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President's Message

Leland Pierce - 2014 President Southwest Section of The Wildlife

Autumn has arrived to the Southwest Section. As I write this, the National TWS conference in Pittsburgh is around the corner and the day after that is Halloween. Election season follows, including that of the SW Section. The holidays begin in earnest and one month later is the Section business meeting, to be held at the Joint Annual Meeting of the Arizona and New Mexico Chapters, February 5 -7, down in Las Cruces, NM.



The leadership of the SW section has been active in the time since I last wrote the president's message for our newsletter. The executive board has held two conference calls, in July and September. The board has been actively discussing ways to improve the value of membership and how to bring in new members. Working with the presidents of the three state chapters – Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, west to east – two candidates have been identified to run for the position of Southwest representative to the national TWS council. Later in this newsletter you will find names of individuals running for the various positions on the executive board of the SW Section, including the splitting of the duties of Secretary/Treasurer into Secretary and Treasurer. And the board has examined the bylaws and has some proposals for your review; you will be given the opportunity to vote on them between now and the business meeting in February of next year. Look for those in this newsletter as well.

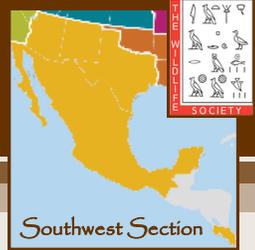
We will be active between the publication of this message and the business meeting, when I hand the reins of leadership over to Dr. Mark Wallace of Texas Tech University. At the AZ – NM joint meeting this year I heard over and over that members wanted a Women of Wildlife committee. I am pleased to note that this will happen. We are also exploring a committee dedicated to fostering discussion between wildlife professionals who make great use of geospatial technologies (e.g., GIS, remote sensing, LiDAR). And the board will continue to develop strategies to make membership in the SW Section even more meaningful.

This is my last message as President. I would like to take this time to thank the members of the executive board, Mark, Misty Sumner (past-president, TX), and Annaliese Scoggin (Secretary/Treasurer, TX), as well as our current representative to council, Dr. Carol Chambers (AZ). I also thank the committee chairs that have volunteered their time and energy. Amazing people all and it has been a privilege to work with them this year.

May we all have a happy and safe holiday season. Take care.



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*SWS president Leland Pierce (center, highest up slope) helping in multi-agency effort to translocate the New Mexico state-threatened endemic Sacramento Mountains Salamander, *Aneides hardii*, prior to scheduled roadwork, early September in southeastern New Mexico.
Photo by A. Bradley, The Nature Conservancy.*

Southwest Section Annual Meeting

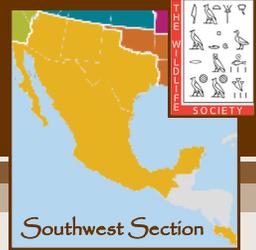
The annual meeting for the Southwest Section will be held during the [Joint Annual Meeting for the New Mexico and Arizona Chapters of The Wildlife Society](#). **The Section is sponsoring a breakfast on Friday February 6, 7:30 am 8:45 am.** The SW Section Breakfast is open to all attendees and will be held in the San Andres Ball Room. Breakfast is \$10 for SW Section members, \$15 for non-members, or you can attend the meeting free (no breakfast).



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It is not just the SWS Board working for you. Remember your Committee Chairs:

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Women of Wildlife Committee:	Coming soon! Carol Chambers serving as temporary chair	928-523-0014	carol.chambers@nau.edu

Important information

Upcoming State Chapter Annual Meetings:

[New Mexico/Arizona Joint Annual Meeting](#)—February 5-7, 2015

[Texas](#)—February 19-22, 2015

SW Section Website

TWS is re-working its webpages. While the national office continues to work on them, links continue to be broken and it can be difficult to find the SW Section site. Please realize this is out of our hands and we are working hard to speed things along. In the meantime the link to the Southwest Section Webpage can be found after multiple clicks on The Wildlife Society's page or by going directly to: <http://drupal.wildlife.org/sw/>.





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"Southwest Section WOWs Us"

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The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society hosted a conference call on November 20, 2014 to spotlight the formation of a Women of Wildlife Committee, also known as WOW. In 2011, a few TWS members and leaders began developing WOW, a group intended to promote and support women in the wildlife profession and to provide mentoring opportunities and advice.

The conference call included two conversations with women in the field of wildlife. The Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Alexandra Sandoval, was interviewed on her thoughts on women in positions of leadership. There was also a discussion with Jessica Homyack, Sara Schweitzer, and Tabitha Graves, authors of, "Glass Ceilings and Institutional Biases: A closer look at barriers facing women in science and technical fields".

Leland Pierce, President of the Southwest Section, and Carol Chambers, Southwest Section Representative to TWS Council, led the call. The conversation with Director Sandoval included a Q&A session about her path to becoming the Director of the NM Dept. of Game and Fish as well as her techniques for recruiting diversity in the wildlife field, particularly women, Native Americans, and Hispanics. Sandoval's main technique is to allow different people to have a voice.

"I want to have a more diverse conversation, but we have to approach those groups and hear what they have to say," she said. "My plan is to allow for those conversations and interactions to happen. When we allow for that diversity of thought, it attracts positive energy."

Following Sandoval's Q&A, Homyack, Schweitzer, and Graves discussed their recent article, which appeared in the Fall 2014 issue of *The Wildlife Professional*. The authors investigated the variation in structure among organization types and analyzed any biases about men or women in the wildlife management field.

"Literature shows that overt discrimination against women and other minorities has decreased over time but we are still seeing sub-biases that have important ramifications for retaining women in the career," said Homyack.

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The call concluded with discussions on the formation of the new TWS Southwest Section WOW Committee. The call was recorded and you can access it using the following information: Playback Number: 605/562-0029, Meeting ID: 634-775-555, Reference Number: 1. The call is 83 minutes long.

The main goal of the committee is to provide positive influence for women in the wildlife profession through the Southwest Section. The committee plans to meet in conjunction with the Arizona and New Mexico joint annual meeting on February 5-7, 2015, and possibly at the Texas annual meeting on February 19-22, 2015. The Southwest Section hopes to have a committee chair in place by February.



*Alexa Sandoval, Director
New Mexico Department of Game
and Fish*



Jessica Homyack, Sara Schweitzer, and Tabitha Graves are co-authors of the recent article "Glass Ceilings and Institutional Biases" Fall 2014 issue of The Wildlife Professional



Glass Ceilings and Institutional Biases

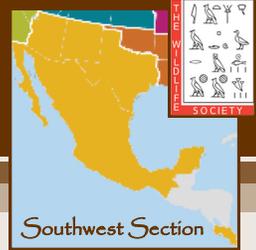
A CLOSER LOOK AT BARRIERS FACING WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL FIELDS

By Jessica A. Homyack, Sara H. Schweitzer, and Tabitha Graves

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Conferences If you attended the Pittsburgh conference you were one of 1,552 participants that made this a successful event. Get your passports ready now for the 2015 conference in Wininpeg, Manitoba, Canada (October 17-21). The call for proposals is out with a deadline of February 6 for workshops, symposia, panel discussions, and special poster sessions (<http://wildlife.org/22nd-annual-conference-of-the-wildlife-society/>). There's another opportunity for international travel to the Fifth International Wildlife Management Congress (<http://iwmc2015.org/>) coming up July 26-30, 2015, in Sapporo, Japan. The theme of the IWMC2015 is "International Models of Wildlife Biology and Management: Beyond Cultural Differences." Both cities also have great wildlife-watching opportunities.

Publications and communications Nancy Sasavage joined TWS in October as the Director of Publications and Communications and Editor-in-Chief of The Wildlife Professional (Nancy.Sasavage@wildlife.org). She has extensive experience in developing and managing print and digital communications and served as editor of a monthly news magazine. Nancy has worked with hundreds of expert authors throughout her career and is excited to join her interest in wildlife with her scientific editorial expertise. Nancy has a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Michigan State University. Joshua Learn has is our new science writer. Josh has a M.S. in journalism and a B.A. in cultural anthropology, extensive writing experience in wildlife issues. Dana Kobilinsky, our new editorial intern has a bachelors in mass communication. She completed an internship with Defenders of Wildlife prior to joining TWS. Cassie Martin, our current science writer, is leaving TWS to work as a writer with Oceans at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The TWS website (<http://wildlife.org/>) has a new look and right now is featuring us! See the article on the Woman of Wildlife (WOW) SW Section event organized by SW Section President Leland Pierce (<http://wildlife.org/southwest-section-wows-us/>). For those interested in hearing the event, it was recorded and you can access it using the following information: Playback Number: 605/562-0029, Meeting ID: 634-775-555, Reference Number: 1. The call is 83 minutes long and features a Q&A session with the Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Alexandra Sandoval and a panel discussion from the authors of "Glass Ceilings and Institutional Biases: A closer look at barriers facing women in science and technical fields."

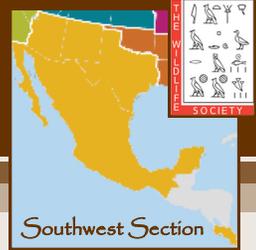
Elections Don't forget, now is the time to vote for Southwest Section officers! We have great candidates—see their information in this newsletter.



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The weekly eWildlifer, should be coming to your email now as a paid TWS member. This new product is launched and replaces the Wildlifer and Wildlife Policy News. The eWildlifer includes links to previous week's stories, a Quiz Bowl question, announcements, and weekly wildlife photos you can save as desktop background. You'll also find previews and selected articles from The Wildlife Professional in the eWildlifer.

Native American Working Group TWS worked with Michel Kohl and Serra Hoagland (AZ) of the Native People's Wildlife Management Working Group to support 10 Native American students at the Pittsburgh conference. Individuals selected for this program received grants to help cover registration fees, lodging, meals and transportation to attend and participate in the annual conference. Check out more activities at <http://wildlife.org/network/tws-local/working-groups/>.

Government Affairs TWS Government Affairs staff released a new policy resource, the Policy Brief Series on the website. Six policy briefs are available for members to download and use to educate themselves and others on various federal policies related to wildlife. This resource and all other policy resources are available at www.wildlife.org/policy.

Membership Renew your membership now if you haven't already. We are at 9242 members, close to our highest point of 10,000+. Review membership benefits at <http://wildlife.org/membership-benefits/>. Strong membership supports the changes we want to make at state, section, and national levels. We are also continuing The 1,000 Campaign. Development efforts to date have raised \$80,400. We are considering restructuring Student Conclaves, expanding them from 5 to 8 beginning 2016 to align a conclave with each TWS Section. What are your thoughts on this?

Social Media The TWS Facebook page currently has over 22,000 likes and is a great way to get news. You can join 263 others by liking us at The Wildlife Society Southwest Section Chapters Hub (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Wildlife-Society-Southwest-Section-Chapters-Hub/205755042835210>). The TWS Women of Wildlife (WOW) Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/TWS-Women-of-Wildlife/234411723382592>) is now at 935 likes, up from 863 in December.

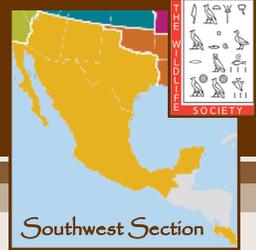
Remember that you are, or could be, one of the almost 10,000 members of TWS national. Contact me at Carol.Chambers@nau.edu or 928-523-0014 (office) with any comments or questions.



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New Faces at National



Nancy Sasavage

Nancy Sasavage, Director of Publications and Communications/Editor-in-Chief

Nancy Sasavage (nancy.sasavage@wildlife.org) was selected from the 100 applications received as the new Director of Publications and Communications for TWS after Lisa Moore accepted a position with National Wildlife Federation as Editor-in-Chief of National Wildlife.

Nancy joined The Wildlife Society in October, 2014 to lead the society's publications and communications, including serving as Editor-in-Chief of The Wildlife Professional. She has extensive experience in developing and managing both print and digital communications for professionals in the health care field and served as editor of a monthly news magazine, Clinical Laboratory News. Nancy has worked with hundreds of expert authors throughout her career and is excited to join her interest in wildlife with her scientific editorial expertise. Earlier in her career, she worked at a biotechnology company and taught DNA sequencing in research laboratories around the world. Nancy holds two degrees in biochemistry - a B.S. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

Cassie Martin's Departure...

TWS hired Cassie Martin as a full-time science writer for The Wildlife Professional. Martin began working for TWP as an intern in 2013 and has since proved herself a skilled reporter and writer. Martin wrote the very popular Science in Short summaries, occasional features and sidebars, and frequent news articles for our news site, among other contributions. Cassie recently left TWS after landing a writing position at Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a writer with the Oceans at MIT group.

And Joshua Learn's arrival!

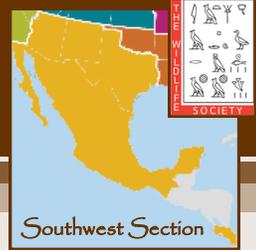
Joshua Learn has taken Cassie Martin's place as the new science writer. Josh Graduated from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology. He holds a masters of journalism degree from Ryerson University in Toronto and has dual citizenship in Canada and the United States. Josh has been a writer/reporter for several Canadian newspapers as well as Canadian Geographic and Greenwire and ClimateWire.



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Mariah Simmons

Mariah Simmons (msimmons@wildlife.org) joined TWS as the new Wildlife Programs Coordinator in August. Mariah will be the primary liaison with sections, state/province chapters, student chapters and working groups. In addition to the communications and service support for these groups, Mariah will be responsible for raising visibility by creating content that can be published on the TWS website and cross-promoted via e-newsletter and through social media to support membership efforts. She'll also work to improve communications and networking opportunities with headquarters and other subunits while ensuring that they are in compliance with financial and activities reporting as established by TWS Council. Katie Edwards will continue to handle Professional Certification and Development duties for TWS and will assist in training Mariah to ensure a smooth transition.

Mariah has a B.S. in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of Maryland with a concentration in Wildlife Ecology and Management and a minor in Geographic Information Systems. She was a Biological Service Aid at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, a Wildlife Biology Intern at the Patuxent Research Refuge and a volunteer for U.S.G S. and Phillip's Wharf Environmental Center. Additionally, she was the co-founder of the University of Maryland TWS Student Chapter in 2011, serving as Vice President and then President of that chapter during its first two years of existence. While in those roles, she helped grow the chapter from 50 in the first year to more than 100 by the end of the second year.



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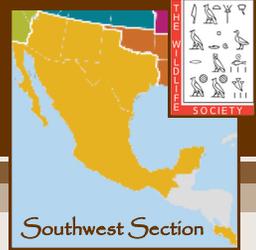
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They will be missed...

Source <http://news.wildlife.org/wildlifer/the-wildlifer-september-2014/staff-changes/>

Lisa Moore, Departing Publications Director and Editor-in-Chief, in her own words:

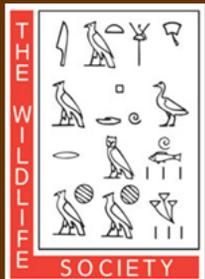
Departures are often bittersweet, and that's especially true for me as I leave The Wildlife Society to take a new job as Editorial Director at the National Wildlife Federation. Since I arrived at TWS in early 2008, I have had the great pleasure of working with a talented staff to produce 26 issues of The Wildlife Professional. It's a "member magazine" in the truest sense—written by, about, and for all of you, and your contributions have made it an award-winning publication of which we can all be proud.



I've had the honor of meeting many of you at our annual conferences and working with many of you on your articles for TWP. You've given me an eye-opening education in what it takes to manage and sustain wildlife populations—work that takes brains, unparalleled dedication, and herculean effort that most people who say they love wildlife will never see and may not fully appreciate. That's why it has been such a privilege to publish your stories in The Wildlife Professional. Keep telling those stories—the world needs to hear them. And thank you for these nearly seven years of friendship, education, and growth.

Katie Edwards, TWS Certification and Subunits Coordinator, left in August for a new field position with the Fairfax County Police Department in northern Virginia.

Katie made great contributions to the Society over the last couple of years. The new opportunity offers field work, the potential for professional advancement, and other benefits that are important to her. We currently are proceeding with a staffing plan for Certification and Subunits coordination, which among other things will involve Katie's continuing involvement with TWS to ensure a seamless support for these critical functions during the transition.



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New Mexico News

Game Commission Names Alexandra Sandoval Department of Game and Fish Director

Albuquerque - Alexandra Sandoval, a 20-year employee of the Department of Game and Fish, is the department's new director of the State Game Commission.

Sandoval began her career with the department in 1994 as a district wildlife officer (game warden) in Roswell and Clayton. She went on to become a wildlife specialist, federal grant manager, licensing supervisor and Administrative Services Division chief and chief financial officer. She holds a master's degree in Business Administration from New Mexico Highlands University and a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from Colorado State University and is a graduate of the National Conservation Leadership Institute.

As the second woman director in the department's 101-year history, Sandoval is responsible for managing a state wildlife agency with more than 300 employees and an annual budget of more than \$38 million.



Elk calf studies in New Mexico—Texas Tech University has teamed up with New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to study elk calf survival in New Mexico (the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area, the Valles Caldera National Preserve, and the Valle Vidal).

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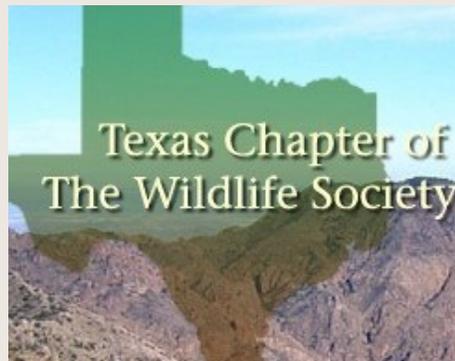
Texas News

TCTWS turns 50!

The Jubilee Celebration, 2014-2015... From Reflective to Predictive

Formed in 1965, The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TCTWS) is celebrating its 50th year. The Jubilee Celebration, a year-long recognition of the importance of the Texas Chapter, started with the 50th Annual Conference in Austin (February 2014) and concludes with the 51st Annual Conference in Corpus Christi (February 2015). The theme for 50th Annual Conference was "The First 50 Years of Wildlife Management – Struggles and Achievements." The theme of the 2015 conference will be "The Next 50 Years of Wildlife Management – Challenges and Opportunities." During the latter conference, Texas Chapter members will dust off the crystal ball and attempt to anticipate what the future holds for members. As part of the Jubilee Celebration, there will be chronicles of the people, events, and awards from the first half century of the Texas Chapter.

The first year is reflective. The next year is predictive.



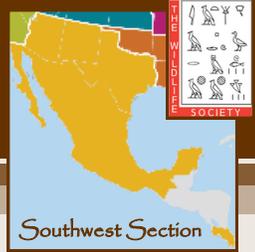
Texas is a dynamic chapter and a typical meeting has over 500 attendees and 115 presentations and posters. There is always a Student Mixer Thursday night and Student Breakfast Friday morning for students to network with professionals. **The 2015 annual meeting will be held February 19-21 in Corpus Christi.** Program Co-Chairs are Nova Silvy and Michael Tewes. Find out more at <http://tctws.org/annual-meeting/>.



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Arizona News

It is with great sadness that we report that Dr. Ronnie Sidner passed away on August 2 after a serious car accident along I-10 in southern Arizona. She was coming home from a night of teaching people about bats at the Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival in Sierra Vista. Ronnie was one of the featured Presenters at the Festival. For those of you who didn't have the pleasure of knowing Ronnie, below is her bio from the Festival.

A long-time member of the Arizona Bat Resource Group, Western Bat Working Group, and a regular at NASBR meetings, Ronnie will be deeply missed, for her many contributions to bat ecology and mammals of Arizona, and for her friendship.



Ronnie Sidner
Photo courtesy of Howard Topoff

Biography of Ronnie Sidner - Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival

Ronnie Sidner, PhD, supports her love of Arizona's natural environments as a self-employed ecological consultant, surveying for bats. She has conducted inventories, research, and conservation projects about bats since 1980 on forest service lands, national parks, state parks, and just about anywhere you can find bats in Arizona. She continues long-term monitoring to determine changing resource use by bats, especially endangered Lesser Long nosed Bats, on Ft. Huachuca (AZ). Ronnie began research in Arizona's Chihuahuan desert in 1980 on offspring sex ratios of female Pallid Bats compared with Big Brown Bats, and studied lifetime mortality and reproduction of these desert bats following several thousand tagged animals through their lifespan in the wild. Her publications include results of bat studies, identification of spotted owl prey in pellets, range extensions by desert shrews, recent dispersal by cliff chipmunks to the Huachuclas, and bat and other mammal surveys of public lands. Dr. Sidner frequently lectures on Arizona's bats and other native mammals.



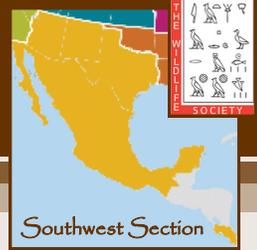
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Leptonycteris curasoae, Macrotus californicus, Antrozous pallidus (L to R; photos courtesy Bruce Taubert)



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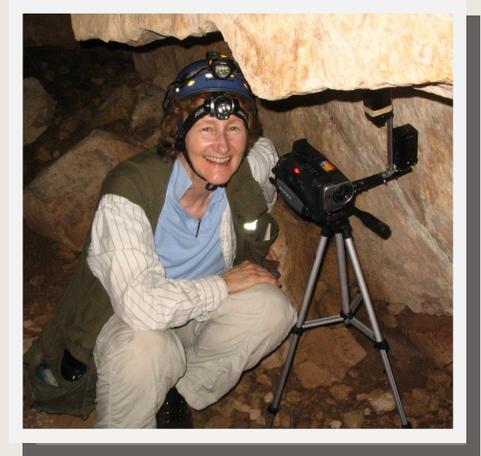


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August 6, 2014 Tucson News Report Tony Davis



Ronnie Sidner's 35-year love affair with bats has come to a tragic end. Back in the late 1970s, Sidner, then a middle school teacher in Parker, took a field course in mammals at Northern Arizona University, went on a field trip to net bats, and it was love at first sight. That led her to a career of monitoring, writing about and advocating on behalf of bats, and becoming one of Arizona's top bat researchers.

Starting in 1980, she conducted bat research and conservation projects on national forest, national park, state park and military reserves for government agencies and nonprofit groups. She lectured tirelessly, often with a pet bat in hand, and belonged to research and working groups on bats.

But Friday night, Sidner, 63, was killed in a car crash on Interstate 10 while driving back to her Tucson home from Sierra Vista. She was returning from the Southwest Wings Festival, where she had taken participants to Ramsey Canyon south of the city to use night vision equipment to watch bats drink nectar from hummingbird feeders.

Family members said they were told by police that Sidner's car had swerved off westbound I-10 into a median east of Alvernon Way, then went into eastbound lanes where it collided with another vehicle.

"She was one of the top bat researchers in Southern Arizona. She had the longest and broadest knowledge of any active bat researcher in this area," said **Debbie Buecher**, a close friend and fellow ecological consultant who collaborated with Sidner on bat research projects for decades.

Sidner's death leaves a huge hole in the region's bat research community, said **Scott Richardson**, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supervisory biologist in Tucson.

"She was a dedicated, passionate biologist who dedicated her life to the conservation of bats," said Richardson.

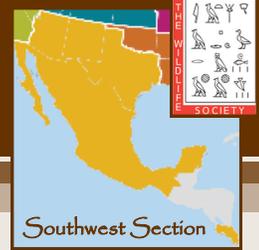
She was the person to call if you wanted to know something about bats, echoed **Angie McIntire**, Arizona Game and Fish Department's bat management coordinator. "She was very knowledgeable across a wide range of species. You don't get that many researchers with that kind of depth anymore."



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With 28 bat species known to live in Arizona, bats are a big deal here, drawing intensive research of their behavior and populations. The state’s low desert, high mountains and proximity to the tropics “provides a niche for every kind of bat, whether a grassland bat, a forest tree bat, or a desert bat,” observed Buecher. “I would bet that she handled every single species.”

Sidner made one of her biggest marks as a researcher by monitoring, with Buecher, the recovery of the endangered lesser long-nosed bat at Fort Huachuca over 25 years from zero to 19,000 animals. The research began in 1989 after fort wildlife biologist Sheridan Stone took an old gate to fence off a cave, letting bats roost there undisturbed.

The two tracked a population of about 1,000 cave myotis bats at Kartchner Caverns shortly after the caverns’ existence was revealed in the late 1980s. Using another bat-friendly gate, they monitored lesser long-nosed bats for three years at Coronado National Memorial in Cochise County at the Mexican border.

Working as a U.S. Border Patrol consultant, she monitored mine sites around high-tech towers in Southern Arizona to check their impact on the endangered bats, Richardson said. In the coming year, she was to work on similar research on a new tower, this time gathering “baseline” data on how bats use the area now.

She monitored bats’ use of bridges to help state transportation officials and railroad companies understand that use before they upgrade or replace them. She worked for Westland Resources, Rosemont Copper’s environmental consultant, using infrared lights to monitor the distribution of agaves, where the long-nosed bats feed, across the proposed Rosemont Mine site.

“The Rosemont site has a good population of agaves,” Buecher said. “This year there were so many flowering agaves that I went along one road and counted 113 flowering stalks going through there.”

Sidner was for 16 years on the faculty at the Tucson Audubon Society’s Institute for Desert Ecology, and gave talks at numerous bat and other wildlife festivals.

She helped the public understand the often misunderstood bats’ value to the ecosystem and society, Richardson said. “There are a lot of old wives’ tales that bats are blind, that bats will fly into your hair and get tangled, that all bats are rabid, that are based on misinformation and old traditions. They’re not true at all,” Richardson said. Sidner had a gentle spirit that could turn peoples’ minds around about bats with a single talk, added Buecher. “When you take a live bat and show someone how gentle and beautiful they are and explain what they can do, that’s all it takes to convince people that they are fabulous,” Buecher said.



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In Memory

Sidner was raised in Pennsylvania and obtained a bachelor’s degree in arts and elementary education at Kansas State University. Then she moved to Parker, at the California border, where she taught science for seven years.

In the late 1970s, she went to the University of Arizona, where she obtained a master’s degree in mammalogy in 1982 and a Ph.D. in 1997.

Explaining Sidner’s attraction to bats, Buecher said, “You just look at their faces. They’re fascinating animals. They are so intelligent. They can turn on a dime in flight, and they can echolocate.”

One of her contributions was the use of low-disturbance bat monitoring, Richardson and Buecher said.

“When she was counting bats that were coming out of the roost, she would set up and use camera equipment in a way that wouldn’t affect the bats,” Richardson said. “Most of these roosts are old mines, in a small, confined space. The bats are very sensitive to any sorts of disturbance and if they get disturbed enough, they abandon them.”

Survivors include her husband, **Russell Davis**, a retired UA mammalogist and professor of ecology and evolutionary biology; a brother and three sisters.



Ronnie Sidner: In Celebration Of A Life

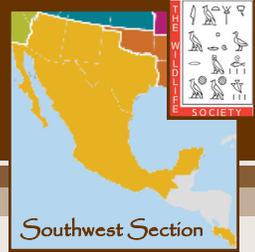
Tucson Audubon is exploring ways to create a living memorial to the life and work of Ronnie Sidner by creating a bat roost at Tucson Audubon's Mason Center. If you would like to help in supporting this memorial with your financial gift, please contact Paul Green (pgreen@tucsonaudubon.org), Executive Director, Tucson Audubon. Tucson Audubon is working with Ronnie's friends, family, and colleagues to ensure this is something that Ronnie would want.



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Candidates for the Office of President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer of the Southwest Section of TWS for 2015

In accordance with Southwest Section Bylaws, the Nominations Committee has identified two candidates to run for the office of President-Elect. The Bylaws require that the slate of officers be submitted to the membership by November 15 or at least 30 days before the election. In addition to candidates nominated by the Section Nominating Committee, others may be nominated for the same offices by a written petition to the Secretary-Treasurer signed by at least 30 active members no later than 1 July in the year of the elections. Prior approval shall be obtained from all candidates before nomination and all nominees shall be full members of the Section and voting members of the Society. Balloting will be carried out by electronic vote. Each member will receive a ballot on or before November 15 or at least 30 days before the election accompanied by an announcement of the slate of officers. Candidates and biographies are included on the following pages.

(Ballots sent by Survey Monkey 12/31/14 to voting member emails. If you did not receive an email Ballot contact mark.wallace@ttu.edu)

VISION STATEMENTS

PRESIDENT-ELECT: PATRICIA McDANIEL

Patricia "Tish" McDaniel will begin her new job as a Range Conservationist Scientist with the Center of Excellence in eastern New Mexico in January 2015.

She graduated from Eastern New Mexico University with a B.S. in biology and chemistry and received an additional B.S. degree in Agriculture from New Mexico State University with an emphasis in wildlife biology and range conservation. Prior to



her full time employment with CEHMM, Tish worked for The Nature Conservancy in New Mexico as the Southern Shortgrass Prairie Program Director for 9.5 years. Tish also worked for 15 years as an environmental educator in Eastern New Mexico and contracted with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Partners Program, Otero Soil and Water Conservation District, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Wildlife Plus and Grasslands Charitable Foundation.

"It would be an honor to serve as President-Elect for the Southwest Section of the Wildlife Society. It is increasingly more difficult to work in a world where humans and wildlife co-exist, but I have been able to take my avocation for wildlife and make it my vocation and I feel that I have contributed to conservation on the Southern Shortgrass Prairie."

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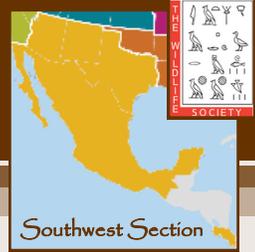
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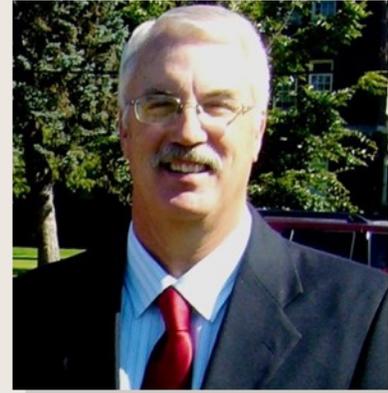
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PRESIDENT-ELECT: BILL DUNN



Who I Am: I hold a PhD in Landscape Ecology from the University of New Mexico and have been a wildlife and landscape ecologist for over 30 years for state wildlife agencies and as a private consultant. During my career, I studied and managed species ranging from Lesser Prairie-Chickens to bighorn sheep. One of my most important duties has been to work with a diversity of publics to find practical and innovative solutions to conservation challenges. I have found success usually comes if there is a consistent effort to foster mutual respect and honest, informed two-way communication. To do so requires a solid foundation of knowledge and the ability to convey ideas in a way that gains attention.

How the Southwest Section Can Best Serve Our Profession: I see this section as a bridge to bring together the strength and diversity of several excellent chapters, Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico. Members in these chapters face many of the same challenges such as conserving imperiled species in the face of growing development of energy resources. But they also face unique challenges such as managing wildlife on public (AZ, NM) vs. private lands (TX). I would like to see the section become an engine for sharing information and ideas that expand our ability to effectively conserve natural resources whether it is in the pine woodlands of east Texas or the desert mountains of western Arizona.

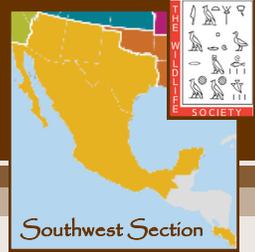
Annual meetings may not be the best means to achieve this goal given chronically limited travel funds and competition with other meetings. Instead, I propose 2 alternatives. First, we should enhance our digital communication capabilities. Currently, we have an informative facebook page and a newsletter. I would like to see us develop a state-of-the-art website offering sections such as (1) a blog offering a "question of the month", (2) highlights of current issues across the southwest, (3) recent publications and reports by members, and (4) on-line training that fulfills Continuing Education requirements. Second, I would like to see each chapter dedicate one session of their annual meeting to presentations from members of the other chapter. This "cross-pollination" would provide fresh thinking that could expand the influence of TWS in conserving natural resources throughout the Southwest.



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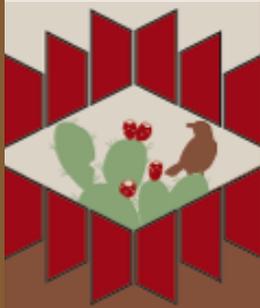
PRESIDENT-ELECT: DAN COLLINS

The Wildlife Society's mission is to "inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitats through science-based management and conservation" and I believe this should be no different at any level of TWS. I hope that through my work, on-going project support, research, and student mentoring this mission is reflected. As a graduate student I looked forward to state chapter meetings as they provided an important platform to get to know established professionals and present my work. Now as a professional and student committee member I encourage many of the students on projects to present at multiple TWS levels and will continue to do so in order to develop our next generation of Biologists and I would encourage professionals to continue to develop themselves through the participation and engagement at all TWS levels.

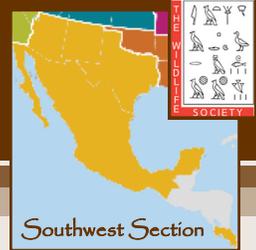
I have grown to appreciate and admire the variety of fish, wildlife, and habitats in the southwestern part of the country and if elected president-elect, I would actively serve the Southwest section to enhance, maintain, and develop partnerships between state chapters, international chapters (i.e., Mexico and Costa Rica), and TWS itself. While currently the treasurer for the New Mexico chapter of TWS this would be my first leadership role with the Southwest section of The Wildlife Society, and would use my passion for the southwest to work with other elected members to continue to enhance, maintain, and develop the Southwest section. Thank you for your consideration.



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DAN COLLINS (continued)

EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. in Forestry, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX 2012
- M.S. in Natural Resource Management, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX 2004
- B.S. in Biology, Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC 1998

CURRENT and PAST POSITIONS:

- Migratory Game Bird Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2 – Migratory Bird Office, Albuquerque, NM 2011 - Present
- Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management, Pacific Flyway Office Portland, Oregon 2008-2011
- Ph.D. Graduate Research Assistant, Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas 2004-2008
- Fire Management Technician, Arkansas Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, Little Rock, Arkansas 2003-2004

RECORD OF SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION

- Articles published in peer-reviewed journals including Wetland Ecology and Management, The Southwestern Naturalist, Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management, and Texas Journal of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Applied research projects funded by US Fish and Wildlife Service, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and US Geological Service Science Support Program
- Over 25 presentations given as talks or posters by my students and me at state chapter meetings, national meetings, and international meetings

WILDLIFE SOCIETY PARTICIPATION – Chapter, Region, National

- TWS Member since 2000
- TX and NM state chapter member 2000-2008 / 2011-present
- Treasurer NM state chapter 2012-present

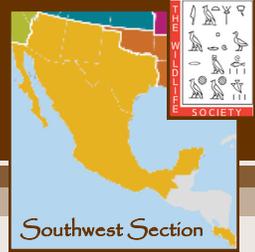
OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- *Reviewer:* American Midland Naturalist, Waterbirds, Wildlife Society Bulletin, Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management
- *Subject Editor:* Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management
- *Gulf Coast Joint Venture:* Waterfowl Working Group Member, Mottled Duck Working Group Member
- *Oaks and Prairie Joint Venture:* Waterfowl, Water Bird and Shore Bird Conservation Technical Team
- *Intermountain West Joint Venture:* Sandhill Crane Working Group
- *Playa Lakes Joint Venture:* Science Advisory Team
- *Great Plains LCC:* Science Subcommittee Member
- *Adjunct Professor,* Stephen F. Austin State University
- *Adjunct Professor,* Texas A&M – Kingsville
- *Adjunct Professor,* New Mexico State University
- *Adjunct Professor,* Texas Tech University
- *Adjunct Professor,* Sul Ross State University



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SECRETARY: HEATHER BATEMAN



The Wildlife Society is an organization that provides “excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education.” I am proud to contribute to the society through my research and student mentoring. My membership with the Wildlife Society began when I was a graduate student studying ecological restoration along the Middle Rio Grande and the effects on herpetofauna. I continue to expand this research by focusing on wildlife and habitat along southwestern streams. Presenting this work annually at our chapter and national meetings has allowed me to engage with other researchers and managers in the southwest. Additionally, these meetings have provided me the opportunity to include students and introduce them to the society. From Chapter meetings to the National annual meeting, the Wildlife Society provides diverse experiences for students to interact with wildlife professionals, natural resource managers, and academics. One of my goals is to increase student involvement in wildlife research and experiences so we can promote today’s students to future professionals. This past year, through the urging of students, I lead the effort to organize a student Quiz Bowl competition at the 2014 Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) of the AZ, NM chapters of The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society. This provided an exciting venue for students to test their wildlife and fisheries knowledge. I’m excited to again lead this endeavor for the 2015 JAM.

If elected Secretary, I would actively serve the Southwest section to organize and archive meeting notes and minutes. I would enjoy working with the very active chapters in the Southwest section to promote events held for professional development and student involvement. By working with student chapters, we could promote opportunities by highlighting programs offered by agencies and academic institutions and highlight the good works of our young professionals. I would enjoy seeing a section of the newsletter or online blog spotlighting some of the outstanding student-directed research in the Southwest. Although this would be my first leadership role with the Wildlife Society, I would use my enthusiasm to work with Carol, Mark, Leland, and Annaliese to continue to grow the Southwest section. Thank you for your consideration.



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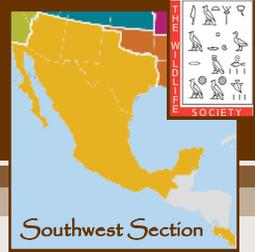
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HEATHER BATEMAN *(continued)*

EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. in Biology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 2007
- M.S. in Biology, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, 2000
- B.S. in Ecology, Idaho State University, Pocatello, 1998

CURRENT and PAST POSITIONS:

- Associate Professor, College of Letters and Sciences, Arizona State University, Mesa, AZ, 2014-present
- Assistant Professor, Polytechnic campus, Arizona State University, Mesa, AZ, 2008-2014
- Post-Doctoral Researcher - Wildlife Biologist, Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station, Missoula, MT, 2007-2008
- Graduate/Teaching Assistant, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 2002-2007
- Land Protection Project Manager, Inland Northwest Land Trust (NGO), Spokane, WA 2000-2002
- Graduate/Teaching Assistant, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA 1998-2000

RECORD OF SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION

- 26 articles published in peer-reviewed journals including Wildlife Society Bulletin, Ecological Applications, Restoration Ecology, Animal Conservation, and Ecohydrology
- Applied research projects funded by US Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Fish and Wildlife Service
- Over 50 presentations given as talks or posters by my students and me

WILDLIFE SOCIETY PARTICIPATION – Chapter, Region, National

- TWS Member since 2005 with memberships in NM or AZ Chapters
- AZ, NM JAM Quiz Bowl Committee Chair, 2013-2014
- AZ, NM JAM Quiz Bowl Committee Chair, 2014-2015
- The Wildlife Society Student Poster Judge, 2010, 2011
- AZ, NM JAM Student Oral or Poster Judge, 2011, 2013

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

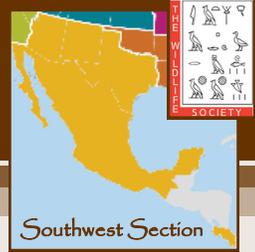
- Arizona Riparian Council, Annual Meeting Committee, 2013
- Future Farmers of America, Wildlife Management exam for Regional and State competition, 2012, 2013
- Current Research of Herpetofauna of the Sonoran Desert, Conference Program Committee, 2011
- National Science Foundation, Population and Community Ecology Cluster, Panel Member, 2011
- Ecological Society of America, member
- Society for Ecological Restoration International, member
- Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, member



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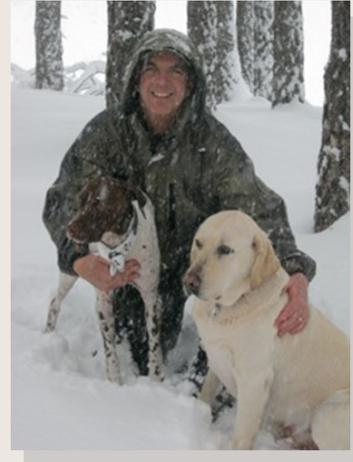
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SECRETARY: BRIAN DYKSTRA

Brian is the Regional Wildlife Program Leader for the Southwestern Region of the U.S. Forest Service. He began his career as a volunteer Wilderness Ranger on the Gallatin National Forest in 1982 and throughout the 1980s worked several seasonal jobs with the Forest Service in recreation, fire, and forestry. In 1990 he was hired to fill a permanent Wildlife Technician position on the Black Hills National Forest, which eventually led to a return to school for a master's degree in Wildlife Biology. Brian moved to the southwest as a Wildlife Biologist for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in 1995. He was promoted to District Ranger of the Mogollon Rim Ranger District on the Coconino National Forest in 2010 and moved into his current position at the end of 2012. Brian is a past-president and past board member of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society.



EDUCATION

Michigan Technological University, Bachelor of Science, Forestry, February 1983.

South Dakota State University, Master of Science, Wildlife Biology, May 1996.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

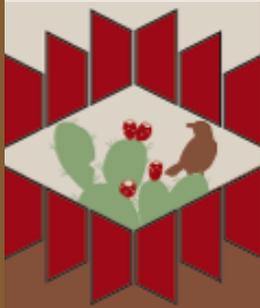
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Rumble, M.A., L.D. Flake, T.R. Mills, and B.L. Dykstra. 2001. Do Pine Trees in Aspen Stands Increase Bird Diversity? Sustaining Aspen in Western Landscapes: symposium proceedings; 13-15 June 2000; Grand Junction, CO. Proceedings RMRS-P-18. Fort Collins, CO: USDA, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Pages 185-191.



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BRIAN DYKSTRA *(continued)*

Completed thesis: "The Effects of Harvesting Ponderosa Pine on Birds in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming." The thesis discussed general species-habitat relationships for birds throughout North America, methods used to survey birds, study area vegetation characteristics, data analysis, and the bird community response to reductions in mature ponderosa pine density. Presented research findings at the following meetings:

- 1st Annual North American Forest Ecology Workshop, Raleigh, NC (June 1997)
- 2nd Annual Meeting of the Wildlife Society, Portland, OR (Sept. 1995)
- South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting, Pierre, SD (March 1995)
- 56th Annual Midwest Wildlife and Fisheries Conference, Indianapolis, IN (Dec. 1994)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wildlife Program Leader, U.S. Forest Service, Southwest Region, November 2012 to present. Develop partnerships and coordinate with federal agencies, state game and fish agencies, and NGOs on wildlife management and habitat improvement projects being implemented on National Forests and Grasslands. Member of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's Arizona and New Mexico Project Advisory Committees, New Mexico Feral Swine Eradication Team, New Mexico Bat Working Group, and New Mexico Habitat Stamp

Program Executive Committee. Coordinator of Forest Service's Be Bear Aware and Pollinator programs in the Southwest Region.

District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service, Coconino National Forest, 2010 – 2012. Provided direction, supervision, and oversight to all activities on the Mogollon Rim Ranger District, which consisted of two administrative sites, 47 permanent employees, and an Interagency Hotshot Crew. Emphasis areas included forest and watershed restoration, prescribed and managed fire, developed and dispersed recreation, recreation and lands special uses, cultural resources, and wildlife and T&E species habitat enhancement.

Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Forest Service, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, 1995 – 2009. Developed and implemented the Black Mesa Ranger District's wildlife program. Provided input to NEPA assessments for all program areas on the District. Consulted with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on Biological Assessments and Evaluations related to timber sale, fuel reduction, wildfire rehabilitation, forest pest, recreation/lands, and livestock grazing project analyses. Coordinated with other agencies, organizations, and publics to improve wildlife habitat.

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of The Wildlife Society since 1993.

Past President and board member of the Arizona Chapter.

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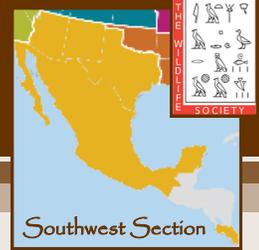
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Within the denoted parts of existing Bylaws

BYLAWS OF THE SOUTHWEST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Organized: April 5, 1978

Amended: Feb 7, 2015 ~~Jan-~~

~~uary 31, 2014-~~

{to reflect amendments approval date by membership}

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 4 - DUES - Annual dues of \$5 ~~for students and retirees, and \$15 for profession-~~als shall be payable by each member to the Treasurer on a calendar year basis. Members who have not paid their Section dues shall lose their Voting Member status in the Section. Annual Section dues also may be paid to The Wildlife Society's headquarters, along with Chapter and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Section.

{Remove language from the current online version that had not been approved by membership.}

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

CLAUSE C - Nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership no later than November 1 or at least 30 days prior to mail-electronic balloting.

{Reflects decision to conduct ballot/votes by electronic means.}

CLAUSE E - A member may be elected for no more than 2 consecutive terms in the same elected position. With the exception of the Treasurer, who may hold that office for as long as he/she desires, or until a new Treasurer is elected by the membership.

{to allow for continuity of Treasurer position and accounts}

Section 2 - BALLOTING – Each member shall receive 1 blank written or electronic ballot on or before November 15 or at least 30 days before the election, accompanied by an announcement of the slate of officers and notice of the final closing date for the election. Written and/or electronic ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. Written ballots, if used, will be collected by mail. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

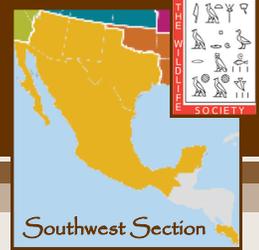
{to allow for flexibility and electronic balloting}



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CLAUSE C - SECRETARY- The Secretary shall be responsible for the files, recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes. The Secretary shall conduct Section correspondence and perform other duties as may be requested by The Wildlife Society.

{ We previously had an elected Secretary-Treasurer position. The addition here and changes in Clause D represent changing this to 2 distinct elected positions. }

CLAUSE D - TREASURER – The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds and associated financial records of the Section, and shall submit complete financial reports to the President prior to or during the annual meeting (Article VI; Clause A). Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds. The Treasurer shall make a financial report to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, the Section Representative, and the President and President-Elect of the Section by the end of each operating year.

{changed from end of term since Treasurer may now serve more than 2 successive 1-year terms}

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE - The officers and Chapter Representatives must be voting members of the Section, serve for 1 year except for the Treasurer who shall serve a term of 2 years may serve more than 2 years, be installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and unless reelected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

{ Changed from at the end of the Treasurer's 2 year term }

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS –

CLAUSE C – ORDER OF BUSINESS - The order of business at regular meetings of the Section shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- Call to order by the President.
- Approve minutes of previous meeting
- Address by the President on a timely subject of his or her choice.
- Report by the Secretary.
- Report by the Treasurer.
- Report of committees.
- Other business.
- Adjournment.

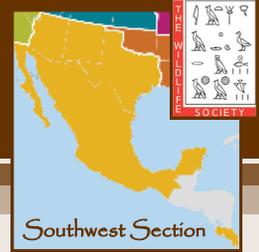
{Added Secretary since we are splitting Secretary-Treasurer position}



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ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 2 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

~~**CLAUSE D – CONSERVATION REVIEW** – This committee shall review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Section and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Section. The committee Chair may ask any Section member to assist with reviews.~~

CLAUSE D – CONSERVATION AFFAIRS – This committee shall identify and describe the issues surrounding wildlife management across the Section and where appropriate, to contribute information relevant to decision making at all levels of government, to provide scientific and technical background information in a manner that is consistent with the goals and directions of the Section and Society, and to provide feedback to The Wildlife Society staff on wildlife management and conservation issues of particular relevance to Southwest Section such that The Wildlife Society can undertake its mandate sensitive to the needs of the membership.

{this change follows changes made at the national TWS level defining Conservation Affairs Committees}

The pieces noted above represent proposed changes **and rationale** to the By-Laws of the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society. The current By-Laws can be found on-line at the following URL: <http://drupal.wildlife.org/sw/sites/wildlife.org.sw/files/NEWBYLAWSSOUTHWESTSECTION1-31-14.pdf>. A Survey Monkey survey will be sent to the voting membership of The Southwest Section prior to the Annual Meeting. This years annual meeting will be held February 5, 2015, concurrently with the Joint Annual Meeting of the Arizona and New Mexico Chapters of the Wildlife Society. Information and registration for this meeting can be found at : <http://www.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventid=2139036783>

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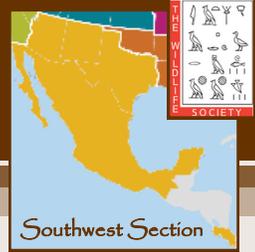
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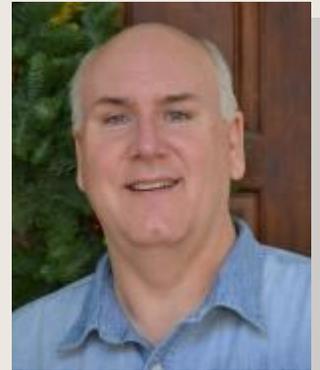
This award recognizes current TWS members who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to the wildlife profession.

Pittsburg, PA – John L. Koprowski (AZ)

Member of TWS since 1986; most recently with the Arizona Chapter (2001- to present), and Southwest Section (2001- to present).

Since John has been in Arizona (2000), he has been an active member of the Arizona Chapter. As a leader, he served as President-elect and President (2003-2005); then served as an Executive Board member (2005-2007).

In addition, John has supported the Chapter as Chairperson of the Awards, Plenary Program, and Nomination Committees (2003-2006). He initiated the Chapter funding program for Student Chapter attendance at Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) of Arizona & New Mexico Chapters of The Wildlife Society and Arizona and New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in 2006 that continues to the present time and the Student-Mentor Lunch program. John served as the Convener and Host of the Jam (2006), JAM Advisory Board (2002-2009), and as a Session Moderator (2002, 2011).



TWS Distinguished Service Award

This award recognizes TWS members who have made a long-term commitment to the Society based on membership longevity and TWS service.

Pittsburg, PA – Terry L. Blankenship (TX)

Terry has served in prominent roles including chairing committees, Vice President, President Elect, and President and most recently as Treasurer of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society. However, Terry's service to the Texas Chapter has been much deeper than suggested by these conspicuous positions. Terry has maintained the Chapter's membership database for 10 years, a daunting task given that the Texas Chapter has over 700 members.



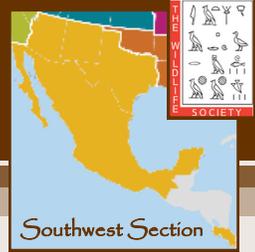
Terry continues to serve the Southwest Section as Chair of the Audit Committee.



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Caesar Kleberg Award for Excellence in Applied Wildlife Research

This award recognizes those who have distinguished themselves in applied wildlife research, whose body of work, in both inquiry and discovery, has resulted in application of management and conservation "on the ground".

Pittsburg, PA – William M. Block (AZ)

During the past three decades, Bill has established a sustained and productive track record in applied wildlife research. Simple metrics such as 127 scientific publications, 36 invited presentations, and 63 contributed presentations attest to this sustained track record of excellence in applied wildlife research that has involved a diverse array of species, habitats and important conceptual and policy-related issues. He has been a member of The Wildlife Society since 1985. After reading this nomination statement, it will be clear that Bill's program of applied wildlife research has had direct context and value for managing and conserving wildlife resources.

During the past three decades, Bill's program of applied research:

1. Clarified appropriate use of guild and guild-indicator concepts;
2. Advanced our understanding of ground-brush foraging bird community ecology;
3. Brought into focus the importance of California Oak Woodlands for terrestrial vertebrates
4. Was among the first to document sky-island bird communities of the American southwest;
5. Developed a scientific basis for the Mexican Spotted Owl Recovery Plan;
6. Experimentally evaluated effect of prescribed fire and thinning, used singly and in combination, on vertebrate communities in southwestern forests of the United States;
7. Characterized effects of wildfire on breeding and wintering birds in the southwest forests of the United States.



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TWS Past President Jim Miller & SWS Past President Misty Sumner



*TWS Vice President Bruce Thompson & Western Section Rep to Council Cynthia Perrine
Photo Misty L. Sumner*



2014 TWS Aldo Leopold Award Winner Bob Warren & Helen Warren



Incoming President Rick Baydack prepares for the 2015 Winnipeg meeting

President Rick Baydack and co-hosts of the Vth IWMC. The Mammal Society of Japan and The Wildlife Society are co-hosting the Congress from July 26-30, 2015. Registration for all conference attendees is now open at iwmc2015.org.



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The Mammal Society of Japan and The Wildlife Society are co-hosting the Congress from **July 26-30, 2015**. Registration for all conference attendees is now open at iwmc2015.org. The official language of the conference is English. About 1000 participants from over 50 countries and regions are expected!

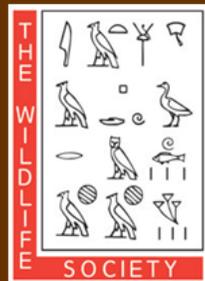
Just a few of the proposals for **Symposia** already received include: Wildlife Conservation and Management of Shiretoko National Park, 2015 (Sharing experience and knowledge with Yellowstone, Sikhote-Alin and Shiretoko), Deer and Forestry Management, Invasive Species Management, Disease Ecology, Wetland and Wildlife Conservation, and Conservation of Large Mammals in the Russian Far East.



The call for papers is on!

Online submission (title, authorship, abstract) can be found online. Completed and research-in-progress can be presented. Abstract submission deadline is **January 20, 2015**. Abstracts will not be accepted after this date. Notification of acceptance will commence on **February 9, 2015**.

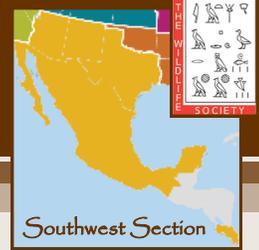
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Member Type (Please circle one): Student Regular Retired

Please include this form with your payment and mail to: Annaliese Scoggin, Secretary/Treasurer, Southwest Section of TWS, Private Lands Biologist, Trans-Pecos Wildlife District, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, 4500 W. Illinois Ave. Ste 203, Midland, TX 79703

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