

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tive to the CMPS (MSC Sapa, Whipp)

Natural Resources Trust Advisor (Scott Peterson) — NTR, Scott sending Sandy something for the newsletter.

Resolutions & Public Statements (AI Sapa) — Two position statements on Deer Depredation Management and Waterfowl Depredation Management were received for consideration. Sandy will insert them in the newsletter and/or post to website; copies will be provided at the registration desk.

Finance Committee (Mike Goos) — See old business

PAST PRESIDENT'S PORFOLIO (AI Sapa)

Arrangements (Randy Renner/Bill Bicknell) — Arrangements are in place at the Seven Seas Motor Inn in Mandan North Dakota for the Annual Conference in February. Bill Bicknell, who has facilitated the conference arrangements for many years, has once again organized and done a top notch job of seeing that our needs will be taken care of.

Program (Marsha Sovada) — The program Committee is actively working on arranging and filling the agenda for this year's conference program. A draft of papers and posters, as well as special sessions for DPL contributors, Professional Women and Students are in place and are shown in this newsletter.

Audit (Tom Sklebar) — Tom Sklebar, Audit Chairman is in the process of scheduling the annual financial audit prior to the Annual Conference.

Membership (Mike Szymanski) — Current membership stands at 308 regular members (including life and student members). A suggestion has been made to have a membership drive prior to the annual conference. To the extent possible, natural resource professionals in the State will be contacted and encouraged to join the Chapter and attend the annual Conference.

Nominations (Mike Goos) — The nominations committee of the current and immediate two past Presidents have recruited a slate of candidates for this year election of officers. Biographical information on each candidate can be found in this newsletter.

Fundraising (Chuck Bosch) — The committee met in December to organize plans for this year's fund raiser at the Annual Conference. As in the past the committee has a fun night planned.

50th Anniversary Ad-Hoc (Sapa) — A survey will be handled out at the Business Meeting to seek out ideas for the coming event. So far, in addition to planning, we are working on a cookbook, and soliciting historical comments from the Chapters Charter members. There are lots of ideas. What we need are

worker bees.

PRESIDENT ELECT PORTFOLIO (Kent Luttschwager)

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin) — Comments regarding changes to the bylaws need to be to Myerchin by January 10th, 2009.

Legislative (Randy Renner) — Legislative Social will be Tuesday prior to the annual meeting and again DU is co-funding. Budget provided to Board. Legislative committee met last Thursday; developing a process to include Alt Energy Committee comments. There will be weekly meetings at G&F regarding upcoming legislation during session. Pfeifer will not be able to be alternative liaison to the legislature. *Move that we appoint McEnroe as chapter legislative liaison and approve contract as laid out in attachments (MSC Sapa, Johnson).*

Awards (Kent Luttschwager) — See above.

Small Grants (Kent Luttschwager) — No requests received

Law Enforcement (Jackie Lundstrom, Tim Phalen) — NTR

NDCTWS Website (A.J. Klein) — NTR

PORTFOLIO A (Mike Rabenberg)

Wetland Resources (Curtis Bradbury) — Johnson got e-mail sent out about Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership's We Are Wetlands campaign; Rabenberg will notify TRCP Rep Tim Balzer. Changes have been proposed to Congress regarding COE isolated wetland jurisdiction. No changes have been made at this time.

Historian (Jeremy Duckwitz) — Working w/AI on 50th Anniversary Committee.

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe) — NTR

Alternative Energy (Paul Myerchin) — NTR

PORTFOLIO B (Stacy Whipp)

Western Lands (Bill Jensen) — E-mail sent out to membership regarding preserving the Elkhorn Ranch. They are accepting e-mail versions. Suggestion that subsequent e-mails sent to membership have Presidents name on them to designate from spam.

State Wildlife Grants (Bruce Krefl) — NTR

Education & Outreach (Kristine Askerooth) — Askerooth sent letters to five Universities regarding applicants for the annual NDCTWS Scholarship Program.

Invasive Species (Dave Dewald) — The ND Ag Dept

is working with various groups to develop weed free feed and gravel. Dewald attended the first meeting this spring and is receiving correspondence to provide comment. Dewald has the draft bills that are being reviewed for comments.

Tribal Wildlife (Dave Azure, Jeremy Guinn) — NTR

PORTFOLIO C (Curtis Bradbury)

Missouri River (AI Sapa) — The committee provided materials to Senator Dorgan's staff and the Bismarck Tribune supporting the need to approve a study of the 1944 Flood Control Act, with emphasis on modernizing management of the River. We currently are working on strategies to assure a comprehensive review of the Act and its management implications on the River. An update of briefing materials including a white paper from the Missouri River Association of States and Tribes (MoRAST) and a priorities briefing paper from the Association of Fish and Wildlife agencies to President elect Obama, which cites the proposed study of the 1944 Flood control Act as a priority were provided to all the TWS and AFS Chapters in the Basin.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet) — NTR

Garrison Diversion (Bill Bicknell) — NTR

Prairie Resources (Jill Shaffer) — NTR

Red River Watershed (Jack Lalor) — NTR

PORTFOLIO D (Sandy Johnson)

Northern Great Plains Working Group (Kevin Willis) — NTR

Endangered Species (Sandy Johnson) — This summer Eric met with a representative of the ND Department of Agriculture to discuss the Department's proposal to administer an ES program related to pesticide use. Meeting was focused on piping plovers and their habitat requirements.

This fall we developed written comments regarding proposed changes to the ESA. Our comments opposed changes that removed the USFWS from the consultation process. In addition we stated agreement with comments submitted by the national chapter of TWS.

Wildlife Damage Management (Phil Mastrangelo) — Committee members reviewed and updated two position statements (deer damage management and migratory bird damage management) that had been previously approved by the North Dakota Chapter. The revised position statements have been provided to the Chapter's Resolutions Committee and will be presented at the December Board meeting.

Legacy Trust Initiative (Bill Bicknell) — The goal of the Legacy Trust Committee is to strengthen the connection between natural resource students and the wildlife profession. Much of the Committee's

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work during the past three months has focused on student activities at the Chapter's Annual Winter Conference.

The 2009 Annual Winter Conference will be held at the Seven Seas Inn in Mandan from Wednesday, February 11th to Friday, February 13th. The 3rd Annual Student/Professional Lunch will be held on Thursday, February 12th. The Committee has applied for a grant to the Montana Dakota Utilities Resource Foundation to underwrite the cost of lunch for all wildlife and natural resource students attending the event. Immediately following the lunch, a student career fair will be held. The career fair will provide an opportunity for individuals or small group of students to informally visit with state and federal natural resource agencies, conservation organizations, and consultants concerning job responsibilities, hiring practices, and skills that are needed to make students competitive in today's job market.

The Committee has also gathered information concerning seasonal and summer job opportunities with conservation agencies and organizations. This information will be printed in the Chapter's December 2008 Newsletter and mailed the colleges and universities in North Dakota offering degrees in fisheries, wildlife, and natural resource management.

Professional Women in Natural Resources (Cami Dixon, Kristine Askerooth) – Committee is working on a gathering for this group at the Annual Meeting. They plan to have a beverage and appetizer session on Thursday that would run from 4:00 - 6:00. They plan to bring in a speaker as they did last year, and would like to request \$250 in travel expenses for this individual.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:10 PM (MSC Sapa, Bradbury). The next Executive Board meeting will be at the Seven Seas on February 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Inactive Committees

Fishery Resources –Mike Olson
Prairie Chicken –Greg Link
Forest Resources –Tom Claeyes
ND Action Group – Casey Anderson

Representatives

USDA State Technical Committee (Karen Kreil)
Garrison Master Plan (Al Sapa)
CMPS (Stan Kohn)
Natural Resources Trust (Scott Peterson)

Website (A.J. Klein)

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Draft 2009 Operating Budget	
Income	
Annual Meeting	\$ 8,500.00
Auction & Fundraiser	\$ 7,000.00
Award Income	\$ 100.00
CMPS-incoming mem.	\$ 30.00
Dakota Prairie Legacy Contributions	\$ 3,000.00
Interest Income Total	\$ 490.00
CD	\$ 350.00
DPL-VanGuard Wellesley Interest	
Money Market	\$ 40.00
Other Interest Income	\$ 100.00
Legacy Trust Initiative Income	\$ 750.00
Life Membership	\$ 300.00
Membership - National - Incoming	
Membership - Regular	\$ 3,000.00
Membership - Student	\$ 120.00
Prairie Resources income	\$ 300.00
Raffle Income	\$ 2,500.00
Total Income	\$26,090.00
EXPENSES	
Alternative Energy Committee	\$ -
Annual Meeting Expense	\$ 8,800.00
Auction Expense	\$ 1,200.00
Awards	\$ 800.00
Brochure	\$ -
CMPS-outgoing mem.	\$ 30.00
Dakota Prairie Legacy (Expenses)	\$ 300.00
Discretionary	\$ 1,500.00
Education Committee Total	\$ 1,050.00
Keep ND Clean Poster Contest	\$ 250.00
ND Jr. Duck Stamp Contest	\$ 300.00
Food and Habitat Plot Contest	\$ 300.00
Earth Day	\$ 200.00
Finance Committee	\$ -
Invasive Species	\$ -
Legacy Trust Initiative Expense	\$ 500.00
Legislative Committee	\$ 5,272.00
Life memberships transfer	\$ 300.00
Membership - National - Outgoing	\$ -
Merchandise Expense	\$ -
Misc. expense	\$ 200.00
Newsletter	\$ 2,500.00
NRT-Missouri River	\$ -
Other Printing	\$ -
Postage	\$ 200.00
Prairie Resources	\$ 1,500.00
Professional Women's Committee	\$ 250.00
Raffle Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Small Grant Program	\$ -
Sponsorships	\$ 550.00
Student Scholarships	\$ 1,500.00
Tax Preparation	\$ 200.00
Travel Expense Total	\$ 1,000.00
General	\$ -
Student	\$ 1,000.00
Other Travel Expense	\$ -
Web Site	\$ -
Wildlife Commercialization	\$ -
Transfer to Dakota Prairie Legacy/Vanguard Wellesley	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$31,652.00
	\$ (5,562.00)

Dakota Prairie Legacy Endowment

Quarterly Reporting Update

July 1, 2008 — September 30, 2008

- Total Assets — \$24,460.29 Principal — \$25,467.78
- Return — -\$1007.49
- Total Contributors — 50
- Contributions for the reporting period — \$0
- Contributors for the reporting period — 0
- Withdrawals total - \$0.00

Thank You!

REMEMBER THE DAKOTA PRAIRIE LEGACY

The Chapter has a three-year goal of raising \$ 90,000 for the Dakota Prairie Legacy (Endowment) by May 31, 2010. At present the Endowment has raised over \$ 22,000 and has 29 members who have contributed or pledged \$ 250 to 1,000. Donations to the DPL are tax deductible. The DPL goal is to provide future a long-range constant source of funding for the Chapter to increase its conservation and education programs. Please consider the Chapter's Dakota Prairie Legacy through either a cash donation or through planned giving or estate planning. Contact Con Hillman (222-0038) or Mike McEnroe (224-8335) for details or more information.

2nd ANNUAL FOUNDERS' CLUB RECEPTION

The second annual Founders' Club reception will be held Wednesday evening, February 11, from 5:00-6:00pm during the Annual Meeting. Founders' Club members are those individuals who donate \$250 or pledge to donate \$1000 or more to the Chapter's Dakota Prairie Legacy (the Endowment) prior to May 31, 2010. The reception will feature beverages and hors d'ouerves prior to the Annual Fund Raiser. There will be a door prize given to a lucky Founders' Club member (need not be present to win, but you will miss the fun). Donations to the Dakota Prairie Legacy are tax deductible. The Chapter is promoting the DPL in its three-year goal of raising \$ 90,000 in three years by May 2010. All who attended last year's reception had an enjoyable time. Hope to see you there!

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN NATURAL RESOURCES SOCIAL

Professional Women in Natural Resources Committee Wine and Cheese Social Speaker and Networking
Thursday, February 12th 4:00 pm - 6:00 p.m., \$10/person
RSVP by February 9th to cami_dixon@fws.gov or kristine_askerooth@fws.gov





HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR:

As this year's Legislative Session moves forward, there will be times when you want to contact your State Legislator to make your views known to him or her. There are three ways to contact your Legislators; by letter, phone or via email.

By letter: State your purpose in the first paragraph of the letter. If the letter pertains to a specific piece of legislation, identify it accordingly, ie., House Bill, HB ____, or Senate Bill, SB ____. Address only one subject or issue in a letter. Include key points or information or data to support the position you wish the Legislator to vote. Be courteous and to the point. Keep the letter to one page if possible.

By telephone: You may call the Legislature's too free phone number (1-888-635-3447) and leave a message for your legislator(s). From Bismarck-Mandan you may call 328-3373. The operator will ask you for your name, address, phone number, and brief message. Typically the message will be "vote yes or no" on a specific bill, again House Bill ____, or Senate Bill ____. The phone message system is not really designed to take extensive, letter length comments, but is a very quick way to make your views known to your Legislators. It is best if your use your home or personal phone number for a contact, rather than an agency number/extension.

By email: Most Legislator's email addresses are assigned such: first initial and last name @nd.gov. For example, Senator John Smith would be jsmith@nd.gov. To check your Legislator's email address, see the Legislature website, www.legis.nd.gov. Again the suggestions for letter or phone contacts apply; be brief, be courteous, make your point, and don't clutter up your email message with all kinds of attachments. The Legislators receive countless emails from constituents, lobbyists and other legislators. We recommend that you not use your State or federal government computer to email your Legislator. Email is an excellent way to make contact over night with your Legislator, as most of them arrive at their desk prior to the session opening each day and review their email.

In addition, most Legislators return home over the weekend and hold local constituent meetings where you may contact them.

The Chapter will contact members by the email tree during the session as important Legislative issues develop. Please support the Chapter by contacting your Legislators as the need arises.

The 61st Legislative Assembly convenes in regular sessions on Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

AT THE CHAPTER'S ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

THE NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY WELCOMES ALL FISHERIES, WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2009 ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE AT THE SEVEN SEAS INN IN MANDAN – FEBRUARY 11-13, 2009. THE ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE PROVIDES A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CURRENT CONSERVATION ISSUES AFFECTING NORTH DAKOTA'S NATURAL RESOURCES. THE 2009 CONFERENCE WILL FEATURE SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS ON ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, MISSOURI RIVER MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION, AND A WIDE ARRAY OF OTHER CONTEMPORARY CONSERVATION ISSUES.

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS INCLUDE:

- THE \$40 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE IS WAIVED FOR ALL STUDENTS.
- THE ANNUAL BANQUET MEAL IS REDUCED TO \$8 FOR ALL STUDENTS.
- THE 3RD ANNUAL STUDENT/PROFESSIONAL LUNCH ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH. DR. GARY WHITE, DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR FROM COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY AND RECIPIENT OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY'S ALDO LEOPOLD AWARD, WILL BE THE LUNCHEON SPEAKER. LUNCH IS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS THANKS TO A GENEROUS GRANT FROM MDU RESOURCES FOUNDATION.
- A STUDENT CAREER FAIR WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 12TH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE STUDENT/PROFESSIONAL LUNCH. THE CAREER FAIR HAS BEEN ORGANIZED IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM STUDENTS INTERESTED IN GAINING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CONSERVATION CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. THE CAREER FAIR WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JOB RESPONSIBILITIES, HIRING PRACTICES, AND THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BE COMPETITIVE IN TODAY'S JOB MARKET. REPRESENTATIVES FROM NINE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, AND INDUSTRY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS OR SMALL GROUPS.
- GRANTS FROM THE CHAPTER OF UP TO \$200 ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENT WILDLIFE ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF ATTENDING THE ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPTER'S ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, PLEASE CONTACT BILL BICKNELL AT WILLIAM_BICKNELL@FWS.GOV OR (701) 355-8512.



FISHERIES and WILDLIFE SEASONAL JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delta Waterfowl plans to hire 10-15 waterfowl research assistants for positions in northeast North Dakota and Saskatchewan. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, 2-page maximum resume or CV, copy of your transcripts, and up to 3 professional references to Tim Kimmel at tkimme1@lsu.edu including your date of earliest availability. Please include the words "Delta Technician" in the subject line of the e-mail message to Tim Kimmel. Additional information concerning job announcements will be posted on the Texas A&M job board at: <http://www.wfsc.tamu.edu/jobboard/index.htm> under the temporary/seasonal positions link. **Applications should be submitted no later than March 1, 2009**, although positions will be filled sooner, as suitable applications are received.



Ducks Unlimited seeks at least 16 highly-motivated research technicians for ongoing waterfowl and shorebird research studies. The field crews will be stationed in Stanley, Woodworth, and Kulm, North Dakota and Long Lake, South Dakota. Housing is provided. Most of the positions will begin on or about April 15th, with four positions starting in early to mid-May. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, including your earliest available start date, resume, three references and daytime contact information to: Johann Walker, Regional Biologist, Research, Ducks Unlimited, 2525 River Road, Bismarck, ND 58503-9011. Electronic submissions are preferred. Questions concerning these positions can be directed to Johann Walker at either jwalker@ducks.org or (701) 355-3597. **The deadline for applications is January 31, 2009.**



The Nature Conservancy plans to fill approximately 13 seasonal positions to assist with piping plover monitoring, preserve management, and controlled burning activities. The positions will be located in Lisbon and Washburn, ND. More information concerning the positions can be obtained by contacting Rob Self (701) 439-0841 (Lisbon positions) or Eric Rosenquist (701) 794-8741 (Washburn positions) or by visiting The Nature Conservancy website www.nature.org/careers/. **The deadline for submitting your resume and the other required materials is January 31, 2009.**



The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Wildlife and Fisheries Divisions hire a number of seasonal fisheries and wildlife aides for summer positions each year. Most of these positions start in mid-May and extend into August. Specific information concerning summer fisheries positions is currently available at: <http://gf.nd.gov/about> and then click on job openings. **All applications for summer positions with the Fisheries Division must be received by February 1, 2009.** For additional information concerning fisheries positions, please contact Scott Elstad at either selstad@nd.gov or (701) 328-6667. Summer positions with the Wildlife Division will be posted on the Department's website in early January. For additional information concerning positions with the Wildlife Division, please contact Scott Peterson at either speterso@nd.gov or (701) 324-2211.



U.S. Forest Service – Medora and McKenzie Ranger Districts hire a limited number of summer positions to assist with management and research activities being conducted on the Little Missouri National Grasslands. For additional information concerning available positions, the application process, and deadlines please contact Joe Washington, Medora Ranger District, Dickinson, North Dakota at either jpwashington@fs.fed.us or (701) 227-7814.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to hire several seasonal biological science technicians to work on National Wildlife Refuges and Wetland Management Districts throughout North Dakota and the surrounding region. These positions typically start in mid-May and extend into August. Announcements for these positions will be posted on www.usajobs.gov in January. At the USAJOBS website, the "MY USAJOBS" tab allows you to create your own account, post your resume online, apply for federal jobs, and receive automated job alerts. Refuges' summer positions are listed as Biological Science Technicians on the USAJOBS website. Information concerning specific openings in North Dakota or throughout the nation can be obtained by entering Biological Science Technician in the Search Jobs box. For more details on the specific job duties, contact the respective station where you plan to apply, or e-mail dave_azure@fws.gov or camie_dixon@fws.gov



Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center employs seasonal biological science technician to work on a wide variety of wildlife research studies in the Northern Great Plains. Information concerning seasonal job opportunities can be obtained by clicking on the Employment at the Northern Prairie's website <http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov>. Northern Prairie also enters into employment agreements with students through the Student Service Contractor program. More information about this program can be obtained by calling (701) 253-5500 and then press zero for assistance.



The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) partners with landowners to help conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment. Each year NRCS hires full time college students for student trainee positions. Students are assigned to a field office and duties involve training and first-hand experience implementing soil and water conservation programs. NRCS also utilizes the Career Intern Program to hire individuals for full time permanent positions. The Career Intern Program is designed for recent graduates with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture or Natural Resources. Individuals interested in student programs or the Career Intern Program can contact Darlita J. Sarkilahti at (701) 530-2008 or email Darlita.Sarkilahti@nd.usda.gov. Additional information concerning career opportunities with NRCS can be found at <http://www.nd.nrcs.usda.gov/> and clicking on "Join the North Dakota Conservation Team."



2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Seven Seas Inn, Mandan, North Dakota
11-13 February 2009
Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 11 February 2009

Hotel Reservations:

701-663-7401 or

1-800-597-SEAS

<http://www.bestwestern.com>

9:00 - 5:00 REGISTRATION

10:00 - 12:00 Executive Board Meeting - *Executive 1*

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00 - 1:20 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mark Sherfy, President, NDCTWS, (Governor Art Link video excerpts)

Session 1 ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES: CONSIDERATIONS FOR NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1:20 - 2:20 Keynote: **Susan Wefald**, Public Service Commission (Retired)

Energy Development and Wildlife Habitat - Using Effective Processes to Address Important Issues

2:20 - 2:40 **Uranium Development in North Dakota**

Ed Murphy, N.D. State Geologist

2:40 - 3:00 **Displacement Effects of Wind Developments on Grassland Birds in the Northern Great Plains**

Jill Shaffer and Douglas H. Johnson

3:00 - 3:10 **Break**

Session 1 ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES: CONSIDERATIONS FOR NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (con't)

3:10 - 3:30 **Wind Development and the Northern Plains Wind Energy Forum**

Rick Patzman, Jill Shaffer, and Genevieve Thompson

3:30 - 3:50 **Energy Development in Northwest North Dakota**

Connie Mueller

3:50-4:10 **Assessing Potential Impacts of Wind Energy Development on Abundance of Breeding Bird Pairs in the Prairie Pothole Region of North and South Dakota**

Johann Walker, Scott Stephens, Neal D. Niemuth, Charles R. Loesch, Ron E. Reynolds, Jeffrey S. Gleason, and Michael A. Erickson

4:10-4:30 **Migratory Bird Hazards in the North Dakota Oil Patch**

Kevin Johnson and Rich Grosz

4:30-4:50 **Old McDonald Had a Corn Ethanol Plant, Ee i ee i.....OH-OH!**

Karen Kreil

4:50-5:10 **Future of North Dakota Coal Development, and Clean Coal Technologies**

Joe Friedlander

5:10-6:00 DPL CONTRIBUTORS APPRECIATION SOCIAL - EXECUTIVE 1

5:30 **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION & BUFFET**

THURSDAY, February 12, 2009

8:00 - 8:10 **Announcements**

Session 2 NORTH DAKOTA AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON MISSOURI RIVER MANAGEMENT

8:10-9:10 **Keynote: John Cooper**, Secretary of the S. D. Department of Game, Fish and Parks (Retired)
Modernizing Management of the Missouri River - Is It Worth the Pain

9:10-9:30 **Missouri River Recovery Program in North Dakota**
Mike George

9:30-9:50 **Integrated Science Program and Its Role in Missouri River Recovery**
Casey D. Kruse

9:50-10:10 **Lower Yellowstone Project, Intake Diversion Dam Modification**
Clayton Jordan

10:10-10:30 **Break** - Authors of posters will be available for questions at their posters for questions.

Session 2 NORTH DAKOTA AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON MISSOURI RIVER MANAGEMENT (cont)

10:30-10:50 **Piping Plover Research on the Missouri River**
Mark Sherfy

10:50-11:10 **Yellowstone/Missouri Rivers Confluence Project**
Natural Resources Trust

11:10-11:30 **Turtle Investigations of the Missouri River in North Dakota**
Patrick Isakson

11:30-11:50 **Tourism/Recreation**
Terry Fleck, Friends of Lake Sakakawea

11:50 - 1:15 **Lunch (Student/Professional Luncheon)**

1:15 - 5:00 **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

1:15 - 3:00 **Student Job Fair**

4:00-6:00 **Professional Women's Social - Executive 1**

6:00 - 7:00 **Social Hour**

7:00 **AWARDS BANQUET**

Guest Speaker - John Cooper **Climate Change and Natural Resource Management - Yet Another 'Helping' on Our Plate**

FRIDAY, February 13, 2009

8:00 - 8:10 **Announcements**

Session 3 GENERAL SESSION

8:10-8:30 **Effect of Wind Power Developments on Bats and Birds**
Clayton Derby

- 8:30-8:50 **Baiting for Big Game in North Dakota**
Chris Grondahl, ND Game and Fish Department
- 8:50-9:10 **Hunter Recruitment and Retention**
Terry Steinwand
- 9:10-9:30 **Current Issues in Animal Damage Management and Collaborative Efforts in North Dakota**
Phil Mastrangelo and John Paulson
- 9:30-9:50 **Short- and Long-term Effects of Haying on Breeding Birds in CRP Grasslands in the Northern Great Plains, 1993-2008**
Lawrence D. Igl and Douglas H. Johnson
- 9:50-10:00 **Are Roadside Surveys of Secretive Marshbirds Biased?**
Terry Shaffer, USGS, Diane Granfors, Neal Niemuth, and Tom Buhl

10:00–10:10 **Break**

Session 3 GENERAL SESSION (cont)

- 10:00-10:20 **The Ecology of Eastern Wild Turkeys: Translocated Beyond Their Ancestral Range to Northwestern Minnesota**
Chad Parent
- 10:20-10:40 **Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in the Devils Lake Basin, ND and Their Effect on Water Quality**
Mark Blore, Gregory Vandeberg, Cami Dixon, and Brian Vose
- 10:40-11:00 **Mining Activity and Habitat Use by Mountain Sheep (*Ovis canadensis*): Is There a Connection?**
Vernon C. Bleich and Jason P. Marshal
- 11:00-11:20 **Measuring Environmental Literacy: What do Residents of Fargo-Moorhead Know About The Environment, and How Do They Learn About The Environment**
Ruth Lewis
- 11:20-11:40 **Legislative Talk**
Mike McEnroe, Chapter Legislative Liaison
- 11:40 **Announcement - Best Paper/Student Paper Awards**
Closing Remarks - Adjourn

POSTERS

- A Large Population of Yellow Lady's Slippers in a CRP Grassland in Central North Dakota, 2002-2008**
Lawrence D. Igl and Douglas H. Johnson
- Initial Fledgling Dispersal of Loggerhead Shrikes Determined with Radio Telemetry**
Allyson Two Bears, Katherine Haas, Carola Haas, and Jeremy E. Guinn
- Importance of Grassland Habitat for Overwintering Rough-legged Hawks (*Buteo lagopus*) on Standing Rock Reservation, South Dakota**
Dylan Jones, Jade Ducheneaux, and Jeremy E. Guinn
- Potential Effects of Wind Energy Development on Survival and Nesting of Mallards**
C. Tanner Gue and Katherine R. Mehl
- Greater Prairie - Chicken Nest Survival in a Restored Prairie Landscape**
Nathaniel G. Emery, University of North Dakota
- Missouri River Fish**
FWS Bismarck

MEET YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

JANE AUSTIN — PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

Education: University of Missouri, Columbia; Wildlife, Ph.D. 1988; University of Missouri, Columbia; Wildlife, M.S. 1983; University of Maine, Orono; Wildlife Management, B.S. 1980

Present Position: Research Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center

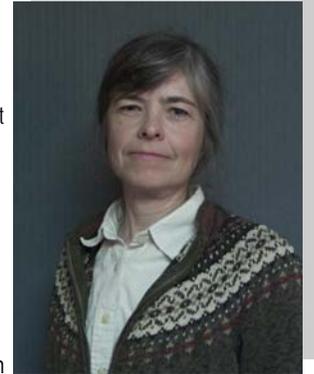
Experience: My research activities in waterbirds and wetlands have taken me across the northern reaches of the midcontinent and Great Plains. In the 20 years that I have lived and worked in North Dakota, I have had many opportunities to interact with and learn from many state, federal, and nongovernmental biologists who share the appreciation for and professional commitment to our wildlife and natural resources. Participation in the Science and Technical Committee of the Northern Great Plains Joint Venture, and in the development of its Implementation Plan, provided valuable insights into the natural resources and conservation issues of this region. I have been active in the North Dakota Natural History Society (now Great Plains Natural Science Society) for many years, as board member, president, and now newsletter editor. I also have been involved with other professional and service organizations in leadership positions member, and have organized multiple workshops to address wildlife issues.

Chapter Activities: Member of NDCTWS and Central Mountains and Plains Section of TWS since 1989; member of The Wildlife Society since 1978. I have served on several national committees but have not held office or served on committees in the state chapter.

Statement: When I was first asked to run for President-Elect, I was planning on turning it down, largely because I have not participated in committees or the board, and thus am unfamiliar with the workings of the chapter. However, after discussions about the job and its responsibilities with current chapter officers, I found my reservations substantially eased. As so often noted, the diversity of experience and expertise among our members, and their active involvement in chapter committees, is what drives this chapter and its continuing success. The committees and Executive Board have skilled, knowledgeable, and committed individuals that keep things running well with nominal oversight. The Chapter also is fortunate to have extensive financial resources, so we don't have to struggle for fund-raising. The recent leadership has done excellent jobs in leading the chapter in important new ventures, such as the Legacy Trust Initiative, Tribal Wildlife, Alternative Energy, and web page development. The next leaders must help to sustain these advances, make sure long-standing issues such as the Missouri River and Devils Lake are not neglected, and be alert to new issues, challenges, and opportunities.

The chapter provides an special role in conserving North Dakota's wildlife and natural resources, through the political process (lobbying and education of elected officials), networking opportunities for wildlife professionals and students across the state, including the annual conference; and education and outreach to the public. A critical part of our chapter's reputation and success is its professional capabilities and adherence to sound science. I can see two areas for potential area for continued growth, which would serve both chapter members and the larger conservation community. First, the chapter should consider developing opportunities for professional development (continuing education) to enhance members' skills and knowledge base, for aspects such as communication, quantitative sciences, or rapidly evolving tools like GIS. Second, the chapter could sponsor or co-sponsor workshops on evolving issues (e.g., climate change, extraction industries), which could provide opportunities for focused discussions, learning, and networking. Both avenues would help to improve our science, knowledge base, and decision-making skills, and could also serve to enhance interactions among the diverse organizations within the state and region.

It is an honor to be considered for this position of leadership in NDCTWS. If elected, I will strive to continue the fine work of preceding leaders and further strengthen the chapter and its members, so we are well equipped to meet the evolving issues and challenges in natural resource conservation.



BRIAN KIETZMAN — PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

Education: B.S. Wildlife and Fisheries Science, South Dakota State University 1987.

Present Position: Wildlife Resource Management Supervisor, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Jamestown 1998—Present

Previous Positions: Assistant Wildlife Resource Biologist, NDGF Lisbon- 1991-1998; Biological Technician, US Fish & Wildlife Service Waubay, SD 1989-1991; Biological Technician, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, Jamestown 1988

Chapter Activities: Member of NDCTWS since 1992. Executive Board Member 2005-2006. Co-Chair Fundraising Committee 2003-2005. Fundraising Committee 1998-2005.

Statement: I want to "thank" the Nominations Committee for twisting my arm and encouraging me to run for this position. I've contemplated this decision many times and believe me- I have plenty of excuses why I shouldn't run. As many previous candidates have stated-I too, have neither the time nor the expertise to lead such a prestigious organization. But if I don't, who will? And if not now, when? There comes a time in each of our careers when we need to step up on behalf of our natural resources. No time like the present.

In deciding to run, I thought about our Chapter and all the members that I have had the privilege of associating with. The strength of our Chapter does not lie with the person who temporarily leads but with the individual members who bring a diversity of knowledge and experience to our Executive Board and various committees. The Chapter is only as good as its membership and it is our member's dedication and devotion to our natural resources that have always impressed me. Knowing this made my decision much easier because it will ultimately be the members who will decide.

Being a part of the ND Chapter has always been very important to me. The Chapter provides the opportunity to get involved with issues that affect North Dakota's wildlife and wild places. The Chapter provides interaction, camaraderie and increased educational opportunity for members during the Annual meeting. The Chapter provides information on science-based natural resources conservation to the public as well as legislators and other decision makers. And the Chapter continues to be the lead advocate for North Dakota's natural resources. Being a part of this organization is important. Being asked to lead this organization is an honor.



MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

NATOMA BUSKNESS — EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE

Education: B.S. in Sociology (Criminal Justice emphasis), 1993, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD; M.S. in Wildlife Sciences, 1998, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD.

Present Position: District and Refuge Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Woodworth ND (2005–Present)

Previous Positions: Deputy Project Leader, USFWS, Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge (1999-2005); Refuge Operation Specialist, USFWS, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, SD (1998-1999)

Chapter Activities: ND Chapter TWS Member 2000-Present; Fundraising Committee (Present)

Statement: It is an honor to be nominated and considered for a position on the Executive Board. Growing up in a small town in Minnesota I did not understand or appreciate the field of conservation. I fell in love with the Dakotas and the Natural Resource when I was a student at SDSU majoring in Sociology and had the opportunity to work for a Wildlife Grad student conducting research on grassland birds in ND. I knew then my path had changed. Once your eyes are opened it is hard not to appreciate and value the ND resource. For me I knew I needed to play a role in protecting the resource for future generations and/or just for those seeing it for the first time. I feel the Chapter is not only a voice for the resource but also helps open our eyes to new issues, challenges and more importantly provides an opportunity for solutions. The ND Chapter is so strong and compelling because of the dedication, expertise, talent and diversity of members uniting to address the issues and challenges the resource faces everyday. What has always impressed me is the positive attitude and dedication that no challenge is too big to tackle, someone is always there to step up. There will be many challenges which will face the Resource in the coming years and I am proud the Chapter has such a strong voice. Everyone needs to step up at one time or another and if elected I feel it is my time to help carrying the voice of the membership to protect the natural resource we all cherish and have grown to love.

JEREMY GUINN — EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE

Education: PhD in Zoology, 2004, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, Advisor: James W. Grier; M.S. in Biological Sciences, 2000, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL; B.S. in Biology, 1997, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA

Present Position: Environmental Science Faculty, Sitting Bull College, Ft. Yates, ND (2004-present) Including student research mentor, NSF grant director, and chairing several committees

Previous Positions: Biological Technician and trapper: ND Golden Eagle Project (2004); Biological Technician: Grassland Breeding Bird Project, University of Montana (2002); Graduate Teaching Intern, Sitting Bull College (2004); Graduate Teaching Intern, Valley City State University (2002); Deer Check Station Coordinator for 26 Counties in Western Illinois, Illinois DNR (1999).

Chapter Activities: Co-chair Tribal Wildlife Committee (2007-present); Chapter member since 2004.; Member of national TWS Native People's Working Group (2006); Active in student professional luncheons and recruiting student participants and presenters.

Statement: As a former recipient of the Chapter's graduate student award, it is an honor to be asked to run for the executive board. After the past few months, it is great to be part of an organization that doesn't require a bailout; we are stronger than ever and becoming more attractive to a wider audience. Yet, challenges remain and economic issues will increase pressures on our wildlife resources. This is an exciting and meaningful time to be a wildlife professional.

My work on the board will include increasing our presence on college campuses, establishing more meaningful partnerships with Tribal wildlife managers, and continuing to develop collaborations which will allow us to build and conserve the first-rate wildlife resources of ND. I will rely on the expertise within the Chapter's membership to ensure science-based decisions. And, I will work to ensure our state's youths have access to the first-rate wildlife experiences that have shaped all of our character and professional careers. Thank you all for your continued support of our program and students and I look forward to continuing to serve the Chapter in any way possible.

JOHANN WALKER — EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE

Education: M.S., Wildlife Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2004; B. S., Wildlife Biology, University of Montana, 2001

Present Position: Regional Biologist, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Bismarck (2004-present). I conduct research and participate in conservation planning as part of the research and GIS team at the Great Plains Regional Office.

Previous Positions: Research Assistant, University of Alaska Fairbanks (2001-2004)

Chapter Activities: Chapter member since 2005.

Statement: I am honored and pleased to be nominated for an executive board position. The North Dakota Chapter plays a critical role in the management and conservation of wildlife in North Dakota. As a member of the executive board, I would consider it a privilege to apply my skills to furthering the Chapter's commendable mission.

My family and I moved to North Dakota in 2004, when I started my job with Ducks Unlimited. I was very impressed, and I remain very impressed, by the exceptionally high quality-of-life in this state. North Dakota's wildlife resources are a critical component of our quality-of-life. I plan to dedicate my career to their conservation.

I take great pride in my role as a conservation professional. I am a dedicated, enthusiastic biologist who is very interested in serving the conservation community in North Dakota. I will apply my dedication and enthusiasm to any Chapter activities that I participate in.

MIKE SZYMANSKI — EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE

Education: B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, 2001, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND; Minor in Geography/GIS, 2001, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND; M.S. in Wildlife Biology, 2004, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.; Graduate Minor in Experimental Statistics, 2004, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Present Position: Migratory Game Bird Biologist, North Dakota Game and Fish Dept. (2004-present)

Previous Positions: Research assistant – UND (1999-01), Biological Science Technician – USFWS, Audubon NWR/WMD (1999, 2000), Graduate Research Assistant – LSU (2001-2004), Biological Science Technician – USFWS, Kulm WMD (2004).

Chapter Activities: Student member (1999-2001), Chapter Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award (2001), Regular Member (2004, 2005), Lifetime Member (2006-present). NDCTWS Membership Coordinator (2006-present). **Other TWS Activities:** LSU student chapter member (2002-2004). TWS member (2003-present).

Statement: First, I would like to thank the Nominations Committee for selecting me as an executive board candidate.

I grew up in Minot and have lived in several other areas of the state, always making the best of outdoor opportunities wherever they have presented themselves. An important realization for me has been that, as for most of us, being an outdoorsman/woman isn't just something that we have fun doing; it's who we are, and a complete sense of being. Without sound management of our wildlife resources and their habitats, we risk losing more than just a place to hunt, fish, or enjoy otherwise.

Over the years, demands on our wildlife resources such as energy development, agricultural policy, and commercialization of wildlife have changed in North Dakota, and will continue to change. Moreover, these demands more often than not influence the public's ability to enjoy our state's wildlife resources, whether that enjoyment is in a consumptive or non-consumptive manner. The Chapter has a history replete with accomplishments that strive to preserve the aforementioned "sense of being". I would be deeply honored to be more directly involved in the Chapter's accomplishments as an Executive Board member.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO CAST YOUR VOTE FOR
PRESIDENT-ELECT AND EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDI-
DATES BY MAIL *IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND* THE
UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING!!

ABSENTEE BALLOT

President-Elect Candidates

(Vote for one)

- Jane Austin Brian Kietzman

Executive Board Candidates

(Vote for two)

- Natoma Buskness Jeremy Guinn
 Mike Szymanski Johann Walker

Signature: _____

In accordance with Article V, Section 2, Clause A "To be valid, signed ballots from members absent at the Annual Meeting shall be received by the Secretary-Treasurer at least 48 hours before the start of the Annual Meeting."

This ballot must be received by **February 9, 2009**.
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From the Wild Kitchen of...



YOUR RECIPES!! Help the Chapter to develop a 50th anniversary cookbook and submit a recipe to Sandy Johnson (sajohnson@nd.gov) or Patsy Crooke (patsy.j.crooke@usace.army.mil). For every recipe you submit and is used in the cookbook, your name will be entered for a prize!!

BEER BREAD

- 1/2 cup butter
- 3 cups self-rising flour*
- 2 tblsp sugar
- 1 - 12 oz can beer

Melt butter and pour enough into a 9 x 5 loaf pan to coat the bottom. Mix the other ingredients and pour into the pan. Cover with remaining butter. Bake 50-60 minutes at 350. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

*To make your own self-rising flour: 1 cup flour, 1 1/2 tsp baking powder, pinch of salt.

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From the Wild Kitchen of...
Patsy Crooke

GROUSE SMOTHERED IN SOUR CREAM

- 4 ruffed grouse, halved (or pheasant)
- Flour
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp thyme or 1/2 tsp rosemary
- butter
- 4 shallots or scallions
- 1/2 lb sliced mushrooms
- 2 cups sour cream, room temperature
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 tsp beach plum jelly

Roll the grouse halves in flour, salt and pepper, and herbs. In a casserole or skillet sauté the grouse halves in 6 tablespoons of the butter. Remove the grouse pieces and sauté the shallots or scallions and mushrooms in same casserole or skillet, using the remaining butter. Return grouse to casserole, add sour cream into which has been stirred the chicken broth and beach plum jelly. Cover and bake in 320 oven for about an hour.

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From the Wild Kitchen of...
Randy Kreil, on behalf of
Andy Schollet

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