

# ARIZONA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



# OPERATIONS MANUAL

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## **PREFACE**

This Chapter Operations Manual has been assembled to assist officers and members of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. The manual is organized into major sections, which are further subdivided by descriptive titles. The policies and directions are guided by the Chapter and TWS bylaws. The Chapter Executive Board has approved the Operations Manual, and subsequent changes must be approval by the Board.

This Manual is a "working document" that is subject to review and modifications. And, as you use it, you will undoubtedly find ways to improve it. Please submit your suggestions to the President-Elect of the Arizona Chapter.

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## SECTION I. EXECUTIVE BOARD DUTIES

### PRESIDENT

The President's term of office is for one year. The President-Elect fills the office of the President whenever the position is vacant.

The President is responsible for administering all Chapter business. He or she will organize and preside at Executive Board meetings and the Annual meeting; appoint and direct committee chairpersons; and represent the Chapter in public and professional meetings, and through correspondence. The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers and committee chairpersons. The President may represent the Chapter, or appoint representatives to represent the chapter at other Section, Society, or committee meetings.

Duties of the President include but are not limited to:

1. Know how to conduct a meeting and become familiar with Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Appoint committee chairpersons and oversee all committee activities. In conjunction with each chairperson develop specific goals and objectives for each committee.
3. Provide each officer and chairperson a copy of his or her "Duties and Responsibilities".
4. Schedule and preside over Executive Board meetings, which should be held at least quarterly to as frequently as monthly. All Board meetings should be announced in the newsletter to encourage membership attendance.
5. Prepare meeting agendas and oversee the arrangements for all Chapter meetings, including Executive Board meetings.
6. Instruct the Recording Secretary to send minutes of the Executive Board meetings to all Board Members and others as requested.
7. Keep all Executive Board Members informed on Chapter activities and furnish them with copies of pertinent material.
8. Prepare a President's message for each Chapter Newsletter and submit information to the editor for inclusion in the Newsletter that addresses current issues or topics of interest to the membership.
9. Organize and preside over the Annual Membership Meeting, which is generally held the first weekend in February, and other meetings organized and sponsored by the Chapter.
10. Review all correspondence that goes out from the Chapter.
11. Send letters to various agencies, departments, and organizations encouraging their participation at the Joint Annual Meeting.
12. Acknowledge the work of out-going officers (except the President) and committee chairpersons with a certificate of appreciation at the Annual Membership Meeting.
13. Prepare the Annual Report for the Annual Membership Meeting.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT

The President-Elect is elected each year by the membership and the term of office is one year.

The President-Elect is elected by the Arizona Chapter members for what will be a two-year term as a Chapter officer, first as President-Elect and then as President. During the term as President-Elect he or she will share the major responsibilities of conducting Chapter business and is expected to attend all Chapter Executive Board and Chapter Membership meetings.

The responsibilities of the President-Elect are to assist and fill-in for the President on a variety of assigned tasks, and serve as the Chairperson of the Awards and Nominations Committee. If in any event the President leaves office, the President-Elect will assume the position of President for the remainder of the term and will continue into the following year as President.

Duties of the President-Elect include but are not limited to:

1. Become familiar with the Chapter Bylaws and the Chapter Operations Manual.
2. Attend and participate in all Chapter meetings, including Board meetings.
3. Notify the President of any items to be considered for meeting agendas.
4. Serve as Chairperson of the Awards Committee and appoint additional committee members as needed. (See Awards Committee Position Description for details.)
5. Serve as Chairperson of the Nominations Committee and appoint additional committee members as needed. (See Nominations Committee Position Description for details.)
6. Serve as a liaison with the New Mexico TWS Chapter or the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Program Committee on years they host the Joint Annual Meeting.
7. Is responsible for the Chapter Operations Manual, maintains a file on any changes and additions to the Manual, and forwards approved changes to the Corresponding Secretary to revise the electronic Operations Manual file.
8. Recruit chairpersons for standing committees prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.
9. Assume position of President following the Annual Membership Meeting.
10. Upon assuming office of President, present the outgoing President with a Past President's pin and appropriate plaque " .

## TREASURER

The Treasurer is elected in odd number years by the membership with a term of office of two years. This term of office was established so that the Treasurer could "close the books" when the Arizona Chapter hosts the Joint Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the Chapter and for maintaining financial records and files for the Chapter. Duties include receipt and disbursement of the funds, maintenance of a complete financial record, and preparing financial reports for the Executive Board and the Chapter Annual Meeting.

Duties of the Treasurer include but are not limited to:

1. Attend and participate in all Chapter meetings including Board meetings.
2. Notify the President of financial items that need to be considered for Board and Annual Membership Meeting agendas.
3. Maintain financial records and be responsible for Chapter funds.
4. Regularly review the Chapter's current finances, present the Board with interim financial reports, and advise the Board thereon.
5. Sign checks and pay all bills for the Chapter.
6. Assist with fund raising activities including training and workshops sponsored by the Chapter.
7. Prepare financial statements following any Chapter sponsored symposium, workshop, or meeting. Distribute funds according to co-sponsor's agreement following the event.
8. Prepare a financial report for the Annual Chapter Membership Meeting.
9. Furnish records to the Audit Committee prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. Attend the Audit Committee meeting for the Annual Chapter audit.
10. Serves as a member of the Continuing Education Committee.
11. Submit a financial statement to the parent Society at the end of each calendar tax year using the form provided by the Society.
12. Prepare any required State and Federal tax forms or tax-exempt forms and submit to the respective agency.
13. Notify bank and savings associations of name changes following installation of new officers. Obtain new officers' signatures for bank signature card on Chapter accounts.
14. Prepare an annual chapter budget for board approval.
15. Maintains chapter finances within the approved chapter and annual meeting budgets.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The Corresponding Secretary is elected each year by the membership with a term of office for one year.

The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for the Chapter files, filing all necessary documents and correspondence, and maintaining Chapter electronic and hard copy files of important correspondence, manuals, bylaws, and documents.

Duties of the Corresponding Secretary include but are not limited to:

1. Provide copies of the Chapter Bylaws and Chapter Operations Manual to new Executive Board members.
2. Maintain Chapter files on all activities, including sent and received correspondence, important documents, and committee activities.
3. Maintain electronic and hard copy files of the Chapter Bylaws, Chapter Operation Manual, Annual Meeting Manual, Board meeting minutes, newsletter, annual report, position statements and resolutions, official correspondence, and other important documents using Microsoft Word.
4. Within ten days after election of Chapter officers, send names and addresses of the elected Chapter officers to the parent Society on a form provided by the President.
5. Provide copies of year-end committee reports from previous years, upon request, to committee chairpersons.
6. Submit any material that is needed to update the Chapter Operations Manual, such as resolutions, policy statements, award recipients, etc. to the President-Elect
7. Provide copies of Chapter Bylaws to Chapter members upon request.
8. Serves as a liaison with the Chapter Historian and provides copies of important files for archiving. Files for archiving include yearly newsletters, important correspondence, minutes, and the annual business report. Submit electronic and hard copies of these documents to the historian after they are three years old. Maintain electronic records in the chapter files.
9. Provide an electronic copy of important correspondence, minutes and the annual report to the President-Elect (incoming President) at the end of the year.
10. Serves as the "Gate Keeper" for the posting on the Chapter Wildlife Alert email distribution and coordinates all postings with an alternate "Gate Keeper". The Alternate Gate Keeper will be one of the Board Members and will be appointed by the Chapter President. (See Chapter Operation Policies, Wildlife Alert.)
11. Prepare a press release announcing the recipients of the Chapter Awards that will be sent to appropriate newspapers, agencies, and the parent Society.
12. Send Chapter news to TWS editor of "The Wildlifer", including notification of meetings and workshops.
13. Uses Facebook and Twitter to keep the chapter membership aware of ongoing and upcoming activities and events.

**Suggested List of Arizona Newspapers for Chapter News Releases**

(Please note: This is not a comprehensive list and needs to be edited accordingly.)

Arizona Daily Star  
P.O. Box 26807  
Tucson, AZ 85726

Arizona Daily Sun  
1751 S. Thompson  
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Arizona Republic, The  
200. East Van Buren St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Big Bug News -  
Mayer, Dewey & 69 Corridor  
www.prescottaz.com

Camp Verde Bugle -  
Camp Verde, Arizona  
www.sedonaverdevalley.com

Canyon Country News -  
Black Canyon City, Arizona  
www.canyoncountrynews.com

Chino Valley Review -  
Chino Valley, Arizona  
www.prescottaz.com

Daily Dispatch, The  
Douglas, AZ

Eastern Arizona Courier  
Box N  
Safford, AZ 85548  
tjking@eacourier.com

Grand Canyon News -  
Grand Canyon, Arizona  
www.grandcanyontourguide.com

Green Valley Sun & News  
P.O. Box 567  
Green Valley, AZ 85622  
www.gvnews.com

Kingman Daily Miner  
3015 Stockton Hill Road  
Kingman, Arizona  
www.kingmandailyminer.com

Kudos  
Sedona, Cottonwood & Verde  
Valley, Arizona  
www.kudosnaz.com

Prescott Daily Courier -  
Prescott, Arizona -  
www.prescottaz.com

Prescott Valley Tribune -  
Prescott Valley, Arizona  
www.prescottaz.com

Tucson Weekly  
P.O. Box 2429  
Tucson, Arizona 8570

Verde Independent -  
Cottonwood and Verde Valley,  
Arizona  
www.sedonaverdevalley.com

Williams/Grand Canyon News -  
Williams and Grand Canyon, Arizona  
www.grandcanyontourguide.com

Winslow Mail -  
Winslow, Arizona  
www.winslowaznews.com

Navajo Hopi Observer  
Flagstaff and the Navajo and Hopi  
Nations  
www.navajohopiobserver.com

Palo Verde Valley Times  
Blythe, California  
www.blythecanews.com

Quartzsite Times  
Quartzsite, Arizona  
www.blythecanews.com

To locate Arizona newspapers go to Home Town News where you will find links to most of the newspapers published in Arizona <[www.hometownnews.com/az.htm](http://www.hometownnews.com/az.htm)>.

In some cases, only the WebPages are provided where you can usually obtain mail or email addresses, and you maybe able to use the WebPages to send a news release.

Please fill in any additional addresses, WebPages, etc. and newspapers, as well delete those that are not appropriate.

## RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary's is elected each year by the membership for a term of office of one year.

The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for recording and distributing minutes of the Executive Board and Chapter Membership meetings.

Duties of the Recording Secretary include but are not limited to:

1. Attend and participate in Board Meetings.
2. Record the minutes of all Board and Membership meetings.
3. At the appropriate time during each Board meeting, read the minutes of the previous Board meeting.
4. Submit summaries of the Board meetings to the Chapter Newsletter Editor.
5. At the appropriate time during Chapter Membership meetings, read the minutes from the previous Membership Meeting.
6. Distribute copies of Board and Membership meeting minutes to all Board members. Minutes should be distributed as soon as possible after each meeting.

## BOARD MEMBER

A Board Member's term of office is for two years. The terms of office for Board Members are staggered such that one Board Member is elected each year by the membership. This procedure was established to provide more continuity in the membership of the Executive Board.

Two Board Members are elected to serve on the Executive Board. Board Members are responsible for attending each Executive Board meeting and have full voting rights within the Board. Board Members will share all responsibilities of conducting Chapter business and will assist other Board Members with assigned tasks.

The duties of the Board Members include but are not limited to:

1. Attend and participate in Executive Board meetings.
2. Notify the President of any items to be considered for meeting agendas.
3. Perform tasks and assume duties as directed by the President, including chairperson of committees.
4. The senior Board Member serves on the Continuing Education Committee in the absence of the third committee appointment from the membership.



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## **SECTION II. DUTIES OF CHAPTER COMMITTEES**

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee is a standing Committee of the Chapter whose Chairperson is selected by the President with the advisement of the Executive Board. Any current member may serve on or chair this Committee. The Committee shall perform the audit prior to the Annual Membership Meeting allowing sufficient time to complete the audit and prepare a report. Special audits may be undertaken at the request of the President or Executive Board. The Committee shall also review the records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Treasurer.

The duties of the Audit Committee include but are not limited to:

1. Audit the financial records of the Chapter just prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. Format a financial statement of audit to be forwarded to the parent Society at the end of the calendar year.
2. The Committee Chairperson shall submit a written report of a successful audit to the President for the Annual Membership Meeting.

## AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee Chairperson is the President-Elect and is responsible for soliciting nominees, preparing awards, and arranging presentations. There are six awards that may be presented by the Chapter each year: Doug Morrison Award, Professional Award, Conservation Award, Roger Hungerford Student Award, Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award, and the Scrapping Bear Award. During the years the Arizona Chapter hosts the Joint Annual Meeting, the Best Student Paper Award is also the responsibility of the Joint Annual Meeting Awards Committee. Although, the Awards Chairperson is responsible for the Scrapping Bear Award, he or she is not the Chairperson for that award, but coordinates with the committee (See the description of the Scrapping Bear Award for details.)

The following are guidelines for the Awards Committee:

1. Nomination procedures:
  - a) Chapter members are encouraged to nominate deserving candidates at any time throughout of the year. **Initial nominations** are to be sent to the Awards Chairman. The **initial nomination** consists of the name of the nominator including his or her contact information (phone number, e-mail, or postal address); the award to be considered; and the name of the person or organization being nominated and affiliation.
  - b) **Final nominations** consist of a supporting letter from nominator that is endorsed by at least two (2) additional individuals. The nominator will be contacted at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting. Endorsers may simply sign the nominating letter or send a separate supporting letter. **Final nominating documents must be received by November 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for the current year's awards.**
- a) All nominations must be individuals and/or single organizations. Award nominees do not have to be members of either the Chapter or The Wildlife Society.
2. Solicit nominations for awards in each issue of the Chapter Newsletter
3. The Executive Board will review all nominations, including the Scrapping Bear Award, based on submitted information (not personal knowledge of the individuals) and make the selections for award recipients.
4. If the Executive Board does not approve any nominee for an award, that award will not be presented that year.
5. New slate of nominations must be considered each year. Unsuccessful nominations will not be carried over for consideration the following, however they may be re-nominated.
6. Each award recipient will be presented with a plaque. In addition, a traveling print goes with the Doug Morrison Award, and a statue goes with the Scrapping Bear Award. The names on the back of the print and the plaque on the statue need to be updated with the new award recipient's name.
7. The person who nominated each successful award candidate will be notified and will be asked if they would be responsible for assuring that their candidate will attend at the Annual Meeting Banquet to receive the award. It will be left up to that person as to how much they desire to tell the recipient to assure their attendance at the banquet. However, they will be asked not to reveal the specific award they are to receive to maintain some element of surprise.

At the discretion of the Board, a letter of recognition may be sent to nominee(s) that were not recognized with an award.

8. Make arrangements for the appropriate Chapter Award Certificates. There is no standard template for award certificates. Previous awards have included framed paper awards and plaques. Templates for the plaques are on file with All Award in Flagstaff ([www.awardstudio.com](http://www.awardstudio.com)). Arrange to have the respective traveling print and statue for the Doug Morrison Award and the Scrapping Bear Award to be at the Joint Annual Meeting for presentation to the new award recipient. The current recipient may be selected to pass the print or statue to the new recipient.
9. A file will be maintained for each award category that will include the following:
  - a) Names of recipients and the year received.
  - b) Names of nominees for each award and the nominating letters for the previous 5 years.
  - c) A description of the history of the award and the criteria for nomination for each award.
10. The Corresponding Secretary will prepare a press release that will be sent to appropriate newspapers, agencies, and the parent Society announcing the Award recipients.
11. The Committee Chairperson shall submit a written report documenting the year's activities to the President for the Annual Membership Meeting. This report includes only the names of the previous year's award recipients. The current year's recipients are confidential until they are announced at the Awards Banquet.

## Description of the Arizona Chapter Awards

Doug Morrison Award: Given in memory of Doug Morrison to an Arizona Biologist in a non-supervisory position who made significant contributions to the management and conservation of wildlife in Arizona. This Award exemplifies the dedicated work ethic of the Chapter's former President and U.S. Forest Service Biologist, Doug Morrison. Contributions can be in areas of wildlife research, education and training, management, conservation (including legislation), or law enforcement. Contributions can be over a relatively short period of time (e.g. months) or over several years. Weight is given to the significance of contributions and not necessarily the number of years in service. This Award differs from the Professional Award primarily in that it is given to a non-supervisory biologist in memory of Doug Morrison.

Professional Award: Given to an Arizona Biologist for outstanding contributions to management and conservation of wildlife. The individual is also recognized for their professional work standards and conduct. Contributions can be in the areas of wildlife research, education and training, management, conservation (including legislative), or law enforcement. These contributions can be over several years or limited to a few years of outstanding service. Weight is given to the significance of contributions and professional work ethic, not necessarily the number of years in service. Both supervisory and non-supervisory biologists may be considered for this Award.

Conservation Award: Given to a person, or persons, not employed directly as a wildlife biologist, or an organization not directly involved in wildlife management (including researchers at universities), who contribute significantly to the conservation of wildlife and/or their habitat in Arizona. Conservation can include, but is not limited to research, education, legislation, and protection or enhancement of wildlife and their habitat. Weight is given to the significance of the contribution to conservation.

Roger Hungerford Student Award: Given to a student who while attending an Arizona college or university made significant contributions to the management and conservation of Arizona's wildlife and/or habitat. Management and conservation categories are similar to those listed for the Professional Award. Weight is given to the significance of the contribution. The Award is given in memory of one of Arizona's finest research biologists, Roger Hungerford.

Best Student Paper Certificate: A Best Student Paper Certificate is awarded at the Joint Annual Meeting following evaluation by a three-member panel of referees. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible from both states and will have their presentations judged under six major categories; organization, audience involvement, delivery, knowledge of subject, use of visuals, and content. The Arizona Chapter is only responsible for this award when they are the host Chapter for the Joint Annual Meeting.

Wildlife Habitat Relationship (WILDHARE) Award: Given to a professional wildlife biologist in Arizona for their contribution to understanding or applying habitat principles to management of an animal species or group of species. *The recipient receives a check for \$100 drawn on the Habitat Relationships account. (Note: The intent is to provide the \$100 award from the account interest and preserve the principal. Initially, the principal was insufficient to provide sufficient interest to support the award. Consequently, the Board has provided the cash award from the "general" Chapter fund to allow the principal to accrue sufficient funds for the award to be paid from the account interest.)*

Scrapping Bear Award:

Criteria:

The recipient has gone beyond the normal call of duty in support of wildlife issues and has made exceptional contributions toward the management and protection of wildlife and habitat resources.

AND the recipient has stood up for what they thought was right, even if it was controversial or perceived as contrary to their agency's official position, supervisor's positions, or had the potential to put the recipients job on the line.

The recipient does not have to be a member of the Arizona Chapter.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee will be composed of three past recipients of the award with the current holder of the award serving as the chairperson. If any of the past three recipients are not available for the committee, the Awards Committee Chairperson will select a committee from previous recipients. The Executive Board will review the selection and vote to approve.

Nominations:

Nominations for the award will be accepted from the membership of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society and from previous recipients of the award.

Award Presentation:

Depending on the recipient's preference, the award will be presented at the Annual Meeting Banquet, at the Annual Business Meeting, or in a private setting. The current holder of the award is the preferred presenter. The release of details for the award will be according to the recipient's request. However, a minimum announcement will be made in the Chapter Newsletter, such as "Joe Gluts received the Scrapping Bear Award for his contributions above and beyond the 'Call of Duty'".

## CONSERVATION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Conservation Affairs Committee shall review administrative regulations, planning documents, environmental assessments, impact statements, and other issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat primarily within the state of Arizona. The Chairperson is selected and appointed by the President. The Chairperson, with the approval of the President, may ask or appoint other members to serve on the Committee and to assist in reviews.

The duties of the Conservation Affairs Committee include but are not limited to:

1. Review all material submitted either by the Board or by the Chapter membership and prepares appropriate response by the Chapter.
2. Solicit the assistance of both members and non-members who may have expertise or special knowledge of the issue or subject being addressed.
3. Make recommendations to the Board with sufficient lead-time to allow for necessary action by the Board.
4. Prepare a draft document for Executive Board approval.
5. Prepare the final document on letterhead stationery for signature by the Chapter President. If it is not appropriate for the Chapter President to sign the document, a member of the Executive Board will be selected to do so.
6. Make copies of all appropriate documents for the Corresponding Secretary's file, the Conservation Affairs Committee file, and any additional copies as needed.
7. Submit original correspondence and appropriate documents to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary will file and mail all material as directed by the Board. Copies of significant issues will be provided to the Southwestern Section Representative and President and to the parent Society as deemed appropriate by the Board.
8. Submit a summary report of Committee activities for the Chapter Newsletter.
9. The Chairperson will maintain a file of all correspondence and complete documentation of all issues reviewed by the Committee. This file will remain with the Chairperson and be turned over to the succeeding Committee Chairperson to maintain continuity and a history of Conservation Affairs Committee activity. The Chairperson is responsible for reviewing this file and providing consistent action of the Committee based on past history.
10. The Committee Chairperson shall submit a written report documenting the year's activities to the President for the Annual Report.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Continuing Education Committee is responsible for receiving and reviewing applications for the Continuing Education Fund and for granting awards. The purpose of the fund is to provide career enhancement opportunities for Chapter members. The source for this fund is from the interest from the fund deposits and income from workshops. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds (after all expenses have been paid) from chapter-sponsored workshops are deposited into the Continuing Education Fund. Three Chapter members make up the Continuing Education Committee: The President appoints the Chairperson; the Chapter Treasurer is the second member; and the Senior Board Member if there is not a third member from the membership.

The duties of the Continuing Education Committee include but are not limited to:

1. Accept and review grant applications based on the following criteria:
  - Applications can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed quarterly by the Committee in January, April, July, and October.
  - The Committee evaluates applications based on applicant's explanation of how the activity will enhance his or her career development, their financial need, their efforts to obtain supplemental funding, and their involvement in Chapter activities.
  - Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision within 30 days of the Committee's review.
  - Total grant amounts are limited to \$1000 per year with the maximum individual grant is capped at \$500.
2. Information on the availability of funds and who to contact should be included in each Chapter newsletter and on the Chapter WebPages.
3. Grant application forms are available on the Chapter WebPages at [www.aztws.org](http://www.aztws.org), or may be obtained from the Chairman of the Continuing Education Committee or any Chapter Board Member.
4. The following application form will be used:



**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
ARIZONA CHAPTER**

CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed quarterly by the Committee in January, April, July, and October. Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision within 30 days of the Committee's review. The Continuing Education Committee evaluates applications based on your explanation of how the activity will enhance your career development, your financial need, your efforts to obtain supplemental funding, and your involvement in Chapter activities. Grants may not exceed \$1,000 and are limited to Chapter members.

Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_, Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Continuing Education Activity Information

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Activity (circle one):      course      workshop      symposium  
other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how this activity will enhance your career development (use additional pages if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Form continued)

Financial Information

List costs of activity, your financial needs, and other known or potential sources of financial support.

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total Funds Required</u>	=	<u>Grant Funds Requested</u>	+	<u>Other Sources</u>
Tuition:	\$ _____	=	\$ _____	+	\$ _____
Registration:	\$ _____	=	\$ _____	+	\$ _____
Travel:	\$ _____	=	\$ _____	+	\$ _____
Per Diem:	\$ _____	=	\$ _____	+	\$ _____
Books:	\$ _____	=	\$ _____	+	\$ _____
Other (*):	\$ _____	=	\$ _____	+	\$ _____
Totals:	\$ _____	=	\$ _____	+	\$ _____

List other expenses: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum award that would allow participation in activity: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date by which funding must be received: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe other sources of funding identified above, potential for obtaining other funding for this activity, or reasons why no other funding sources are available to you: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any previous involvement in Chapter activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:  
 Chairman, Continuing Education Committee  
 The Wildlife Society, Arizona Chapter  
 PO Box 41337  
 Phoenix, AZ 85080-1337

## STUDENT CHAPTER LIAISON

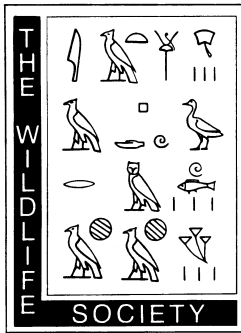
To provide improved communication between the Arizona Chapter and TWS Student Chapters located in Arizona, the President may appoint a Student Chapter Liaison who will service at the pleasure of the Board (that is the President appoints such a person and the Board approves the appointment).

The primary duties of the Student Chapter Liaison are to provide a line of communication between the student chapters and the Chapter Board, and encourage student participation Chapter activities including articles in the Newsletter, attending the Annual Chapter Meeting, and Joint Annual Meeting. The liaison should participate in the monthly conference call with the board so that both the Arizona and Student Chapters stay informed of ongoing activities.

To encourage such participation, the Board will provide \$500 grant to each Student Chapter in Arizona to assist their attendance to the Joint Annual Meeting. Student Chapters must apply for the grant prior to the Joint Annual Meeting and the funds are to be travel, lodging, and registration, or any combination there of. To receive the full amount (\$500), a minimum of five students must attend. If less than five students attend, \$100 will be allowed for each student.

Student attendance and participation to the Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) is essential for future involvement with The Wildlife Society. This grant is a reimbursement towards student chapter travel, hotel, and/or registration costs. A brief statement is needed accounting for the use of funds and students that were present. Proof of use of funds is also needed, such as scanned or mailed copies of receipts. Each chapter is also required to write a short paragraph on their experience/s at the JAM, for the AZTWS newsletter. Please turn in required paperwork by March 15 via email.

Sample letter to student chapters:



**The Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
P.O. Box 41337  
Phoenix, AZ 85080-1337**

Dear Student Chapter:

This year the Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) of The Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society (AZ-TWS), the NM Chapter of TWS and AZ/NM Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be held in Gallup, NM on February 5-7. The call for papers has just been posted. See the AZ-TWS chapter website for preliminary information: [http://www.aztws.org/42JAM\\_2009/42JAM\\_2009.htm](http://www.aztws.org/42JAM_2009/42JAM_2009.htm)

The Arizona Chapter of TWS believes student attendance and participation in professional meetings, and particularly in the Joint Annual Meeting, is important for professional development and to encourage future involvement with The Wildlife Society. Thus, AZ-TWS is offering a grant of up to \$500 dollars to each of the Arizona student chapters of TWS to assist students in attending the JAM. These grants are to be paid to the student chapter as reimbursement for student chapter travel, hotel and/or registration costs.

To receive the full \$500, a minimum of five students must attend the JAM. If there are less than five students attending, up to \$100 will be given to the student chapter for each student attending. The amount of the reimbursement will not exceed the amount expended on travel, hotel, and/or registration.

To receive reimbursement after the JAM, the student chapter will send:

1. A report documenting eligible expenses.
2. Copies of receipts for eligible expenses.
3. A list of student chapter members attending.
4. An article suitable for publication in the AZ-TWS newsletter on the Joint Annual Meeting. This article could be (1) a general report on the JAM, or (2) an opinion from your chapter or one of your members on the significance of attending the JAM (could be on attending the JAM in general, or some significant presentation or meeting that was important to the club or a member), or (3) a report on a particular subject that was discussed at the JAM (such as a summary of the plenary session or a presentation).

To apply for the grant, please fill out the attached application and send it to the Arizona Chapter by Jan 10, 2009.

We look forward to meeting some of your members at the JAM!

Mayra Moreno  
Student Chapter Liasion

## Student Chapter Grant Application For Support to Attend the JAM

**Applicant Information**

Student Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Chapter Members Planning to Attend:**

1.	7.
2.	8.
3.	9.
4.	10.
5.	11.
6.	12.

**(Additional names on back)**

**Estimated Budget:**

Travel (gas, rental vehicle)	
Hotel	
JAM Registration (number of people x cost)	
<b>Estimated total expenses</b>	

Please return this form before January 10, 2009, to:  
 Attn: Student Chapter Grants,  
 The Wildlife Society, Arizona Chapter, PO Box 41337, Phoenix, AZ 85080-1337

## HISTORIAN

The President will appoint a Historian. The term is for an indefinite period at the pleasure of the Board.

The Historian's duties are to archive Chapter documents and to periodically summarize the history of the Chapter. Often a Chapter can improve the way it does business and conducts activities by reviewing past programs and accomplishments. The Corresponding Secretary will prepare the material to be archived by the Historian from the Chapter files.

A summary of the Chapter History should contain but is not limited to the following material:

1. Chapter Charter and petition to TWS for Charter
2. Bylaws
3. Chapter Officers: (beginning of Chapter to present), include all elected, appointed Executive Board members and Chapter Section Representatives.
4. Chapter year chartered and years in operation.
5. Membership numbers by year.
6. Operations: Executive Board, Newsletters, Finance
7. Chapter Activities: Annual Meetings, Special Meetings such as Symposia and Workshops.
8. Awards: recipients of each award for each year.
9. Written actions such as resolutions, position statements, or public statements.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The President shall appoint the Membership Committee Chairperson. The Chairperson may ask additional members to serve on the Committee to assist in the duties of the Committee. The Committee will actively work for positive attitudes towards membership and involvement in the Society and Chapter.

The duties of the Membership Committee include but are not limited to:

1. Encourage the membership to maintain dues on a paid up basis.
2. Encourage the maximum number of persons with an interest in wildlife and residing within the state of Arizona to become members of The Wildlife Society and the Arizona Chapter. Provide each potential member application forms and information regarding the Chapter and the parent Society, followed by a personal contact if possible. These materials shall be available through the Chairperson.
3. Wildlife professionals should be recruited and/or encouraged to participate in Chapter activities such as: regular functions, special meetings, special projects, and any other way the Committee may, with the concurrence of the Executive Board, involve them in the Chapter and encourage them to become Society or Chapter members.
4. Update and maintain the Chapter membership list, including names, addresses, phone numbers, email address, position titles, affiliation, and area of expertise for all wildlife professionals in the Arizona Chapter and, if possible, professionals that are not current members of the Chapter. The membership list will indicate those that are only Chapter members and those that are also members of the parent Society.
5. Provide a membership list to the Chapter Board upon request.
6. Maintain an electronic distribution list of the membership that has requested to receive Chapter announcements via email (Wildlife Alert) and provide for such a distribution system.
7. Provide the Newsletter Editor with mailing labels of persons to receive the Chapter Newsletter – excluding those that have agreed to view the Newsletter electronically.
8. Provide a list of "New members", "Members leaving", and "Members transferring" into the Chapter to the Newsletter Editor and Executive Board.
9. The Committee Chairperson shall submit a written report documenting the year's activities to the President for the Annual Membership Meeting.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for preparing, editing, printing, mailing, and electronically posting at least four newsletters each year in addition to special mailings requested by the Board.

The Newsletter Editor has considerable leeway as to the content of the Newsletter and is encouraged to use his or her imagination and initiative to create stimulating and interesting material for the Newsletter.

The following are general guidelines and duties of the Newsletter Editor:

1. The content of each Newsletter should include the following:
  - Chapter President's message;
  - Summary of all Chapter Board and Membership Meetings;
  - Directory for Chapter Officers and Committee Chairpersons with contact email addresses and phone numbers;
  - Changes in membership status (new members and transfers in and out of Chapter);
  - Continuing Education Award application information (Application Form is to be included in the first issue for each year);
  - Date, time, and location of Executive Board meetings;
  - Deadlines for submission of material to Newsletter Editor; and
  - Request for award nominations.
2. The Newsletter Editor should solicit and encourage articles and opinion statements from the membership. All submitted articles must bear the name of the author.
3. Additional material that should be included is information concerning conferences, workshops, symposia; and the availability and source of new publications that might be of interest to the membership.
4. The Newsletter should recognize recipients of Chapter Awards and professional awards Chapter members receive from other sources.
5. The Newsletter should include the call-for-papers, announcement, and other information pertaining to the Joint Annual Meeting.
6. The Newsletter should announce the request for nomination of Chapter Officers.
7. Mail courtesy copies of each newsletter to the following:
  - a) The Wildlife Society parent office,
  - b) Southwest Section Representative and President,
  - c) Presidents and Newsletter Editors of the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society; and New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico Chapters of The Wildlife Society.
8. Send any bills for printing and mailing directly to the Treasurer for payment.
9. The Newsletter Editor shall submit a written report documenting the year's activities to the President for the Annual Report including copies of Newsletters for the past year.
10. The newsletter editor will provide an electronic version of the newsletter to the webmaster, for inclusion on the chapter web site.



## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The President-elect shall serve as the Nominations Committee Chairperson and shall select two additional members to serve on this Committee. The Nominations Chairperson shall prepare a slate of at least two candidates for each elected position:

- President-elect,
- Treasurer – odd numbered years only
- Corresponding Secretary,
- Recording Secretary, and
- Board Member.

The duties of the Nominations Committee include but are not limited to:

1. Solicit nominees from the general membership through the Newsletter or by personal contact. **All nominees must be current members of the parent Society.**
2. Obtain suggestions from outgoing Executive Board members and committee members for names of nominees.
3. Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating Committee's slate upon signed support of six or more members.
4. The Nominating Committee shall obtain approval from all nominated candidates.
5. A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No one may hold more than one elective position simultaneously.
6. Candidates will provide the following biographical information for inclusion in the Chapter Newsletter to present them to the membership:
  - Education.
  - Employment history.
  - Activities in The Wildlife Society including Chapter responsibilities.
  - Other professional affiliations and activities.
  - Personal statement (optional).
7. The following balloting procedures shall be followed:
  - The slate of officers and biographies of nominees shall be submitted to the membership at least 30-days prior the date that ballots are due.
  - Printed ballots shall be provided to all voting Chapter members through the Chapter Newsletter, electronic (email), or by direct mail.
  - Ballots must be returned to the Committee Chairperson for tabulation. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating Committee who was nominated for an office.
  - Members in arrears shall forfeit their right to vote during the period of their delinquency.
  - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.
  - In the event of a tie vote, an uneven number of members of the Executive Board shall cast a secret deciding ballot.
  - The Committee Chairperson shall submit a written report documenting the year's activities to the President for the Annual Membership Meeting.
  - All ballots will be retained for 30 days and then destroyed.

## RESOLUTIONS, POSITION AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS COMMITTEE

The President will appoint the Chairperson of this Committee. The Chairperson shall then appoint additional Committee members as needed. It is strongly recommended that Committee members be selected from different agencies and organizations to provide as much diversity as possible.

The Resolutions, Position, and Public Statement Committee is a standing committee of the Chapter. This Committee is responsible for preparing and reviewing resolutions, position, and public statements that are defined as follows:

- Resolutions are a formal determination or expression of opinion voted on and approved by the Chapter membership.
- Position statements are **prepared in reference to propositions and/or political endorsements. Position statements are the viewpoints of the Chapter membership on issues related to the concern of the welfare of wildlife, their habitat, and management. Position Statements carry the formal determination and expression of opinion of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society.**
- Public statements are brief, formal expressions of opinion presented at a public meeting or hearing on the behalf of the Chapter by the Chapter President or a designated representative. Public Statements may concern issues where there are no previously established Society or Chapter resolutions. Public Statements must be approved by the Board prior to presentation.

The duties of the Resolutions, Position, and Public Statements Committee are as follows:

1. The Committee will prepare and review proposed resolutions and position statements from members at any time and submit them to the Executive Board for further action.
2. The Committee will follow the procedures set forth in Article VII, Section 5 of the Chapter Bylaws.
3. The Committee shall refer to the Parent Society's Position Statements and to previous action taken by the Chapter for guidance prior to preparing material for the Board's action.
4. The Committee Chairperson will retain all pertinent correspondence and information concerning resolutions and public statements. All resolutions and public statements will be numbered consecutively. This information will be given to the Corresponding Secretary for the Chapter files.
5. The Chapter will not issue statements that conflict with the policy of The Wildlife Society without prior approval of the Society. Copies of Arizona Chapter resolutions and statements will be provided to the Southwestern Section Representative and President and to the parent Society.
6. The Committee Chairperson shall submit a written report documenting the year's activities to the President for the Annual Membership Meeting.

The following procedures will be followed to develop Resolutions, Positions, and Public Statements:

**Resolutions:** Any Chapter member in good standing may submit a proposed resolution to the Committee for their consideration. The Committee will review the resolution and

submit their recommendation to the Board. The Board must accept or reject resolutions submitted by the Committee. If accepted, the resolution will be submitted for a vote by the membership. Resolutions concerning issues that have not been previously voted on and approved by the membership must be approved by two-thirds vote of the voting Chapter membership. Chapter members will have at least 30 days to review resolutions prior to voting on them.

Resolutions will be consecutively numbered and formatted to include the following information:

- a) The statement "A Resolution by the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society" proceeded by the resolution title and a successive number.
- b) Several statements of facts proceeded by the introductory phrase "whereas".
- c) One or more conclusion statements proceeded by the introductory phrase "therefore be it resolved".
- d) Follow the above with a statement such as "approved by the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The date and location of approval and disposition of the resolutions will be noted below the resolution statement.

**Position Statements:** Any Chapter member in good standing may submit a proposed position statement to the Committee for consideration. The Committee will review the statement and submit its recommendation to the Board. The Board must accept or reject position statements submitted by the Committee. If accepted, the position statement will be submitted for a majority vote by the membership.

**Public Statements:** Any Chapter member in good standing may submit a proposed Public Statement to Board for action. Public statements are formal opinions of the Arizona Chapter made in a public setting by a board member or approved member of the chapter designated by the chapter president. These statements do not have the same review criteria as resolution statements; however, they should be read from a written statement. Public statements allow for expediency of formal opinions by the chapter to be presented to the public in a timely manner. Statements only need approval by a majorly vote of board members. Approved Public Statements will be consecutively numbered and formatted as follows:

- a) The title followed by "A Public Statement by the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society" and proceeded by a successive number.
- b) An introduction explaining the role and function of the Chapter and Society.
- c) A section explaining the specific topic and supportive biological information or evidence.
- d) A summary of recommendations supporting the statement.
- e) The date of Board approval and disposition of the Public Statements will be noted below the statement.

## REVIEW COMMITTEES

Review committees may be appointed by the President to review major documents such as, land management plans or environmental impact statements with the approval of the Board. Review Committees may be created as subcommittees under existing standing committees such as, Conservation Affairs or Resolutions depending on the expected out come of the review, they may stand-alone. Review Committees will be dismissed when their duties are completed.

## AD HOC COMMITTEES

The President may appoint Ad Hoc committees as needed for a special purposed with the approval of the Board. The President shall appoint a Chairperson, who will selection additional members as needed with the assistance of the President.

The President will assign specific duties for each Ad Hoc Committee and the committee will be dismissed when those duties are completed.

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## SECTION III. CHAPTER OPERATION POLICIES & TRADITIONS

The purpose of this section is to provide information as to why the Chapter does certain things. Some items pertain to the way the Chapter operates and some items are traditions. The difference between operational policies and traditions is that the Board approves the policies and is so noted; the source is provided if it is known. Although traditions may or may not have Board approval, it is something that has "always been done since who knows when for some known reason or unknown reason," but we do it *just* because. Traditions may change, come, and go, depending on the whim of the Board or membership because there is no established policy.

## Chapter Operation Policies

### JOINT ANNUAL MEETING (JAM)

The Arizona TWS Chapter established a policy to participate in and co-sponsor a Joint Annual Meeting with the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The Joint Annual Meeting is mutually agreed upon by these organizations to be the first full weekend in February at a location near the Arizona-New Mexico border within the allowed out-of-state travel distance for the respective State employees.

The host chapter responsibilities are to be rotated between Arizona and New Mexico and between three co-sponsoring chapters in the following sequence:

2012	AZ TWS	Arizona
2013	NM TWS	New Mexico
2014	AZ-NM AFS	Arizona
2015	NM TWS	New Mexico
2016	AZ TWS	Arizona
2017*	AZ-NM AFS	New Mexico
2018	AZ TWS	Arizona
2019	NM TWS	New Mexico

\* Fifth Annual Meeting.

*and so forth. Also see the JAM Manual*

The three co-sponsoring chapters have agreed that the Joint Annual Meeting will not be a primary fund raising function for the host chapter. A modest "profit" is acceptable, primarily because of "late" registration fees.

Source: From Chapter Bylaws prior to 1998.

Board Approval date is unknown.

*Comment: The 2007 JAM was held in Albuquerque without sufficient discussion with the Arizona participants that caused serious consternation with the Arizona State employees because it was beyond their out of state travel limit. Further, the date was scheduled mid-week, which made it difficult for university students and faculty to attend. Consequently, there was low attendance by Arizona folks. This incidence illustrates why it is important to maintain close communication and mutual agreement in making changes to this policy.*

*On the other hand, it is becoming more difficult to find suitable facilities within the out of state travel limits of Arizona and New Mexico state employees that only makes it that much more critical to maintain good communication and agreement among the co-sponsoring organizations.*





## PRESIDENT-ELECT ATTENDANCE AT TWS ANNUAL MEETING

To provide the Chapter a firm connection with the National organization, the Board agreed to support the President-elect to attend the TWS Annual Meeting. It was suggested that by enabling the President-elect to participate in this meeting that the Chapter would benefit from his/her experience during the President-elect's term as President.

The intent was to provide financial assistance to those who were not supported by their employer to cover primarily transportation, registration, and room costs.

## WILDLIFER MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Wildlifer Memorial Garden concept was conceived and developed by members of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society in the 1990s. Cooperators included Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona – New Mexico Chapter American Fisheries Society, Arizona Game Rangers, and others. The Garden was originally dedicated in 2003 at the Arizona Game and Fish Department state-office on Greenway Road in Phoenix. When the Game and Fish Department moved to the new Carefree Highway location in 2007 a new Garden was created as an integral part of the planning and construction of the new facility.

Arizona Chapter TWS has been the leader in fund raising for the Memorial Garden since its inception. Originally, donations were encouraged through purchase of engraved bricks, approximately 70 of which were incorporated into the original garden. Bricks were not incorporated into the new Garden at Carefree Highway, but all prior donors were noted on two bronze plaques installed at the Garden. Currently donations are being accepted, though not actively pursued, because the Arizona Game and Fish Department handles maintenance of the garden as part of their overall complex maintenance.

### **Criteria for the Wildlifer Memorial Garden:**

The Wildlifer Memorial Garden is dedicated to individuals who have lost their lives while working for Arizona's wildlife resources.

At such time that a person dies while working for Arizona's wildlife resources, consistent with the mission of The Wildlife Society, or through written petition to the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society Executive Board, a seven member temporary board shall be established to decide upon the eligibility of that person for inclusion into the Wildlifer Memorial Garden. The seven member board shall consist of a peer representative of the deceased (e.g., student -student; agency biologist -agency biologist), four members of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and two members of the Arizona Game Rangers Lodge FOP 71. These representatives shall be chosen by the executive board of each organization with the goal of broad -diverse representation, and a timely decision.

## WILDLIFE ALERT NETWORK

The Wildlife Alert network was established by the 2001 Board to provide a rapid communication system to notify and inform the Chapter membership of environmental and Chapter issues, news, activities, etc. that are time sensitive and need to be "published" before it would be available in the Chapter Newsletter. Wildlife Alerts are also posted on the Chapter WebPages. Wildlife Alert information may also be published in the Newsletter essentially for Chapter members who do not have access to email.

The Board has established following procedures for posting messages on the Chapter's Wildlife Alert email list:

- Any chapter member may submit a notice/message for posting on the Wildlife Alert network via the Wildlife Alert Gatekeeper.
- The Chapter Corresponding Secretary will serve as "Gatekeeper" for all Wildlife Alert messages. A backup gatekeeper who is also a member of the Board maybe appointed by the Chapter President. This procedure is established to provide a level of Board review for all material posted on Wildlife Alert network.
- The author of all Wildlife Alert messages will be identified by name and email address. If an email address is not available, the author's address and phone number must be provided.
- The Gatekeeper will review each message received to insure it is appropriate to post on the network. Any message that is questionable, the Gatekeeper may take the initiative to reject the message or forward it to the Chapter President for Board review. The sender of all rejected messages is to be notified with an explanation as to the reason it is not an appropriate item for the Wildlife Alert network.
- The Gatekeeper will see that the following disclaimer introduces each Wildlife Alert message: **"The following message is to alert you to current issues that may be of interest, but the views expressed do not necessarily represent those of the AZTWS"**. All messages are to be formatted as "text" of the email -- not as an attachment. This is to insure the message maintains the correct formatting when it is distributed. (Attached messages may loose its format when it is copied as an email text. Further, not all network subscribers can receive HTML format.)
- Approved Wildlife Alert messages are sent to the Chapter Membership Chairperson for distribution.
- The Chapter Membership Chairperson maintains the list of subscribers for the Wildlife Alert Network and distributes all messages such that the subscribers' email addresses are not revealed by using "BCC" feature or an alternate method. This is to protect network subscribers from unauthorized use to the list addresses and to maintain, "control" of posted messages.

Board Approved at the 2001 summer meeting (June 16, 2001).

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## Chapter Traditions

### SUMMER MEETING BREAKFAST

The Chapter Executive Board traditionally provided and served the Sunday morning breakfast at the membership summer meeting. However this has not been done since the 2000 summer meeting because of the lack of participation by the membership. The summer meeting should be held the fourth weekend in June.

### FIFTH OF WILD TURKEY

It has been the tradition for the incoming Chapter President to provide a fifth of Wild Turkey for a gathering of the Past-Presidents following the Annual Membership Meeting at the Joint Annual Meeting. Because of the lack of participation by the Past-Presidents, it was expanded to an informal gathering of Past-Presidents and new Board members and Committee chairs. The purpose of this tradition is not known. However, with the inclusion of the new Board members and Committee chairs it does provide an opportunity for these folks to get together informally and become acquainted as a functioning group. It also provides the opportunity to discuss Chapter ideas, problems, etc. in an informal setting.

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## **SECTION 4. RESOLUTIONS, POSITION STATEMENTS, AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS.**

### **Resolutions**

Through the Conservation Affairs Committee and the Executive Board, the viewpoints of the Chapter membership on issues related to the concern of the welfare of wildlife, their habitat, and management are expressed. Resolutions carry the formal determination and expression of opinion of Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

The Arizona Chapter has passed the following resolutions:

1. Phreatophyte Clearing Projects - 1969
2. National Teach-in on the Environment.
3. Mountain Lion as a Big Game Animal.
4. Size of the Grand Canyon National Park.
5. Opposing the Central Arizona Project.
6. Professional Standing in the Wildlife Field
7. Moratorium on Livestock Grazing on Public and State Lands in Portions of Arizona.
8. Introduction of Certain Federal Legislation Concerned with Management of Resident, Marine, and Migratory Solely on the Basis of Protective Concepts.
9. Transfer of Public Lands to Indian Tribes
10. Requiring Environmental Impact Statements for Issuing Grazing Permits on Federal Lands.
11. Reintroduction of Wolves into Historic Ranges of Arizona and New Mexico.
12. Reintroduction of the Grizzly Bear into Arizona and New Mexico.
13. Permitting Natural Fires on Public Lands.
14. Construction of Swift Trail (Highway 366).
15. Subdivision in San Rafael Valley, Santa Cruz County, Arizona.
16. Flood Control Project, Gila River and Tributaries Downstream from Painted Rock Reservoir, Arizona
17. Reducing Feral Burros Populations in Arizona
18. Administrative Arizona-New Mexico Subsection
19. Opposing the Sagebrush Rebellion.
20. Income Tax Check-off for Non-Game Wildlife.
21. Preservation of Old Growth Coniferous Forest Habitat
22. Legislation for the Preservation and Enhancement of Riparian Habitats in the Private Sector

23. Integrated Resource Management of Arizona's National Forests.
24. Endorsement and Support of Project Wild.
25. Proposed Hopi-Navajo Land Settlement - 1993
26. Ponderosa Pine Forest etc - 2002
27. Responsible Use and Management of Off Highway Vehicles on Arizona Federal and State Lands – Draft 2003-2004



## 1. Phreatophyte Clearing Projects

Whereas, Arizona is recognized nationally for its superior white-winged and mourning dove hunting with an annual harvest of over 1,700,000 birds by over 40,000 sportsmen and

Whereas, the future dove populations depend directly on the available riparian vegetation commonly referred to as phreatophytes located along the rivers and streams of Arizona for nesting habitat and

Whereas, large numbers of other small game, song and insectivorous birds, big game, waterfowl and several bird species listed in the rare and endangered fish and wildlife report depend on these riparian areas for cover and

Whereas, the mesquite bosque has historic significance and

Whereas, the hunting, bird watching and other recreation uses of these areas contribute an appreciable sum to the economy of Arizona and

Whereas, vegetation clearing projects are either completed, authorized, proposed or programmed for every major waterway supporting noteworthy amounts of such vegetation in Arizona and other streams in the Pacific Southwest and

Whereas, the completion of these projects will result in a significant loss of Arizona's dove harvest, potential elimination of several rare and endangered bird species in Arizona, elimination of valuable small game, big game and waterfowl habitat, and elimination of an historic desert habitat type -- the mesquite bosque from the Pacific Southwest and

Whereas, the projects authorized to date are designed to serve a single use at the expense of existing uses in conflict with the multiple use management principle and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the New Mexico-Arizona Section of the Wildlife Society on February 7, 1969, holds that this type project is not in the best interest of the resources involved and is opposed in principle to implementation of phreatophyte eradication projects detrimental to wildlife.

Now Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be mailed to the following: Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corps of Engineers.

**2. National Teach-in on the Environment.**

Whereas, U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson, D-Wisc. and Pete McClosky, R-Calif. are sponsoring a movement that will channel the tremendous energies of the youth of America into a National Teach-In on the Environment to be held on university campuses throughout the country on April 22, and;

Whereas, this Teach-In is designed to focus attention onto environmental problems, and;

Whereas, these environmental problems include air pollution, water pollution, urban sprawl, pesticide abuse, destruction of wildlife habitat, and the problem at the root of all these, human overpopulation, and;

Whereas, these problems are of grave concern to the members of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society commend Senators Nelson and McClosky, and;

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the Chapter offer professional assistance to the local organizers of the Teach-In.

(Copies sent to Senators Nelson and McClosky)

**3. Mountain Lion as a Big Game Animal.**

Whereas, bills have been introduced into both houses of the Arizona Legislature that would change the status of the mountain lion in Arizona to that of a "big game animal", and;

Whereas, the mountain lion is considered a trophy animal by sportsmen, and;

Whereas, provisions can be made to deal with stock killing individual lions, and;

Whereas, all of the other eleven western states have classified the mountain lion as a big game animal or they have legislation pending to that effect,

Therefore be it resolved that the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society recommend that the Arizona law be revised to include the mountain lion as a big game animal.

(Copies sent to Governor Williams and Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee)

**4. Size of the Grand Canyon National Park.**

Whereas, Senator Clifford Case of New Jersey has introduced into the U.S. Senate a bill (S-2360) that would increase the size of the Grand Canyon National Park to 2.14 million acres or approximately three times its present size, and;

Whereas, the additional acreage would include 403,000 acres of National Forest land, 307,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management land, 40,000 acres of private land, and 50,000 acres of Arizona state-owned land, and;

Whereas, the inclusion of the additional land for a "buffer zone" is not necessary to insure public appreciation of the Grand Canyon, and;

Whereas, the Kaibab National Forest has been well recognized for its successful multiple-use management practices commensurate with conservation principles, and;

Whereas, this additional land would include much of the prime deer range of the North Kaibab deer herd, and;

Whereas, the bill would remove from active management the essential habitat of the Kaibab deer herd and House Rock buffalo herd, and

Whereas, a protectionist policy for the Kaibab deer herd has been found to be unsatisfactory in the past, and;

Whereas, in order to actively manage wildlife populations, it is often desirable to remove surplus animals and manipulate habitat by techniques that are not normally compatible with National Park policy, and;

Whereas, certain adjustments of the Park boundary could be made to include areas essential to perpetuate the unique character of the Grand Canyon without jeopardizing wildlife areas that need to be actively manipulated to ensure maximal recreational and resource use by the public,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society express its opposition to S-2360 which is not in the best interest of the public or the resources.

(Copies sent to Senators Case, Goldwater, Fannin, and Representatives Steiger, Rhodes, and Udall)

**5. Opposing the Central Arizona Project.**

Be It Resolved That The Arizona Chapter Of The Wildlife Society Is Opposed To The Central Arizona Project For The Following Reasons:

Channelization of most of the remaining sections of the Colorado River with its inherent detrimental effects on wildlife is an integral part of the project;

Removal or desecration of wildlife habitat through "phreatophyte control", a procedure on which the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society has taken a position of opposition, is written into the Project;

The construction, maintenance, and impact of the delivery systems, dams, and other features of the Project would have a detrimental effect on wildlife habitat;

The Central Arizona Project, as proposed, has not met the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and no study of its detrimental effects on the ecology of Arizona has been initiated; and most important,

The philosophy deeming the Central Project necessary is incompatible with the goals and standards of The Wildlife Society, and this attempt toward a "solution" of the consequences of Arizona's aridity will not be achieved without undetermined serious effects on the environment.

## **6. Professional Standing in the Wildlife Field.**

One of the main objectives of The Wildlife Society, Inc. is: "To maintain high professional standards among those employed in the wildlife field."

This is also one of the main objectives of the New Mexico-Arizona Section and the Arizona State Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Professional employees working for the State of Arizona in the wildlife profession have experience a degrading of professional standards dictated by the newly formed Personnel Commission. The elimination of the Wildlife Management degree requirements for several key wildlife positions was accomplished by this Commission without due consideration for the professional requirements for the positions.

It is imperative that we influence and convince the personnel managers and administrators who have reason to employ wildlife professionals in previously established wildlife positions, that we as professionals, continue to perform as such and that the changing of position standards at the discretion of an uninformed political body will not necessarily establish the criteria for the position requirements.

Whereas, Colleges and Universities offer BS and advanced degrees for the profession of Wildlife Management;

Whereas, the profession of Wildlife Management and Biology is accepted, as such, by private industry, Federal and State Governments;

Whereas, individuals completing the degree requirements for qualifying for these professional positions and are employed in the pursuit of their profession, should be given proper consideration for any change in the position qualifications which would tend to alter the original position requirements by which they were employed.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona State Chapter of The Wildlife Society will strongly challenge any effort, by any organization who attempts to degrade, in any way, the profession of Wildlife Management.

**7. Moratorium on Livestock Grazing on Public and State Lands in Portions of Arizona.**

Whereas, Arizona has known a history of excessive numbers of livestock being grazed on public lands; and,

Whereas, many historical and present grazing practices have resulted in range deterioration that is still in evidence; and,

Whereas, many past grazing practices have removed ground cover with a subsequent rise in soil temperatures; and,

Whereas, increased soil temperatures promote changes in ecological conditions and, subsequently, vegetation; and,

Whereas, many grazing practices continuously contribute to range deterioration; and,

Whereas, removal of ground cover also promotes acceleration of soil erosion and water run-off; and,

Whereas, determination of numbers of grazing animals are often based on economics rather than by available forage; and,

Whereas, permitted livestock numbers are often allotted without regard to annual climatic changes; and,

Whereas, continuous range deterioration provides the conditions where livestock are directly competing for food nutrient with native wildlife; and,

Whereas, The Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society recognizes that the federal public land use agencies are currently attempting to adequately manage lands under their respective jurisdiction but are subject to political pressure; and,

Whereas, public land use agencies have the knowledge to recognize resource deterioration and to commend restorative land use practices,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society urge that a review of all Federal and State public lands be made by the respective agencies and that wherever the range shows a downward trend, the appropriate agency be urged to reverse this trend through proper management procedures. If ranges are depleted to the extent that management or readjustment of stocking rates cannot conceivably reverse this trend, all livestock should be removed and grazing terminated.

And Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. William D. Hurst, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. Joe T. Fallini, State Director, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix, Arizona, and to Mr. Andrew L. Bettwy, Commissioner of Public Lands, Arizona Land Department, Phoenix, Arizona.

**8. Introduction of Federal Legislation Concerned with Management of Resident, Marine, and Migratory Solely on the Basis of Protective Concepts.**

Whereas, numerous bills have recently been introduced into the Congress of the United States calling for the complete protection of marine mammals (HR 6554, HR 6558, S 1315, S 685), the prohibition of steel traps (S 2084, HR 8784, HR 12275), protection of feral horses and burros (HR 11075), protection of all birds of prey (HR 10482), protection of all wild predatory mammals (HR 689, SB 273) and others; and,

Whereas, bills of this nature which attempt to manage wildlife through legislation are expected to be introduced with increasing frequency; and,

Whereas, these bills are not designed to provide proper management of animal populations nor insure survival of the particular species; and,

Whereas, these bills usually do not acknowledge the ecological reasons governing the abundance of a given species; and,

Whereas, these bills often interfere with successful state and federal management programs and responsibilities; and,

Whereas, these bills attempt to legislate "protective" concepts in respect to wild animals as individuals; and,

Whereas, in many instances these bills could jeopardize the survival of populations by reducing or negating their economic worth and resource value,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society is opposed to the aforementioned bills and will protest future bills of this nature.

And, Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Arizona Federal Congressional Delegation.

## **9. Transfer of Public Lands to Indian Tribes**

Whereas, a large amount of public land has been transferred to quasi-private ownership for specific Indian tribes through the Indian Claims Commission, and

Whereas, administration of other public lands have been transferred to specific Indian tribes by executive order from the Secretary of Interior where no valid legal claims exist, and

Whereas, most of these land ownership transfers involve existing wildlife areas of high value including National Wildlife Refuges, and

Whereas, these land ownership transfers effectively eliminate preservation and management of the wildlife resources on millions of acres for the public owners, and

Whereas, the public and state agencies responsible for the welfare of the resident wildlife resources on these areas normally are given no opportunity to provide testimony,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona-New Mexico Section of The Wildlife Society holds the following statements to be true and self-evident:

1. No transfer of ownership or administration of public lands should be made to Indian tribes except through the established procedures of the Indian Claims Commission.
2. The nation's public lands should not be used by the Indian Claims Commission as coffers to liquidate valid claims of natives or Indians.

Be It Further Resolved that the Section urges adoption of these two basic principles for future policy decisions by the Secretary of Interior and the Indian Claims Commission.



**10. Requiring Environmental Impact Statements for Issuing Grazing Permits on Federal Lands.**

Whereas, the public lands provide the American people with vital recreational opportunities and natural resources of great economic importance; and

Whereas, most of the wildlife habitat in the western United States is on these public lands; and

Whereas, livestock grazing is and has affected the carrying capacity of wildlife on these public lands; and

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance to the American people that environmental degradation of the public lands be avoided and corrected; and

Whereas, livestock grazing has been shown to have a significant major impact on the environment; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that the New Mexico-Arizona Section of The Wildlife Society requests that the administrators of those lands in public ownership prepare detailed environmental impact statements previous to the issuance of grazing permits on federal lands; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Director of the United States Park Service, the Regional Administrators and Supervisors for the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service in Arizona and New Mexico, and members of the Arizona and New Mexico Congressional Delegation.

**11. Reintroduction of Wolves into Historic Ranges of Arizona and New Mexico.**

Whereas, wolves formerly occupied large areas of Arizona and New Mexico; and

Whereas, wolves have been completely extirpated from Arizona and New Mexico for several decades; and

Whereas, there remain large areas of habitat in Arizona and New Mexico in public ownership within the former distribution of wolves; and

Whereas, the New Mexico-Arizona Section of The Wildlife Society is of the philosophy that species diversity and the reintroduction of native fauna are desirable; and

Whereas, the wolf was, and could be a desirable complement to our faunal realm; and

Whereas, wolves are currently available for reintroduction from areas on the North American continent; and

Whereas, the New Mexico-Arizona Section of The Wildlife Society recognizes the inherent problems of anticipated or actual incompatibility of wolves with livestock operation; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that the New Mexico-Arizona Section of The Wildlife Society encourages the administrators of the United States Forest Service lands possessing wilderness characteristics, designed or de facto, within the historic range of wolves in Arizona and/or New Mexico to prepare management contingency plans to provide for the successful reintroduction of this species in limited numbers and area.

**12. Reintroduction of the Grizzly Bear into Arizona and New Mexico.**

Whereas, grizzly bears formerly occupied large areas of Arizona and New Mexico; and

Whereas, grizzly bears have been completely extirpated from Arizona and New Mexico since the 1930s; and

Whereas, there remain large areas of suitable habitat in Arizona and New Mexico in public ownership within the former distribution of grizzly bears; and

Whereas, the New Mexico-Arizona Section of The Wildlife Society is of the philosophy that species diversity and the reintroduction of native fauna are desirable; and

Whereas, grizzly bears are currently available for reintroduction from areas in the continental United States in and adjacent to lands administered by the National Park Service; and

Whereas, the New Mexico-Arizona Section of The Wildlife Society recognizes the inherent problem of anticipated or actual incompatibility of grizzly bears with livestock operations; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that the New Mexico-Arizona Section of The Wildlife Society encourages the administrators of the United States Forest Service lands possessing wilderness characteristics, designated or de facto, within the historical range of grizzly bear in Arizona and/or New Mexico to prepare management and contingency plans to provide for the successful reintroduction of this species in limited numbers and areas.

**13. Permitting Natural Fires to Burn on Public Lands.**

Whereas, interspersions of vegetative types and various stages of plant succession are not only important, but in some areas essential to wildlife survival; and

Whereas, fire plays an important role in providing both plant and animal species diversity; and

Whereas, man's influence on the ecology of an area by preventing all fires is more degrading to the environment than the air pollution caused by burning of wood; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that the New Mexico-Arizona Section of The Wildlife Society supports the courageous leadership shown by the National Park Service in allowing natural fires to burn under surveillance on the Saguaro National Monument when the prescribed conditions set forth in their management plan exists; and

Be It Further Resolved that the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management be encouraged to utilize the same policy on the public lands they administer; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Environmental Protection Agency, in review of environmental statements, weigh all factors of the environment and consider all alternatives before passing judgment to eliminate burning because of the air pollution problem.

**14. Construction of Swift Trail (Highway 366).**

Whereas, the Pinaleño Mountains of southeastern Arizona, although limited in area, present a diverse and scenic mosaic of floral and faunal habitats, many endemic to the area and which range in elevations from 3,000 to 10,700 feet; and

Whereas, the integrity of the range has been preserved through moderate development of recreation sites and access which provides for a high quality outdoor recreation experience for all persons regardless of transportation method; and

Whereas, the quality of recreation, aesthetic values, watershed, key wildlife habitats and general integrity of the range is definitely threatened by construction of a new highway and improvement of portions of the existing road; and

Whereas, justification of the construction is based only on the State Highway Department's requirements for slope easements and grade which cannot be met on the existing road and which must be met, under present policies, if the State Highway Department is to continue maintenance of the road; and

Whereas, the opportunity to conserve the many values inherent to the area is at a critical but possible stage and with development of improved access this opportunity would be forever lost.

Be It Therefore Resolved that the Arizona Chapter of the New Mexico-Arizona Section of The Wildlife Society requests that the State Highway Department and the United States Department of Justice immediately halt all new construction and that any future road maintenance, regardless of agency responsibility, be limited to the preservation of the road in its present scenic and adequate state and further that the portions of new construction already completed be modified to reduce the present degrading impact as much as possible and to develop these areas to best serve the public need.

**15. Subdivision in San Rafael Valley, Santa Cruz County, Arizona.**

Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter, The Wildlife Society oppose implementation of the proposed subdivision in San Rafael Valley, Santa Cruz County, Arizona for the following reasons:

Whereas, the effects of this project will result in a considerable loss of wildlife habitat for resident and migratory species; and

Whereas, the loss of this habitat will result in the reduction of several wildlife species and the probable elimination of antelope from San Rafael Valley; and

Whereas, the impact of the increased human pressure on the recreation and natural resources of the surrounding area will decrease the quality of life for Arizona's citizens; and

Whereas, this area is the last undeveloped valley area in southeastern Arizona and, therefore, an extremely valuable asset for the people of this State; and

Whereas, because of the natural condition of San Rafael Valley, it is a valuable area for range management, wildlife management and other ecological studies,

We Therefore propose that San Rafael Valley be designated as an area to be preserved in its present condition so that future generations can enjoy and study a natural undisturbed grassland.

**16. Flood Control Project, Gila River And Tributaries Downstream from Painted Rock Reservoir, Arizona.**

Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter, The Wildlife Society oppose implementation of the Lower Gila River Project for the following reasons:

Whereas, the effects of this project will result in a considerable loss of game habitat for resident and migratory species and,

Whereas, the loss of game will result in the loss of many recreational hours of Arizona and California sportsmen and,

Whereas, the effects of this project will result in the elimination of many nongame species, including the rare and endangered Yuma clapper rail, from the lower Gila River and,

Whereas, the professional wildlife biologists of this chapter believe that the effects of the proposed project and its ramifications on wildlife and the ecology of the area have not received adequate consideration,

We Therefore, support the many conservation organizations, groups and individuals including the Governor's Commission on Arizona Environment, the Arizona Wildlife Federation, Audubon Society, Sierra Club and the Yuma County Natural Resources Committee in opposition to this project.

**17. Reducing Feral Burros Populations in Arizona**

Whereas, several scientific studies have clearly shown that feral burros in the Northern and Western portions of Arizona, namely the Grand Canyon National Park and the Bill Williams Big Sandy area are destroying habitat for wildlife on significant acreage, and

Whereas, it is clear that the burro population in these areas must be drastically reduced to prevent further deterioration to present and adjoining acreage, and

Whereas, Federal Land Management Agencies other than the Grand Canyon National Park have indicated no immediate program to adequately reduce burro numbers,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the Arizona-New Mexico Section of The Wildlife Society that everything possible be done to encourage the Federal Land Management Agencies to control the excessive population now and to formulate and implement management plans that will allow for these depleted ranges to recover and prevent further occurrences of destruction by these feral animals.

Be It Further Resolved that Federal Legislation be developed and passed that will allow for sound practical methods of managing both wild horses and burros.

**18. Administrative Arizona-New Mexico Subsection.**

Whereas, the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society has reviewed the evolution of The Wildlife Society into the Arizona-New Mexico Administrative Section, the development of state chapters, the establishment of the New Mexico-Arizona Subsection, and the Council of Presidents governing body for the Southwest Section;

Whereas, we recognize the formative value the Arizona-New Mexico union has played in the development of a professional forum for conducting business of the Society in the Southwest and we believe the present organizational structure should continue to evolve;

Whereas, the state chapters have become self-sufficient units whose operation has not become so complex that an additional administrative layer is needed between them and the Southwest Section;

Whereas, it would strengthen the annual joint meeting of The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society of Arizona and New Mexico by appointing a joint committee whose sole function would be to continue the meeting in the form of an Arizona-New Mexico Natural Resources Conference;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter recommends that the New Mexico-Arizona Subsection be dissolved and the functions relative to producing the annual meeting be invested in a joint committee whose chairman will be selected at each annual meeting with a standing committee consisting of a representative from each of the state chapters of The Wildlife Society and the Arizona-New Chapters of the Fisheries Society.



**19. Opposing the Sagebrush Rebellion.**

Whereas, the objective of the Sagebrush Rebellion is the ultimate conversion of federal public lands in Arizona to state and private ownership, and

Whereas, wildlife have generally benefited from the application of multiple use management practices on federal lands in Arizona, and

Whereas, economic considerations on state and private lands in Arizona historically tend to be shortsighted, which results in land abuse and often irreversible deterioration of wildlife habitat quality and land productivity, and

Whereas, opportunities for managing wildlife and their habitats are generally greater on public than on state or private lands in Arizona, and

Whereas, the individual citizen realizes a greater freedom of entry and recreation use of federal than state or private land in Arizona,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society is opposed to the Sagebrush Rebellion or any other attempt to divest federal lands from public ownership.

**20. Income Tax Check-off for Non-Game Wildlife.**

Whereas, the stewardship of all wildlife of Arizona is vested by law in the Arizona Game and Fish Department and

Whereas, non-game animals are an important component of wildlife populations and

Whereas, the majority of the people of Arizona appreciate and are concerned with non-game as well as game animals and

Whereas, funding for the Arizona Game and Fish Department is generally derived from hunters, fishermen, and taxes on sporting goods and

Whereas, up to 15 percent of all Arizona Game and Fish Department funds are spent on non-game activities

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Legislature pass legislation to allow the taxpayers of Arizona to contribute by way of a "check-off" box on the State Income Tax form, all or any portion of any State income tax refund to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for use in non-game wildlife activities.

**21. Preservation of Old Growth Coniferous Forest Habitat.**

Whereas, the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society is a nonprofit organization of professional wildlife biologists, resource managers and others dedicated to managing and enhancing wildlife resources and their habitats; and

Whereas, the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society recognizes that all forms of wildlife are dependent on their environment and believes that habitat in many forms is essential to the continued existence of all wildlife species; and

Whereas, old growth coniferous forest habitat is critically important to over 20 wildlife species in the southwestern national forests; and

Whereas, the continued reduction of old growth coniferous forest stands from timber management activities threatens the continued existence of viable populations of old growth-dependent wildlife species; and

Whereas, Forest Land Management Plans are allocating acres of coniferous forest lands to be managed for old growth habitat but such plans may be years in litigation and review before being implemented thus delaying the time before old growth habitat allocations can be implemented; and

Whereas, during this interim acres of old growth forest could be reduced below that which have been allocated for old growth habitat management or necessary for protection of viable populations of old growth-dependent wildlife species.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society recommends:

1. The immediate termination of all timber management activities in existing stands of old growth coniferous forest in southwestern national forests until such time as those acres allocated in individual Forest Land Management Plans can be implemented on the ground; and
2. that appropriate agencies or organizations increase the level and funding of research to define the amounts and distributions of old growth habitat to insure protection of viable populations of old growth-dependent wildlife species; and
3. that appropriate agencies or organizations increase the level and funding of research to define the degree of dependency of other wildlife species which rely on old growth forest for a portion of their habitat needs.

**22. Legislation for the Preservation and Enhancement of Riparian Habitats in the Private Sector.**

Whereas, the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society is a nonprofit organization of professional wildlife biologists, resource managers, and other dedicated to managing and enhancing wildlife resources and their habitats; and

Whereas, the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society recognizes that all forms of wildlife are dependent on their environment and believes that habitat in many forms is essential to the continue existence of all wildlife species; and

Whereas, riparian habitat is critically important to over 30 wildlife species in Arizona; and

Whereas, the continue reduction of riparian habitat through agricultural, recreational, range and water management practices threatens the continued existence of many riparian-dependent species; and

Whereas, in order to encourage preservation and enhancement of riparian habitats, it is necessary to generate a broad base of support within industry, conservation organizations, and the private sector; and

Whereas, protection of riparian habitats on private lands will lead to erosion control by stabilizing stream banks, more and better habitat for game and non-game wildlife, and provide cooler water for trout and other fish species.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society recommends:

1. that the Arizona State Legislature should pass legislation granting tax incentives for riparian and fish habitat improvement based on Oregon State Senate Bill 397 entitled Riparian Tax Incentive Legislation; and
2. that conservation organizations in Arizona support and lobby for the passage of the said legislation.

**23. Integrated Resource Management of Arizona's National Forests.**

Whereas, the U.S. Forest Service is the primary agency charged with the management of Arizona's forested habitats, and

Whereas, Arizona's diverse forested habitats support a multitude of fish and wildlife species, and

Whereas, timber harvest on Arizona's National Forests represents a dominant land use, and

Whereas, timber harvest has the potential to benefit wildlife through creation of desired habitat conditions, and

Whereas, the Integrated Resource Management approach to the timber sale planning process has greatly improved wildlife objective setting related to timber harvest compared to previous approaches, and

Whereas, Integrated Resource Management has placed wildlife on a more equitable basis with all resources in the sale planning process, and

Whereas, timber sales developed under Integrated Resource Management better reflect the needs of wildlife and achieve wildlife goals and objectives, and

Whereas, Integrated Resource Management principles are also applicable to the management of a variety of resources including fuelwood, chaparral and livestock grazing.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Arizona Chapter supports the U.S. Forest Service in its aggressive implementation of Integrated Resource Management.

Be It Further Resolved that the Chapter recognizes the long-term benefits of Integrated Resource Management to the wildlife resource and urges the Forest Service to maintain its strong commitment to this approach to resource management in the future.

**24. Endorsement and Support of Project Wild.**

WHEREAS, Project WILD is a comprehensive wildlife education program developed cooperatively by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the Western Regional Environmental Education Council, and

WHEREAS, the goal of Project WILD is "to assist learners of any age in developing awareness, knowledge, skills and commitment to result in informed decisions, responsible behavior and constructive actions concerning wildlife and the environment upon which all life depends," and

WHEREAS, this goal is sought by providing an instructional program for teachers of kindergarten through high school age young persons, and

WHEREAS, Project WILD has received the endorsement and active support of forty states and eight national or international organizations, and

WHEREAS, Project WILD has been acknowledged for its merit and quality by awards or recognition from The Wildlife Society, National Wildlife Federation, North American Association for Environmental Education, Conservation Education Association, National Council for the Social Studies, National Science Teachers Association, and National Association of Biology Teachers, and

WHEREAS, Project WILD has been reviewed in depth by a specially appointed committee of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and said committee reported that Project WILD materials were "well organized and presented, incorporates practical and proven teaching methods and maintains objective and unbiased positions in areas of social controversy, while exposing issues rather than avoiding them -- a proper function of education," and further, states "Project WILD was found to be an excellent wildlife and environmental tool..."

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society, in official meeting on January 29, 1987, that it does express its endorsement and support for Project WILD as a balanced and unbiased program which presents facts and guidance from which informed opinions can be made, and further does urge schools and organizations not utilizing Project WILD to consider incorporating this program into their educational efforts.

## 25. Proposed Hopi-Navajo Land Settlement

WHEREAS, the Federal Government proposes to transfer ownership of over 500,000 acres of public and private land to the Hopi Tribe in exchange for allowing 112 Navajo homesites on Hopi land for an additional 75, and;

WHEREAS, this proposal was developed without involvement of the affected land management agencies, state government, county government, or the public, and;

WHEREAS, implementation of this proposal would reduce both State and Federal land management agencies' ability to effectively manage wildlife habitat, wildlife populations, and coordinate resource programs, and;

WHEREAS, implementation of this proposal would result in direct revenue losses to the State and Federal agencies responsible for management of natural resources, thereby reducing their ability to conduct management activities and wildlife habitat enhancement programs, and;

WHEREAS, implementation of this proposal would result in direct economic losses to both State and local economies, and;

WHEREAS, said transfer of ownership would limit rights of access and enjoyment of these lands to most citizens of the United States, together with their use of these natural resources and recreational opportunities, and;

WHEREAS, the current proposal does not provide immediate and certain resolution to the matter of disputed land ownership, but merely postpones the definitive solution for at least another 75 years, when the Navajo families will be expected to move from Hopi lands:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society believes that this process was flawed; that it is illegal under provisions of the national Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); that the proposal does not serve the interests of the citizens at large of this country; and that it does not resolve the root issue of the problem it attempts to address. We therefore recommend the proposal be reexamined in accordance with NEPA and will full public participation.

Approved by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting in Farmington, New Mexico on February 4, 1993. Copies of the resolutions were sent to members of Arizona's congressional delegation, Governor Symington, Chairman Masayesva of the Hopi Tribe, President Zah of the Navajo nation, and Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt.

Source: The Wildlifer: the Voice of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society, March 1993, Vol. 93, Issue 1, page 4.

## 26. Arizona's Ponderosa Pine Forests

WHEREAS, it is widely accepted that Arizona's pre-European settlement ponderosa pine forests were generally more open and park-like compared to today's forests, and exhibited frequent low intensity ground fires that shaped this diverse ecosystem, and

WHEREAS, nearly a century of aggressive forest fire suppression, intensive logging, and grazing by livestock has altered the natural processes influencing ponderosa pine forest structure and age composition, resulting in a proliferation of young to mid-age class trees and in a significant reduction in larger "old growth" trees, and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of young to mid-age class trees in the forests has increased competition with remaining old growth trees and heightened risk for disease and catastrophic high intensity wildfire, particularly within the "wildland-urban interface" around communities, and

WHEREAS, "forest restoration" constitutes a new paradigm and technique for experimental application as one method of forest management aimed at reducing competition by reducing tree density, increasing fire frequency, and restoring ecosystem function and processes to the historical range of natural variation, while relying heavily on adaptive management monitoring and feedback, and

WHEREAS, the prevailing application of forest restoration focuses on reconstruction of pre-settlement reference conditions relative to tree density and forest structure, with prescriptions resulting in dramatic reduction (e.g., >90%) in tree density in a single entry, and

WHEREAS, reference condition-based forest restoration treatments may create short- to long-term (e.g., up to 100+ years) disruptions in forest soil, hydrologic, and nutrient cycling and processes, and may fail to retain important habitat structural components for 100-130 years, as well as potentially impacting many of the 250+ vertebrate wildlife species dependent on ponderosa pine forests to meet a multitude of habitat requirements and structural conditions, and

WHEREAS, the potential effects of forest restoration treatment on wildlife are largely unknown and funding to monitor and evaluate treatment effects on wildlife are limited to the degree that sufficient information may not be collected to facilitate effective adaptive management and to identify needed changes in treatment prescriptions that ensure that landscape-level habitat features and arrangement of restored and untreated forest meet the diverse needs of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, treatments within the wildland-urban interface immediately surrounding communities are focused primarily on minimizing catastrophic wildfire risk by reducing continuous heavy fuels and potential for fire to "ladder" from the ground to the forest canopy via small understory trees, and secondarily on forest restoration, and

WHEREAS, forest restoration and fire risk reduction activities are anticipated to increase dramatically in the coming years with increased awareness and funding from Congress, especially to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire within the wildland-urban interface, and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Chapter is a chartered affiliate of The Wildlife Society and is a

non-profit organizations of approximately 250 professional wildlife biologists who reside and are employed in Arizona, and who strive to develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and the environments upon which wildlife and humans depend.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Chapter supports the restoration of Arizona's ponderosa pine and recognized the need to enhance biological diversity including the retention of remaining old growth trees, promote fully functioning and healthy ecosystems in which fire plays a greater role, and provide for the full range of natural variability in terms of forest structure, age classes, and habitat arrangement across the landscape needed by the multitude of wildlife species inhabiting the ponderosa ecosystem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Chapter supports a short-term priority on treatments within the wildland-urban interface to primarily reduce high intensity wildlife risk, combined with an emphasis on research and monitoring of treatment effects on all resources, including wildlife, for development of integrated treatment prescriptions through adaptive management that can be used to reduce fire risk and improve health both within and outside the wildland-urban interface.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Chapter supports a priority on wildland-urban interface treatment insomuch as such treatments are applied within and immediately adjacent to communities (e.g., within ½ mile), and only with appropriate justification for more extensive application to address limited special conditions including prevailing wind patterns or terrain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Chapter strongly recommends that a conservative approach to forest restoration be applied outside the wildland-urban interface, with greater emphasis on integration of process-oriented restoration treatments that promote maintenance of both short- and long-term forest ecosystem processes and reflect the full range of natural variability in forest conditions, as well as making a commitment of resources and funding on all projects for research and evaluation of treatment effects on all resources to ensure effective adaptive management.

Passed by the membership at the February 7, 2002 annual membership meeting at Safford, AZ.



**DRAFT****27. RESPONSIBLE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON ARIZONA FEDERAL AND STATE LANDS**

**Whereas**, the use of Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs), such as 4-wheel drive trucks, sport utility vehicles (SUVs), sand buggies and rails, all terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorcycles, and snowmobiles has more than doubled in Arizona since 1977 and continues to out-pace Arizona's population growth (which has increased by more than 65 percent and now exceeds 5 million people with projections to reach 6 million in 2010); and

**Whereas**, the 1990 Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Study estimated the number of OHVs to exceed over 550,000 vehicles in Arizona and 884,000 people in Arizona actively participating in OHV activities each year; and with sales of OHVs, particularly 4 Wheel drive trucks, SUVs, and ATVs significantly increasing in the last five years with projections for increasingly higher sales of OHVs in the next ten years; and

**Whereas**, though many OHV users may operate their vehicles in environmentally responsible ways many users do so irresponsibly, which can significantly degrade and damage key natural resources such as soils, water quality, vegetation, and wildlife habitat values; and where numerous published research studies have documented the adverse resource impacts that can be caused by OHVs and the creation of excessive "wildcat" road and trails densities; and

**Whereas**, evidence of OHV impacts and damage to soils, vegetation, waterways, and wildlife habitats on Arizona's federal and state lands has become increasingly prevalent throughout the state including the creation of high densities of new "wildcat" roads and trails which then become permanent scars and sources of increased impact on the landscape along with the potential spread of "noxious weeds"; and

**Whereas**, public concern for the proper use and management of OHVs on federal public land was first acknowledged through the passage of Executive Order No. 1164 in 1972 (as amended in 1977 and 1987) for the purpose of establishing federal policies and procedures that would ensure that;

- 1) the use of off-highway vehicles on federal public lands would be controlled and directed to protect the resources of those lands;
- 2) safety of all users of those lands was promoted; and
- 3) conflicts among the various use of those lands were minimized; and

**Whereas**, federal land managed by the U.S. Forest Service (10.9 million acres) and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (13.8 million acres), which comprises 44% of Arizona's land area including significant natural resources, requires management for "multiple use" objectives including the protection and enhancement of soils, water, vegetation, and wildlife habitat along with providing recreational opportunities such as OHV use without impairment to the land's natural

resources; and

**Whereas**, Arizona State Trust Land, which comprises 13% (9.4 million acres) of Arizona's land base including areas of significant ecological value and habitat for wildlife and fish, receives OHV recreational use by hunters and fishermen with valid Arizona hunting/fishing licenses during open seasons and other publics through the purchase of recreational permits, and

**Whereas**, inconsistent agency terminology, regulations, management, and enforcement related to OHV use on federal and state lands has often led to public confusion and misunderstanding of OHV guidelines; adverse impacts to sensitive wildlife and fish habitats, and agency difficulty in enforcing OHV regulations to prevent natural resource damage; and

**Whereas**, proposed management guidelines and alternatives to improve management consistency and resource protection in relation to cross country travel and OHV use on federal U.S. Forest Service lands on the Apache-Sitgreaves, Coconino, Kaibab, Prescott, and Tonto National Forests (Draft – EIS Evaluating Cross Country Travel by OHVs on Arizona Forest Lands) are of critical need and timely importance in addressing the escalating OHV management issue in Arizona; and

**Whereas**, the OHV industry, particularly the manufacturers of 4-wheel drive trucks, SUVs and ATVs continue to market their products through the media in a manner that often displays irresponsible use of OHVs, such as driving through streams, wetlands, meadows, and up mountain hillsides.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Arizona Chapter supports and encourages a national emphasis and revision of Executive Order No. 1164 to intensify and improve management direction and guideline standardization for all federal land OHV programs, and a statewide emphasis on OHV management through the development of an inter-agency task force to evaluate and provide planning guidance for OHV management and regulations in Arizona; and

**Now, Therefore Be It Further Resolved** that the Arizona Chapter encourages OHV manufactures and retailers to promote responsible marketing and use of OHVs; and

**Now, Therefore Be It Further Resolved** that the Arizona Chapter encourages expanded funding of the 1989 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund in Arizona for increased habitat protection, information and education, and OHV law enforcement to keep up with the exponential growth of OHV use in Arizona; and

**Now, Therefore Be It Further Resolved** that the Arizona Chapter urges all state and federal land management agencies in Arizona to develop and enforce standardized management guidelines and regulations including consistent OHV definitions, signage, and designation of areas open and closed to OHV use; and

**Now, Therefore Be It Further Resolved** that the Arizona Chapter strongly supports an alternative proposed for Arizona's Forest Plan Amendments developed through

the Environmental Impact Statement and public comment process that will provide for consistent OHV management and regulation across all national forests in Arizona and which implements a "closed to cross country travel unless signed open and permitted" approach to OHV management; and

**Lastly, Therefore Be It Further Resolved** that the Arizona Chapter strongly encourages the use of interagency and interdisciplinary teams including professional wildlife biologists to plan and design OHV route and trails systems which avoid OHV use in sensitive areas (e.g., streams- riparian habitats, archaeological sites, key wildlife areas, etc.) to mitigate resource impacts.

Source: The Wildlifer: The Voice of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Winter2003-2004 Newsletter

## Position Statements

**Position statements are prepared in reference to propositions and/or political endorsements. They are official statements of the Chapter membership on issues related to the concern of the welfare of wildlife, their habitat, and management.**

### **1. Proposition 200 -- "Use of Steel Leghold Traps, etc."**

#### **Background on the Chapter:**

The Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society, hereinafter "Chapter", is a non-profit scientific and educational organization consisting of roughly 250 professional biologists who reside and are employed in the State of Arizona. The Chapter is a chartered affiliate of the international organization known as The Wildlife Society (TWS), which includes over 8,000 members in 50 states and many foreign countries. The principal objectives of these groups (from Bylaws of TWS) are:

- (1) to develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environments upon which wildlife and humans depend;
- (2) to undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation;
- (3) to increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values; and
- (4) to seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

#### **Proposition 200:**

Proposition 200 is a measure to prohibit the use of steel leghold traps (and certain other devices) in taking wildlife on public lands.

**First:** The official policy of The Wildlife Society with regard to traps, trapping, and furbearer management is as follows: (Taken from: Conservation Policies of The Wildlife Society: A Stand on Issues Important to Wildlife Conservation, 1990)

Internationally accepted principles of natural resources conservation stipulate that resource management activities must maintain essential ecological processes, preserve genetic diversity, and ensure the existence of species and ecosystems. Regulated trapping in North America is consistent with all 3 criteria and is versatile, safe, effective, and ecologically sound method of harvesting and managing species of furbearers.

Trapping provides income, recreation, and an outdoor lifestyle for many citizens through use of a renewable natural resource. It is a part of the North American heritage. It is often vital to the subsistence or self-sufficiency of peoples in remote regions who have few other economic alternatives. Trapping is a primary tool of most animal damage control programs and an important technique in wildlife research. In some situations, trapping is important in management of is effective in reducing or suppressing wildlife diseases.

Despite the values of trapping, portions of the public oppose it, or at least perceive problems with some aspect of it. Some object only to certain trapping

methods, particularly the foothold trap on land, but others have moral objections to killing animals. Much of the opposition to trapping is associated with urban-oriented cultures, particularly those dominated by tertiary (service oriented) employment. Those who approve, or practice, or benefit from trapping are primarily from rural cultures or are from areas where primary (land-based) employment predominates. This dichotomy of lifestyles and values, combined with a general lack of objective information about trapping, creates barriers to understanding the controversial issues associated with trapping

The policy of The Wildlife Society in regard to trapping is to:

1. Support use of regulated trapping for sustained harvest of some species of furbearers for economic benefit, subsistence, and outdoor recreation; and as an effective method for managing or studying furbearers, controlling damage caused by furbearers, and, at times, reducing the spread of harmful disease.
2. Recognize that regulated trapping is a safe, efficient, and practical means of capturing individual animals without impairing the survival of furbearer populations or damaging the environment.
3. Recognize that animals can be injured by some traps and trapping systems, particularly the foothold trap set on land, but that:
  - (a) regulatory and educational programs can reduce the number and extent of injuries;
  - (b) foothold traps often offer advantages over other techniques in efficiency, safety to humans and domestic animals, release of non-target animals, and lack of adverse environmental effects; and
  - (c) acceptable and effective alternatives are not currently available for many species, although commercially-produced padded traps appear to have potential for greatly reducing injury while maintaining comparable trapping efficiency for some species.
4. Recognize that significant opposition to trapping exists, both in North America and abroad, and that comprehensive resolution of trapping issues will require application of well-designed and sensitive research, management, and educational programs.
5. Promote development of improved traps, trapping systems, and addition methods of taking furbearing animals.
6. Urge use of trapping devices and systems that kill quickly or that cause the least injury and stress to captured animal, whichever is appropriate, and that are selective, efficient, and safe to use.
7. Promote programs of trapper education that cover appropriate trapping techniques, proper fur handling, and furbearer management.
8. Advocate research on furbearers, trappers, trapping methods, and attitudes of publics towards trapping to advance understanding and facilitate resolution of controversial issues and problems associated with furbearer management.
9. Promote programs that inform the public on values and benefits of properly regulated sustained use of renewable natural resources, including furbearers.
10. Encourage appropriate regulation of trapping and rigorous enforcement of trapping laws by responsible agencies to assure that optimum furbearer populations are perpetuated and that populations of other species, including rare and endangered wildlife, are not threatened.

**Second:** Proposition 200, in Section 1, Declaration of Policy, contains a statement to the effect that... "We (the people of Arizona) desire to manage our wildlife and protect our property by humane and non-lethal methods."

Proponents of the Proposition have been quick to point out that this policy statement is not intended to discontinue hunting. They also note that the language in paragraphs D and E of Section 2 clarifies the intent of the initiative, which is clearly not to interfere with hunting and fishing. they quote Assistant Attorney Paula S. Bickett in support of this claim:... "in our opinion Proposition 200, if enacted, would not prohibit hunting and fishing activities as they are not regulated under Arizona law." ) From a Letter to the Editor: Arizona Daily Sun, 8/22/92)

Opponents of the Proposition, however, as well as the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, have interpreted this policy statement as a potential threat to hunting, fishing, and even pest control within the state. Their interpretation of the matter is supported by former Attorney General Robert Corbin, who states... "cleverly disguised as the 'anti-trapping' initiative, California animal rights groups are trying to permanently abolish hunting and fishing in the state ... The Arizona Department of Game and Fish, as well as other legal counsels for wildlife groups, have determined that Section 1 of the initiative, where it states... 'we desire to manage our wildlife and protect our property by humane and non-lethal means' in the form of a declaration of policy, would lead a court to prohibit the Department from allowing the taking of any wildlife through fishing or hunting." (National Rifle Association, 6/10/92)

Thus, while the basic objective of the proposition (elimination of leghold traps) seems clear, there is considerable debate about the implications of the policy statement. What looks like a "simple" proposition is almost certainly subject to considerable judicial interpretation. It is conceivable; even likely, that some animal rights groups might seek a court decision against hunting, should the proposition become law. There is certainly precedent for such action, especially considering what happened to an elk depredation near flagstaff last fall. An injunction stopped the hunt the legal issues could be resolved; the delay prevented the hunt from being resumed. The problem in this case is that, regardless of one's view on steel traps per se, the elimination of which is said to be the objective of this proposition, there is too much possibility of subjective judicial interpretation. If a judicially imposed suspension of all hunting and fishing were to occur, this would have negative economic impacts on businesses that depend upon such activities for a major portion of their income. It would also likely have adverse impacts upon certain wildlife populations and their habitats.

It is the position of the Chapter that the wise course is not to enact as law a proposition that contains such ambiguous language.

**Thus, the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society urges a NO VOTE ON Proposition 200.**

Source: The Wildlifer: The Voice of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Aug.-Sept. 1992, Vol. 92, Issue 3, pages 1,3, 4, and 5

Note to reviewers - this seems to be a position statement by the Arizona Wildlife Federation and I do not see a place for it in the Arizona State Chapter of the Wildlife Society Operations Manual.

### **Public Statements**

Public statements are formal opinions of the Arizona Chapter made in a public setting by a board member or approved member of the chapter designated by the chapter president. These statements do not have the same review criteria as resolution statements however they should be read from a written statement. Public statements allow for expediency of formal opinions by the chapter to be presented to the public in a timely manner. Statements only need approval by a majorly vote of board members. Currently there are no public statements for listing in the operations manual.

**SECTION V. ARIZONA CHAPTER of TWS BYLAWS**

BYLAWS FOR THE ARIZONA CHAPTER  
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, INC.<sup>1</sup>

Organized: March 10, 1968

Article I - Name, Area, and Affiliation

Section 1 - Name - The name of this organization shall be the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2 - Area - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the State of Arizona.

Section 3 - Criteria for Affiliation - This Chapter shall conform to the Bylaws, Code of Ethics, policies, principals, and objectives of The Wildlife Society, Inc. (Hereinafter may be referred to as the Society).

Article II - Objectives and Purposes

Section 1 - Objectives - Consistent with the objectives of The Wildlife Society, the Arizona Chapter objectives are:

- a) to develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environments upon which wildlife and humans depend;
- b) to undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation;
- c) to increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values;
- d) to seek the highest standard in all activities of the wildlife profession.

Section 2 - Implementation - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- a) Provide opportunities for better liaison among individual members, the sections, and the Society.

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<sup>1</sup> The Wildlife Society was incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia.



- b) Evaluate and respond to proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife or its habitat.
- c) Recognize and commend outstanding work in the profession.
- d) Focus the aims and objectives of the Society and Southwest Section upon wildlife needs, problems, and events at the Chapter level.
- e) Encourage communication between members and non-members to create climates under which the resource management arts will be used effectively.
- f) Inform local lay groups, clubs, schools, and agencies of the purposes and objectives of The Wildlife Society and to create and further conservation education.

### Article III - Chapter Year

Section 1 - The Chapter's operating and fiscal year shall begin February 10, although the Chapter's financial reporting must follow the Society's calendar year schedule.

### Article IV - Membership

#### Section 1 - Full Voting Membership

Clause A - A Full Voting Membership in the Arizona Chapter shall be available to any member of The Wildlife Society who resides or works within the boundaries of the Chapter and is not a full voting member of another Chapter of the Society. Only Full Voting Members may hold office in the Chapter; vote on matters affecting Chapter policy; vote on matters affecting the Society; and officially represent the Chapter on Society business as authorized by the Board.

#### Section 2 - Limited Voting Membership

Clause A - Limited Voting Membership in the Arizona Chapter shall be available to any person who, although not a member of The Wildlife Society, has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter and is approved by the Executive Board of the Chapter (Article V, Sec. 3). Members of other professional natural resource organizations and students in the wildlife-related curriculum, who are not members of The Wildlife Society, are examples of this category. Limited Voting Members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Full Voting Members, including voting in Chapters elections, except as otherwise reserved for Full Voting Members in Article IV, Section 1.

Section 3 - Dues - The amount of the annual dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and shall be payable by each member to the Treasurer by February 10 and no later than March 31. Members who have not paid Chapter or Society dues shall lose their membership status in the Chapter. Annual Chapter dues also may be paid to the Society's headquarters Office along with Section and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter.

Section 4 - Resignation - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter's Recording Secretary.

Section 5 - Reinstatement - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues may be reinstated into membership in this Chapter upon reapplication and payment of appropriate dues.

Section 6 - Charter Member - Members in good standing on the membership rolls of The Wildlife Society and residing within the State of Arizona as of February 29, 1968, shall be considered Charter Members. Charter membership by itself does not confer any voting privileges as defined in Article IV, Sections 1 and 2. Such voting privileges depend on current paid membership at the Chapter and National levels.

Section 7 - Honorary Member - Honorary members of the Arizona Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all members of the Chapter, have been thus recognized for their achievements. An Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary membership confers voting privileges as either a Full Voting Member or as a Limited Voting Member, as defined in Article IV, Sections 1 and 2, depending on current paid membership status at the National level.

#### Article V - Elections and Officers

Section 1 - Nominating and Elections Committee - The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee selected by the Executive Board (see Art. VII, Sec. 1) of the Chapter shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions namely: President-Elect, Treasurer (even years only), Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and one (1) additional Board Member from the membership of the Chapter.

Clause A - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause B - Said nominations slate shall be submitted to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the distribution of the ballots.

Clause C - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six (6) members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause D - Those nominated must be voting members in good standing of The Wildlife Society. A member may be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Section 2 - Balloting - Ballots shall be distributed or noticed to the members, received, and counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. 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 by the membership.

Clause A - Members in arrears of dues shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of the delinquency.

Clause B - A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Nominating and Elections Committee by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold two (2) elective Chapter positions simultaneously.

Section 3 - Officers - Officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and two (2) Board Members. Their duties are:

Clause A - President - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers, shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, Chairmen of all regular and special committees, shall preside as Chairman at meeting of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating and Elections Committee. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint alternative representative to other Chapter, Section, or Society Boards, committees, or meetings, including the Executive Board of the Southwest Section.

Clause B - President-Elect - The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President upon completion of the President's term, in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the President-Elect cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for receipt and disbursement of all Chapter funds and maintenance of all financial records. Duties shall include preparation of an annual financial report, financial reports of all Chapter sponsored events, and all required tax forms.

Clause D - Corresponding Secretary - The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all Chapter correspondence. Duties

shall also include maintaining a file of all Chapter correspondence and a log of documents received for review by the Chapter.

Clause E - Recording Secretary - The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and forward same to the Corresponding Secretary within thirty (30) days.

Clause F - Board Members - Board Members shall serve on the Executive Board.

Section 4 - Term of Office - The officers and elected Board Members must be voting members of The Wildlife Society. The President, President-Elect, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary shall serve for approximately one (1) year. Board Members shall serve for approximately two (2) years with staggered terms such that one Board Member is elected each year. The Treasurer shall serve a two-(2) year term with installation in an odd numbered year<sup>2</sup>. All incoming officers shall be installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and, unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

Section 5 - Vacancies - If the Office of the President is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elective office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be voting members of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

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<sup>2</sup> The installation of the Treasurer is designed to avoid a change in office during the Arizona Chapter hosted Annual Meeting.

## Article VI - Meetings

Section 1 - Regular Meetings - Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined by the Executive Board.

Clause A - Annual Meetings - The Annual Meeting shall be held in February for the purposes of electing or installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - Meeting Notice - The members must be notified at least thirty days (30) prior to Regular Meetings and at least ten (10) days prior to special meetings.

Clause C - Quorum - The quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over fifty (50) percent of the membership or twenty (20) members in good standing, whichever is less; for other regular meetings, over twenty-five (25) percent or ten (10) members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board meeting, four (4) members of the Board.

Clause D - Meeting Rules - The rules contained in the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the special rules of order of the Chapter or the Society. The Bylaws of the Chapter shall be available for inspection during every meeting.

Section 2 - Special Meetings - Special Chapter meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice is given (see Art. VI, Sec. 1 B).

Clause A - Only those items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - Clauses B through D under Section 1 of this Article that apply to Regular Meetings apply to Special Meetings as well.

## Article VII - Management and Finance

Section 1 - Executive Board - The Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of the officers.

Clause A - Conduct - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Wildlife Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between Chapter meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting. Any action of the Board may be overridden by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full membership.

Clause B - Attendance - Members may attend Executive Board Meetings, but may participate only when asked to do so, and may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 - Finance - Funds of the Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board and shall be handled by the Treasurer. The financial records of the Chapter shall be periodically examined by the Audit Committee (Art. VIII, Sec. 2, I).

Clause A - The Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessments, work projects, and contributions.

Clause C - Funds shall be placed in a federally insured account in the name of the Chapter.

Clause D - Where the proceeds exceed expenses from Chapter sponsored workshops and programs, twenty-five (25) percent of the profits shall be allocated to the Chapter's Continuing Education Fund.

Section 3 - Reports - The Corresponding Secretary shall, within twenty (20) days after an election, or other official action taken by the Chapter, provide a copy of such action to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society and to the Southwest Section Representative. These same parties shall receive an annual Chapter financial statement from the Treasurer. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted to the Executive Director in January of each year for federal tax reporting.

Section 4 - Files - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: current Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, the Southwest Section, and the Chapter; the minutes of all regular and special Chapter meetings; minutes of Executive Board meetings; correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs; all committee reports, financial statements, and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. A Chapter "Operations Manual" provided by the Society will be maintained by the Chapter President, and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained, and the Society will be notified of each transfer.

Section 5 – Resolutions, Position, and Public Statements - Any Chapter member(s) may submit resolutions or statements to the Resolutions, Position, and Public Statements Committee for possible consideration by the Chapter's Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Chapter membership voting and must be

transmitted to The Wildlife Society Section President, if approved. Chapter members will have thirty (30) days to review resolutions prior to voting on them. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by any Chapter officer upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. On issues where there are no previously established Chapter policies, the President, or designated representative, may present a Public Statement (but not a resolution) on behalf of the Chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement be brought to the Executives Board's attention and is accepted by them prior to the public issuing of the statement; and 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership within fifteen (15) days after the public issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the Arizona Chapter may issue statements pertaining to subjects in its locale:

- a) When the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Wildlife Society; and
- b) In the absence of existing position statement by The Wildlife Society, the Arizona Chapter will not issue statements that may be in conflict with the policy of The Wildlife Society without prior approval of the Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Wildlife Policy Activities" (Appendix 4.421 of the Operations Manual). The Chapter membership, The Wildlife Society, the Southwest Section Representative, and the Southwest Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within fifteen (15) days of such action.

## Article VIII - Committees

Section 1 - Appointments - The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing Chairmen of all regular standing committees, except the Nominating Committee (Art. V, Sec. 1), and special committees as the need arise. Committee chairmen shall complete their committees with assistance of the President. All committee chairmen shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Recording Secretary before the close of the Annual Chapter Business Meeting.

### Section 2 - Duties of Standing Committees

Clause A - Nominating See Art. V, Sec. 1 and Clauses A-D.

Clause B - Membership - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing in the area to become members of The Wildlife Society and of the Chapter.

Clause C - Publicity - This committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic concepts of wildlife management and of Society activities and interest in concurrence with the Bylaws.

Clause D – Resolutions, Position, and Public Statements - This committee shall receive proposed resolution, Position, or public statements from members at any time. Such items shall be prepared and submitted for endorsement and further action by the Chapter membership at the annual or regular meetings.

Clause E - Programs - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the annual meeting at least two (2) months prior to the meeting date.

Clause F - Conservation Affairs - This committee, with the chairman acting as the Environmental Coordinator, will review material relating to the attention of the Executive Board.

Clause G - Newsletter - The chairman of this committee will be the Editor of the Chapter Newsletter, which will inform the membership, on at least a quarterly basis, of the activities of the Chapter.

Clause H - Awards - This committee shall recommend to the Executive Board suitable candidates for the regular and special awards bestowed by the Chapter.

Clause I - Audit - This committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two (2) additional members. It shall review the financial records and supporting documents of the Treasurer at least annually. The committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of Treasurer.

Clause J - Continuing Education - This committee shall oversee the Chapter's continuing education and training activities addressing the needs of the membership and the Continuing Education Fund, including the review of applications and the awarding of funds.

## Article IX - Dissolution

Section 1 - Upon dissolution of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the Executive Board shall turn all assets, accrued income, and other properties over to the Council of The Wildlife Society with the understanding that said assets will be held for a maximum of five (5) years from the date of said dissolution of the Chapter for redistribution to another Chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within the five (5) year period. If another Chapter is not established within the area and period of time, The Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income and the properties as best determined by the Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

## Article X - Amendment to Bylaws



Section 1 - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members voting at any regular or special Chapter meeting, if the advance notice of the proposed changes, per Art. VI., Sec. 1 B of these Bylaws, is followed. A member who is absent may file an absentee ballot.

Section 2 - Amendments must not conflict with current Bylaws of The Wildlife Society. If these Bylaws are revised, the revision must be approved by The Wildlife Society Council before becoming effective.



SECTION VI. RECORD OF CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS SINCE 1987

(See Chapter History for Previous Officers and Chairpersons)

**1988<sup>3</sup>**

President: Norris Dodd  
President-Elect: Sherry Barrett  
Treasurer-Corresponding Secretary: Henry Messing  
Recording Secretary: Rosy Mazaika  
Board members: Gary Bateman and Bob Vahle

Committee Chairperson

Awards:  
Nominations:  
Newsletter:  
Audit  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs:  
Public Education:  
Programs:  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**1989**

President: Sherry Barrett  
President-Elect: Ray Lee  
Treasurer-Corresponding Secretary: Denny Haywood  
Recording Secretary: Rick Miller  
Board members: Mary Gilbert and Randy Smith

Committee Chairperson

Awards:  
Nominations:  
Newsletter:  
Audit  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs:  
Public Education:  
Programs:  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels

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<sup>3</sup> Year indicates the year installed.

**1990**

President: Ray Lee  
President-Elect: Dave Walker  
Treasurer-Corresponding Secretary: Sue Morgensen  
Recording Secretary: Bob Vahle  
Board members: Mary Gilbert and Paul Barrett

Committee Chairperson

Awards:  
Nominations:  
Newsletter:  
Audit  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs:  
Public Education:  
Programs:  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**1991**

President: Dave Walker  
President-Elect: Gary Bateman  
Treasurer-Corresponding Secretary: Denise Baker  
Recording Secretary: Bob Vahle  
Board members: Tice Supplee and Genice Froehlich

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Gary Bateman  
Nominations: Richard Ockenfels  
Newsletter: Jim deVos  
Audit:  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs: Joan Scott  
Public Education: Cheryl Mollohan  
Programs: Bill Miller  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**1992**

President: Gary Bateman  
 President-Elect: Charles Pregler  
 Treasurer: Denise Baker  
 Recording Secretary: John Goodwin  
 Corresponding Secretary<sup>4</sup>: Joe Ganey  
 Board members: Tom Britt and Brian Wakeling

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Charles Pregler  
 Nominations: Richard Ockenfels  
 Newsletter: Gary Bateman  
 Audit: Denny Heywood  
 Membership: Frank Baucum  
 Conservation Affairs:  
 Public Education: Dave Walker  
 Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**1993**

President: Charles Pregler  
 President-Elect: Brian Wakeling  
 Treasurer: Bill Grossi  
 Recording Secretary: John Goodwin  
 Corresponding Secretary: Mary Gilbert  
 Board members: Rich Gerhart and Tom Waddell

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Brian Wakeling  
 Nominations: Richard Ochenfels/ Dave Walker  
 Newsletter: Gary Bateman  
 Audit: Denny Heywood  
 Membership: Frank Baucum  
 Conservation Affairs: Bruce Palmer  
 Continuing Education: Dave Walker  
 Resolutions: Rick Gerhart  
 Historian: Richard Ockenfels

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<sup>4</sup> Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer position separated.

**1994**

President: Brian Wakeling  
President-Elect: R. William Mannan  
Treasurer: Sue Trachy  
Recording Secretary: Susan Mac Vean  
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Gilbert  
Board members: John Goodwin and Lisa Haynes

Committee Chairperson

Awards: R. William Mannan  
Nominations: Richard Ockenfels  
Newsletter: Heidi Solper  
Audit: Denny Haywood  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs: Bruce Palmer  
Continuing Education: Dave Walker  
Resolutions: Rick Gerhart  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**1995**

President: R. William Mannan  
President-Elect: Rick Miller  
Treasurer: Sue Trachy  
Recording Secretary: Deborah Bieber  
Corresponding Secretary: Karren Simms  
Board members: Scott Richardson and Thomas Skinner

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Rick Miller  
Nominations: Rick Miller  
Newsletter: Karen Simms  
Audit: Brian Wakeling  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs: Mary Gilbert, Barry Spicer, Bruce Palmer  
Continuing Education: Dave Walker  
Programs: Brian Wakeling  
Resolutions: Rick Gerhart  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Al LeCount  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**1996**

President: Rick Miller  
President-Elect: Ron Engle-Wilson  
Treasurer: Heather Green  
Recording Secretary: Mary Ann Benoit  
Corresponding Secretary: Jim Peterson  
Board members: Bob Posey and Ron Thompson

Committee Chairperson

Awards:  
Nominations:  
Newsletter:  
Audit  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs:  
Public Education:  
Programs:  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**1997**

President: Ron Engle-Wilson  
President-Elect: Bill Austin  
Treasurer: Heather Green  
Recording Secretary: Mary Ann Benoit  
Corresponding Secretary: Bill Burger  
Board members: Russ Haughey and Larry Riley

Committee Chairperson

Awards:  
Nominations:  
Newsletter:  
Audit  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs:  
Public Education:  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**1998**

President: Bill Austin  
President-Elect: Reed Sanderson  
Treasurer: Mary Ann Benoit  
Recording Secretary: Genice Froehlich  
Corresponding Secretary: Bill Burger  
Board members: Michele James and Tom Hildebrandt

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Reed Sanderson  
Nominations: Reed Sanderson  
Newsletter: Brian Wakeling  
Audit: Heather Green  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs: Vacant  
Continuing Education: Dave Walker  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Lisa Andersen  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**1999**

President: Reed Sanderson  
President-Elect: Bill Burger  
Treasurer: Mary Ann Benoit  
Recording Secretary: Mike Pruss  
Corresponding Secretary: Karen Simms  
Board members: Tom Hildebrandt & Steve DeStefano/Brian Wakeling

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Bill Burger  
Nominations: Bill Burger  
Newsletter: Brian Wakeling  
Audit: Heather Green  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs: Genice Froehlich  
Resolutions:  
Continuing Education: Dave Walker  
Programs: Reed Sanderson  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Lisa Andersen  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels



**2000**

President: Bill Burger  
 President-Elect: Mary Ann Benoit  
 Treasurer: Tom Hildebrandt<sup>5</sup> (2000)  
 Recording Secretary: Mike Pruss/Mike Herder  
 Corresponding Secretary: Susanna Henry  
 Board members: Bob Vahle (2000 only) and Carol Chambers (2000-2001)<sup>6</sup>

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Mary Ann Benoit  
 Nominations: Mary Ann Benoit  
 Newsletter: Brian Wakeling  
 Audit:  
 Membership: Frank Baucum  
 Conservation Affairs: Harley Shaw  
 Resolutions:  
 Continuing Education: Dave Walker/Jon Hanna  
 Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Lisa Andersen  
 Historian: Richard Ockenfels

**2001**

President: Mary Ann Benoit/Tad Theimer  
 President-Elect: Tad Theimer/Reed Sanderson appointed  
 Treasurer: Tom Hildebrandt (2001-2002)  
 Recording Secretary: Bob Vahle  
 Corresponding Secretary: Brian Dykstra  
 Board Members: Carol Chambers (2000-01) and Debbie Lunch (2001-2002)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Reed Sanderson  
 Nominations: Reed Sanderson  
 Newsletter: Brian Wakeling  
 Audit:  
 Membership: Frank Baucum  
 Conservation Affairs: Sheridan Stone  
 Resolutions: Norris Dodd  
 Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
 Memorial Garden: Lisa Andersen  
 Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
 Webmaster: Mike Herder

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<sup>5</sup> Treasurer serves a two-year term such that the Joint Annual Meeting is in the middle of the term.

<sup>6</sup> Board Members serve staggered two-year terms so one is elected every year. Bob Vahle served one year and Carol Chambers served two years.

**2002**

President: Tad Theimer  
 President-Elect: Doug Duncan  
 Treasurer: Tom Hildebrandt (2001-2002)  
 Recording Secretary: Duane Aubuchon  
 Corresponding Secretary: John Morgart  
 Board Members: Debbie Lunch (2001-2002) and Laurie Averill-Murray (2002-2003)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Doug Duncan  
 Nominations: Doug Duncan  
 Newsletter: Brian Wakeling  
 Audit:  
 Membership: Frank Baucum  
 Conservation Affairs: Sheridan Stone  
 Resolutions: Norris Dodd  
 Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
 Memorial Garden: Lisa Anderson  
 Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
 Webmaster: Carol Chambers  
 Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
 Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2003**

President: Doug Duncan  
 President-Elect: Bill Werner  
 Treasurer: Sheridan Stone (03-04)  
 Recording Secretary: Duane Aubuchon  
 Corresponding Secretary: Joan Scott  
 Board Members: Laurie Averill-Murray (02-03) and Bill Mannan (03-04)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Bill Werner  
 Nominations: Bill Werner  
 Newsletter: Brian Wakeling  
 Audit:  
 Membership: Frank Baucum  
 Conservation Affairs: Sheridan Stone  
 Resolutions: Norris Dodd  
 Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
 Memorial Garden: Lisa Andersen  
 Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
 Web Master: Carol Chambers  
 Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
 Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2004**

President: Bill Werner  
 President-Elect: John Koprowski  
 Treasurer: Sheridan Stone (03-04)  
 Recording Secretary: Laurie Averill-Murray  
 Corresponding Secretary: Larry Jones  
 Board Members: Bill Mannan (03-04) and Bob Lemons (04-05)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: John Koprowski  
 Nominations: John Koprowski  
 Newsletter:  
 Audit:  
 Membership: Frank Baucum  
 Conservation Affairs: Not Filled  
 Resolutions: Not Filled  
 Continuing Education:  
 Memorial Garden:  
 Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
 Webmaster:  
 Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
 Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2005**

President: John Koprowski  
 President-Elect: Carolyn Chambers  
 Treasurer: Sheridan Stone (05-06)  
 Recording Secretary: Stuart Tuttle  
 Corresponding Secretary: James Cain  
 Board Members: Bob Lemons (04-05) and Robert Magill (05-06)/Bill Burger appointed

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Carolyn Chambers  
 Nominations: Carolyn Chambers  
 Newsletter: Nate Gwinn  
 Audit:  
 Membership: Frank Baucum  
 Conservation Affairs: Not Filled  
 Resolutions: Not Filled  
 Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
 Memorial Garden:  
 Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
 Webmaster: Carol Chanbers  
 Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
 Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2006**

President: Carolyn Chambers  
President-Elect: Stu Tuttle  
Treasurer: Sheridan Stone (05-06)  
Recording Secretary: Dan Carroll  
Corresponding Secretary: Michael Herder  
Board Members: Bill Burger (05-06) and John Koprowski (06-07)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Stu Tuttle  
Nominations: Stu Tuttle  
Newsletter: Nate Gwinn  
Audit:  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs: Sheridan Stone  
Resolutions: Not Filled  
Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
Memorial Garden: Richard Ockenfels  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
Webmaster: Liz Kalies  
Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2007**

President: Stu Tuttle  
President-Elect: Dan Carroll / Richard Ockenfels  
Treasurer: Joan Scott (2007-2008)  
Recording Secretary: Kathy Sullivan  
Corresponding Secretary: Liz Kalies  
Board Members: John Koprowski (2006-07) and Bill Burger (appointed 1 year only)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Richard Ockenfels  
Nominations: Richard Ockenfels  
Newsletter: Kerry Nicholson  
Audit: Tom Hildebrandt  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs: Not Filled  
Resolutions: Not Filled  
Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Bill Burger  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
Webmaster: Liz Kalies  
Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2008**

President: Joan Scott  
President-Elect: Brian Dykstra  
Treasurer: Joan Scott/Bill Burger (2008 only)  
Recording Secretary: Kathy Sullivan  
Corresponding Secretary: Mayra Moreno  
Board Members: Courtney Conway (08 only) and Robert Fink (08-09)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Brian Dykstra  
Nominations: Brian Dykstra  
Newsletter: Kerry Nicholson  
Audit:  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs:  
Resolutions: Rick Miller  
Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Bill Burger  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
Web Master: Liz Kalies  
Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2009**

President: Brian Dykstra  
President-Elect: Tom Hildebrandt  
Treasurer: Bill Burger (09-10)  
Recording Secretary: Kathy Sullivan  
Corresponding Secretary: Susan MacVean  
Board Members: Robert Fink (08-09) and Mayra Moreno (09-10)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Tom Hildebrandt  
Nominations: Tom Hildebrandt  
Newsletter: Samantha Dorr  
Audit:  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs:  
Resolutions:  
Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
Student Chapter Liaison: Mayra Moreno-Parrish  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Bill Burger  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
Web Master: Liz Mering  
Keeper of the PO Box: Abigail King  
Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2010**

President: Tom Hildebrandt  
President-Elect: Tom O'Dell  
Treasurer: Bill burger (2009-2010)  
Recording Secretary: Audrey Owens  
Corresponding Secretary: Susan MacVean  
Board Members: Mayra Moreno (09-10) and Tad Theimer (2010-2011)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Tom O'Dell  
Nominations: Tom O'Dell  
Newsletter:  
Audit:  
Membership: Frank Baucum  
Conservation Affairs:  
Resolutions:  
Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
Student Chapter Liaison: Mayra Moreno  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Bill Burger  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
Web Master:  
Keeper of the PO Box:  
Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2011**

President: John O'Dell  
President-Elect: David Grandmaison  
Treasurer: Tom Hildebrandt (11-12)  
Recording Secretary:  
Corresponding Secretary:  
Board Members: Tad Theimer (10-11) and Jason Corbett (11-12)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: David Grandmaison  
Nominations: David Grandmaison  
Newsletter: Samantha Dorr  
Audit:  
Membership: Frank Baucom  
Conservation Affairs:  
Resolutions:  
Continuing Education: Jon Hanna  
Student Chapter Liaison: Holly Hicks  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Bill Burger  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
Web Master: Liz Mering  
Keeper of the PO Box: Abi King/Holly Hicks  
Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2012**

President: David Grandmaison  
President-Elect: Jon Hanna  
Treasurer: Tom Hildebrandt (11-12)  
Recording Secretary: Holly Hicks  
Corresponding Secretary: Rachel Williams  
Board Members: Jason Corbett (11-12) and Kay Nicholson (12-13)

Committee Chairperson

Awards: Jon Hanna  
Nominations: Jon Hanna  
Newsletter: Kay Nicholson  
Audit:  
Membership: Robert Fink  
Conservation Affairs: Melanie Tluczek  
Resolutions:  
Continuing Education: Darren Julian  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden: Bill Burger  
Historian: Richard Ockenfels  
Web Master: Dean Pokrajac  
Keeper of the PO Box: Holly Hicks  
Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual: Reed Sanderson  
Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual: Reed Sanderson

**2013**

President: Jon Hanna  
President-Elect:  
Treasurer: (13-14)  
Recording Secretary:  
Corresponding Secretary:  
Board Members: Kay Nicholson (12-13) and (13-14)

Committee Chairperson

Awards:  
Nominations:  
Newsletter:  
Audit:  
Membership:  
Conservation Affairs:  
Resolutions:  
Continuing Education:  
Wildlifer's Memorial Garden:  
Historian:  
Web Master:  
Keeper of the PO Box:  
Keeper of the Chapter Operations Manual:  
Keeper of the Joint Annual Meeting Manual:





## SECTION VII. RECORD OF CHAPTER AWARDS

**ARIZONA CHAPTER AWARDS SINCE 1988**

(See Arizona Chapter History for previous awards available at <http://joomla.wildlife.org/arizona/>)

**1988 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Larry Voyles AGFD  
Conservation Award – Paul Pierce Save the Grahams  
Doug Morrison Award – Bill Kepner USFWS  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Not Awarded  
Scrapping Bear Award – Bob Vahle USFS

**1989 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Ray Lee AGFD  
Conservation Award – Not Awarded  
Doug Morrison Award – Bill Carrel AGFD  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Greg Goodwin USFS  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Mark Wallace UA  
Scrapping Bear Award – Norris Dodd AGFD

**1990 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Robert Mesta USFWS  
Conservation Award – Not Awarded  
Doug Morrison Award – Steve Andrews AGFD  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Not Awarded  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Joe Ganey NAU  
Scrapping Bear Award – Lesley Fitzpatrick USFWS

**1991 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Dave Patton NAU  
Conservation Award – Barry Burkhart Arizona Republic  
Doug Morrison Award – Dave Conrad and John Hervert AGFD  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Bob Vahle USFS  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Not Awarded  
Scrapping Bear Award – Rick Miller AGFD

**1992 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Not Awarded  
Conservation Award – Rick Erman Arizona Wildlife Federation  
Doug Morrison Award – Not Awarded  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Not Awarded  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Rich Etchberger UA

Scrapping Bear Award – Heather Green USFS and Susie MacVean AGFD

**1993 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Bruce Palmer USFWS

Conservation Award – Thomas Woods, Jr. Arizona Public Service, Arizona Game and  
Fish Commission

Doug Morrison Award – Not Awarded

Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Not Awarded

Roger Hungerford Student Award – Rick Keller NAU

Scrapping Bear Award – Sandra Nagiller USFS

**1994 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Rick Miller AGFD

Conservation Award – Not Awarded

Doug Morrison Award – Not Awarded

Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Not Awarded

Roger Hungerford Student Award – David Olson NAU

Scrapping Bear Award – Tim Tibbitts USFWS

**1995 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Bill Werner AGFD, Ron McKinstry USFWS, Ron Powell  
BOR, and Gerald Mulcahy CDFG

Conservation Award – Not Awarded

Doug Morrison Award – Not Awarded

Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Heather Green USFS

Roger Hungerford Student Award – Not Awarded

Scrapping Bear Award – Sally Stefferud USFWS

**1996 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Not Awarded

Conservation Award -- Anita MacFarlane Northern Arizona Audubon Society

Doug Morrison Award – Lee Leudeker AGFD

Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Not Awarded

Roger Hungerford Student Award – Not Awarded

Scrapping Bear Award – Jim Copeland USFS

**1997 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Not Awarded

Conservation Award – Oscar Camou Sonora, Mexico

Doug Morrison Award – Not Awarded

Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Joe Ganey USFS

Roger Hungerford Student Award – Lisa Fox UA

Scrapping Bear Award -- Linda White Trifaro USFS

**1998 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Heather Green USFS  
Conservation Award – Frank and Linda Brandt, Elaine Morrall Heritage Alliance  
Doug Morrison Award – Randy Babb AGFD  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Rick Miller AGFD and Tammy Randall-Parker  
USFS  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Mike Rabe NAU  
Scrapping Bear Award – Bob Csargo USFS

**1999 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – John Goodwin AGFD  
Conservation Award – Beth Wooden Arizona Game and Fish Commission  
Doug Morrison Award – Bob Barsch AGFD  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Steve Rosenstock AGFD  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Mike Ingraldi NAU  
Scrapping Bear Award – Not Awarded

**2000 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Jim Heffelfinger AGFD  
Conservation Award – Dave Dalton  
Doug Morrison Award – Dave Carrothers AGFD  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Not Awarded  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Karen Mock NAU  
Scrapping Bear Award – Not Awarded

**2001 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Cecelia Fargan-Overby USFS  
Conservation Award – Not Awarded  
Doug Morrison Award – Stan Cunningham AGFD  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award -- Mary Ann Benoit USFS  
Roger Hungerford Student Award -- Shaula Hedwall NAU  
Scrapping Bear Award – Bruce Palmer USFWS

**2002 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – John Mogart USFWS  
Conservation Award – Harris Environmental Group, Inc.  
Doug Morrison Award – John Hervert  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Bill Mannan UA  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Cathy Blasch UA  
Scrapping Bear Award – Not Awarded

**2003 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Rebecca Peck BLM  
Conservation Award – Bob Hoffa Grand Canyon Trust  
Doug Morrison Award – Art Fuller AGFD Retired  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Norris Dodd AGFD  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Mikele Painter NAU  
Scrapping Bear Award – Duke USFS

**2004 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Not Awarded  
Conservation Award – Tom Brennan BLM  
Doug Morrison Award – Not Awarded  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Not Awarded  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Kristin Covert NAU  
Scrapping Bear Award – Not Awarded

**2005 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – William Shaw UA  
Conservation Award – Not Awarded  
Doug Morrison Award – Not Awarded  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Paul Krausman UA  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Bret S. Pasch UA  
Scrapping Bear Award – Bill Mannan UA

**2006 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Mark Brown AGFD  
Conservation Award – Trust for Public Lands of Tucson  
Doug Morrison Award – James W. Cain III UA  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Bill Mannan UA  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Brian Jansen UA  
Scrapping Bear Award – Shaula Hedwall USFWS  
Special Recognition – Reed Sanderson UA

**2007 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Brian Wakeling AGFD  
Conservation Award -- Elaine Morrall  
Doug Morrison Award – David Belitsky AZGF  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award -- Richard Reynolds USFS  
Roger Hungerford Student Award -- Jeff Gagnon NAU  
Scrapping Bear Award -- John Mogart USFWS

**2008 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award -- Ron Sieg AGFD  
Conservation Award -- Henry Dahlberg Mingus Springs Camp  
and Outdoor Learning Center  
Doug Morrison Award -- Henry Provencio USFS  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award -- Not Awarded  
Roger Hungerford Student Award -- Not Awarded  
Scrapping Bear Award – Not Awarded

**2009 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Tom Skinner USFS  
Conservation Award – Arizona Antelope Foundation  
Doug Morrison Award – Janie Agyagos USFS  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Carol Chambers NAU  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Erika Nowak NAU  
Scrapping Bear Award – Not Awarded

**2010 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Lin Piest AGFD  
Conservation Award – Not Awarded  
Doug Morrison Award – Reed Sanderson UA and Stan Cunningham ASU  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Paul Beier NAU  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Not Awarded  
Scrapping Bear Award – Siobahan Nordhaugen AzDOT

**2011 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award Kathy Sullivan  
Conservation Award – Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society  
Doug Morrison Award – Ted McKinney  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Not Awarded  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Dan Sturla and Jeff Sturla, ASU  
Scrapping Bear Award – Linda Pollock, AZAG

**2012 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Robert Fink  
Conservation Award – Western Watersheds Project  
Doug Morrison Award – Russ Haughey  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Dana Warnecke  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Melissa Merrick  
Scrapping Bear Award – Not Awarded

**2013 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award – Carol Chambers  
Professional Service Award – John Koprowski  
Conservation Award --  
Doug Morrison Award – Erika Nowak  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Jeff Gagnon  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award – Scott Sprague  
Roger Hungerford Student Award – Jonathan Hicks  
Scrapping Bear Award – Norris Dodd

**2014 Award Recipients:**

Professional Service Award --  
Conservation Award --  
Doug Morrison Award --  
Wildlife Habitat Relationships Award --  
Roger Hungerford Student Award --  
Scrapping Bear Award

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## SECTION VIII. PUBLICATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Publications: As publications become available they will be listed and referenced.

### Workshops

Genetics -- Organized by Lisa Haynes

2002 - Seeking Common Ground in Fire, Wildlife, and Forest Restoration Management-- Organized by Debbie Lunch. Presented at Beaver Street Brewery and NAU University Union, Flagstaff, October 23-24.

2009 - Telemetry -- Organized by Bill and Brenda Burger. Sponsored by Telonoics. Presented at the 2009 Joint Annual Meeting, Gallop, NM, February 5.

### Annual Workshops:

Spring - Wildlife **Capture Techniques Workshop** – This workshop is a two day event held at the Arizona Game and Fish Department Horseshoe Ranch during the second weekend of April. The Workshop is limited to 120 participants that are separated into two classes of 60; 30 participants on Saturday and 30 on Sunday. Participants are able to arrive at the ranch any time after 1:00 PM on Friday afternoon and are allowed to stay the entire weekend. Regular classes will be from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM with a social barbeque on Saturday. A wide variety of classes are provided that offer a great opportunity to learn from professionals techniques that are commonly used in the field. Class sessions are grouped into five categories with students rotating among classed ever hour and 20 minutes. Examples of classes and scheduling along with a detailed cover letter archived in the state chapters web site.

Fall – Workshop and Meeting - Topics covered include pronghorn habitat, grassland habitat restoration, telemetry, and the impacts of wind power on wildlife. Representatives from Arizona Game and Fish, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Natural Resources Conservation Service will also be on hand to give presentations about careers with their respective agencies. Attendance for the talks will be capped at 30 participants, with students receiving priority, but all are welcome to camp out and attend the social on Saturday night! Topics and representatives may vary annually. Examples of classes and scheduling along with a detailed cover letter are archived in the state chapter's web site.