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### MEETINGS in 2016

The Wildlife Society  
Raleigh, NC 15-19, 2016

### SWS Working for You (2015-16)

President Mark Wallace (TX)  
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Past President Leland Pierce (NM)  
Sec/Treas Annaliese Scoggin (TX)  
SW Sec Rep Fidel Hernandez  
(TX)  
Scott Lerich (NM) Certification Re-  
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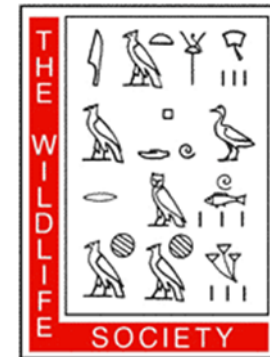
#### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS OF SOUTHWEST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Section meeting with State Chapters  
Partnerships with other organizations  
Scholarships to support becoming a CWB  
Connecting AZ, NM, and TX Chapters  
Support for Student Chapters  
Newsletters (2 per year)  
Listserv and Web site  
Facebook page: *The Wildlife Society  
Southwest Section Chapters Hub*  
Annual Membership still only \$5

<http://swsectiontws.org>

#### SOUTHWEST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Excellence in wildlife stewardship  
through science and education.



## The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society

We foster professional  
relationships among  
members and promote  
the use of science-based  
information for  
conservation of wildlife.

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# Southwest Section (SWS) and TWS Update

## Who we are

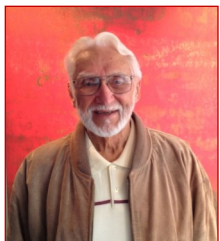
We are >250 biologists from Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Mexico, and Costa Rica exchanging information to support wildlife conservation and management.

## What we do

Conservation, management, policy, information exchange, education

## Events, Meetings, Awards, and Sponsorships in 2014

The Southwest Section Meeting was held in conjunction with the 50th Annual Texas Chapter (Feb 19-22) in Austin and presented our first two awards. At the Arizona/New Mexico Joint Annual Meeting (Feb 6-8), the Section sponsored a Venomous Reptile Handling Workshop, a Women



Roger Bumstead

of Wildlife lunch. The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Roger Bumstead (NM) who helped establish the Section and the Outstanding Service Award was presented to Selma Glasscock (TX).

The Southwest Section was proud to be a sponsor of the 2014 Biennial Pronghorn Workshop, May 12-15, 2014.

## WOW! At Work

The SWS hosted a conference call in November 2014 to spotlight the formation of a Women of Wildlife (WOW) Committee. The conference call included conversations with women in the field of wildlife. You can access the call using the following information: Playback Number: 605/562-0029, Meeting ID: 634-775-555, Reference Number: 1.

This year the SWS is sponsoring 2 WOW events at Chapter meetings with a lunch at the Joint Annual AZ/NM TWS meeting and a reception at the Texas meeting. We will discuss what WOW does next to foster professional development and networking opportunities.

We also have a WOW button for the Southwest Section designed by TWS and SWS WOW members Erin Saunders and Serra Hoagland.



## 2016 Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute (LI) provides leadership training for career development and advancement in TWS. Since 2006, 18% of the LI grads have been from the Southwest Section. Many are now in Chapter and Section leadership roles. Apply by March 27 (<http://wildlife.org/next-generation/leadership-institute/>).

## National Awards (Pittsburgh Conference)

*SWS Distinguished Service Award:* Terry L. Blankenship  
*Conservation Education Award:* Houston Zoo's Collegiate Conservation Program  
*Wildlife Publication Award for Edited Book:* Nova J. Silvy  
*Caesar Kleberg Award:* William M. Block  
*Fellow:* John L. Koprowski  
*Honorary Membership:* Robert J. Warren  
*Aldo Leopold Memorial Award:* Robert J. Warren

## SWS Representative to Council

We elected Fidel Hernandez as our new representative to Council contact [fidel.hernandez@tamuk.edu](mailto:fidel.hernandez@tamuk.edu)

## Fact Sheets and Policy Briefs

The Wildlife Society produces **Fact Sheets** on issues related to wildlife management and conservation. TWS members and non-members can print and distribute fact sheets below to educate decision-makers, the public, and other stakeholders on issues that affect wildlife. Check out fact sheets on feral animals, disease, lead impacts, and more.

<http://wildlife.org/get-involved/policy/fact-sheets/>



**Policy Briefs** provide information on federal policies and programs that impact wildlife management and conservation. Briefs provide a synopsis of the motivation and results of the policy or program and how it impacts conservation.

Policy Briefs are a resource for wildlife professionals interested in understanding more about a specific policy or educating decision-makers of the importance of these policies and programs.

<http://wildlife.org/get-involved/policy/policy-briefs/>

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