



**Northeast Section
The Wildlife Society**
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Northeast Section of the Wildlife Society Members' Meeting

May 1, 2023
Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA

Lead	Subject/Discussion	Action Items/Votes																
	Call to Order - 1717																	
Linske	<p>President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section experienced a lot of turnover due to pandemic/moves/changes to remote work • Some out of normal term elections • Biggest message is that the Section is looking to fill committees and roles as a number of people have left the Section in the past three years <p>Transition of Committee Members out of normal elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer – moved out of state, Scott Williams stepped up • Newsletter Editor – moved out of state, Bridget volunteered • President Elect – needed a volunteer; Budd stepped up • Held fall Members' Meeting (Spokane, WA) <p>New workshop at NEAFWA - TWS Certification prep, led by Calvin duBrock</p> <p>Newsletters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four sent out last year • New editor <p>Nominations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section Rep; term starts after TWS mtg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Angela Fuller and Valorie Titus • Certification Review Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott Williams 																	
Veverka	<p>Membership</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Member Type</th> <th>Number</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Family</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>International Regular</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Professional</td> <td>60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Regular</td> <td>230</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Retired</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Student</td> <td>79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>425</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Member Type	Number	Family	10	International Regular	1	New Professional	60	Regular	230	Retired	45	Student	79	Total	425	
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Williams	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Receive dues ○ Spent to support conclave and field course ○ Healthy balance, mostly spend what take in while maintaining savings ○ Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$500 IDEA Working Group ▪ \$500 Nurturing Trauma-Informed Communities Workshop ▪ \$2000 to student conclave ▪ \$2400 to Field Course ● 2 CDs, one account dedicated to field course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once CD is maturing, will transfer to money market for better interest rates ● Have ~\$55,000 balance ● Budget subcommittee created to work on spending down surplus for member benefit ● Ideas to spend Section surplus on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$2000 for Conclave ○ \$2400 for field course (2 students sponsored) ○ Suggestion from Justin V. – purchase for field course: couple dart guns and starts so he doesn't need to bring them in (Dan Inject and New Dart, recommend CO2). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion to purchase dart guns for field course so course not reliant on PGC getting out there to lend theirs
Green	<p>Operations</p> <p>Elections (completed 2 weeks ago)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Member at Large <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica Brown (2-year term) ● Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridget Sousa (1-year term) ● Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott Williams (2-year term) <p>Tim will be retiring at the end of 2024 and will be moving outside the section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need someone to take over operations i.e. elections ● Ops recruits candidates for and runs elections 	
Murphy	<p>Policy Updates/TWS Updates</p> <p><i>Headquarters Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming TWS conference Nov 5-9 in Louisville ● Call for abstracts open until 5/7 ● TWS award submission deadline closes today, 5/1 ● Strategic Planning process to set goals/objectives for next 5 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will send out an all-members survey soon ○ Feedback for goals, what doing well, what need improve 	

	<p><i>Communications</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Society Bulletin – now open access • Wildlife Professional – always want ideas on articles. Send to communications@wildlife.org • New member website launched February <p><i>Hiring Development Manager</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remote position • develop workshops, programs, fundraising, etc. • up on website • doesn't need to be a wildlife professional <p><i>Hiring soon for Joe Burns Wildlife Internship</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remote • can provide students with credit • will post later this week • prefer wildlife science background, student/early career <p><i>Recovering America's Wildlife Act</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides funding to states and tribal nations for wildlife/T&E programs • re-introduced to Senate 1 month ago • good bipartisan support • introduced by Republican and Democrat co-sponsors (CT and NM) with more being brought in • all info on wildlife.org in Engagement/Get Involved tab <p>Also working on general appropriations at federal level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and tribal wildlife funding grants • Lobbying and submitting testimony • Focusing on finding federal funding for various wildlife programs, communicating funding needs, monitoring bills/funding debates <p>Cmurphy@wildlife.org or policy@wildlife.org if want more info/volunteer, etc.</p> <p>Conservation Network needs a representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work on policy engagement activities in NE Section and with headquarters • contact Caroline Murphy 	
Linske	<p>TWS Council</p> <p><i>Incorporation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maine, NJ are incorporated ○ NE Section, Maine, Delaware, PA etc. working with incorporator ○ NY not incorporated and meeting in June to discuss • Purpose of incorporation is to limit organizational and personal liability risks 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWS likely to drop an Section/Chapter that refuses to incorporate • NE Section should look into insurance, as might be liable if something at conclave/field course goes wrong since we provide funding/support. • Should be completed this calendar year, then annual renewal with fee. Likely ~\$100-\$300/year. 	
Williams	Field Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE field course cancelled this year. Will be back. • Southeastern Section's field course at the Jones Center in Ichauway, Georgia, June 12-25. • Receive 3 course credits from Castleton University • Provided 2 full scholarships • Reach out to John McDonald if interested in helping out with course 	
Williams	Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.F. English Memorial Award (Student) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ben Simmons, U. Vermont • John Pierce memorial Award nominee – Jenny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Award/plaque delayed due to company move • Received multiple nominations for both this year • Working on updating website with list on past awardees • Certificates of Recognition also given; fairly open to nominations • Awards will be at Spring meeting (had one year at Fall meeting due to COVID weirdness) 	If would like to nominate someone or interest in nominating someone and need help with baseline data, reach out anytime. Email on website.
Williams	Student Affairs/Conclave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from student that worked on it. • Several students reached out hoping to put it on this year. Didn't have it over past few years due to COVID and lost institutional knowledge as students graduated • Hosted at Penn State DuBois <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 51 attendees ○ Number of workshops and competitions • Future host at California University of Pennsylvania • Emily Thomas helped create it this year and went very well. Held in April • Want to get hosts lined up at least 2 years out so can get professionals in line and sufficient planning set up, ensure geographic variation in hosts/location 	Need more members on Student affairs committee
Linske	Workshop One Workshop (first post-COVID) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWS Certification Workshop (DuBrock) • Had 9 people and now down to one. Would appreciate more ideas for workshops and help putting together • Workshops is a tenet of TWS so very important function 	Need new members for workshop committee, ideas, etc.
Sousa	Newsletter Call for content	Reach out to Bridget Sousa to send ideas, photos, etc.
Hicks, Veverka	State Chapter Reports PA – Craig Hicks (outgoing president) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting tomorrow at NEAFWA 	Veverka will reach out to Chapters for an update

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incoming Section Rep – Hanna Tiffen (announcing tomorrow) • DEI – Hosted student and early careers workshop at NEAFWA. Discussed opportunities and jobs. Speaker on how to get better representation in applicants/workers. Hoping to continue this workshop • Fall field day at Hawk Mountain. Brought in some underrepresented folks to introduce them to profession. • Working to foster service projects in community • Have a table to sell leftover swag at discount prices. Also raffle tickets being sold. • Worked with state agencies to submit position statement on DOD low flight facility in high value wildlife area <p>No other State Chapter representatives, no student chapters present.</p>	and will send to Sousa to include in Newsletter.
	New Business - none	
Veverka	Adjourn - 1808	

Sign-Ups for Volunteers

Workshops, Student Affairs

Jessica Brown

General Interest in Serving the Section

Tim Green

Jessica Brown

Lucas Price

Paul Johansen

Gorden Batcheller – not currently but maybe in later

Tyler Knierim – maybe

Justin Vreeland - maybe

Attendance

Tim Green, tgreen@bul.gov, interested in serving

James E. Cardoza

Craig Hicks

Jessica Brown

Lucas Prince, LPrince@mix.wvu.edu, may be interested in serving

Paul Johansen, paul.r.johansen@wu.gov, interested in serving

Gordon Batcheller

Tyler Knierim

Justin Vreeland

Dee Blanton; on Professional EAB

Caroline Murphy, government relations manager out of TWS staff

Present	Executive Board	
x	President	Megan Linske
x	President Elect	Budd Veverka

x	Secretary (1-year temp)	Bridget Sousa
x	Treasurer	Scott Williams
x	Member at Large	Jessica Brown (incoming)
	Member at Large	Angela Fuller
	Member at Large	Emily Boyd (outgoing)
	Section Representative	Duane Diefenbach
	Chapters	
	Maine	Caroline Byrne
	Maryland/Delaware	Eric Ness
	New England	Susan McCarthy
	New Jersey - President	Brian Kirkpatrick
	New Jersey – Chapter Rep	Eric Schradling
	New York	Budd Veverka
	Pennsylvania (President)	Craig Hicks
	Pennsylvania (Chapter Rep)	Emily Thomas
	West Virginia	Mack Frantz
	Maine	Caroline Byrne
	Maryland/Delaware	Eric Ness
	Committees	
	Audit	Mitch Hartley
	Awards	Budd Veverka
x	Communications, Newsletter	Bridget Sousa
	Webmaster	Ken MacKenzie
	Conservation Affairs	Karen Stackpole
x	Operations	Tim Green
	Student Affairs	Ross Conover
	Student Development Working Group Rep	<i>vacant</i>
	Field Course Rep	Bill Healy
	Field Course (alternate)	John McDonald