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Winnipeg, Manitoba, Oct 17-21
Sapporo Japan Vth IWMC Jul 26-30

SWS Working for You
(2014-15)
President Leland Pierce (NM)
President-Elect Mark Wallace (TX)
Past President Misty Sumner (TX)
Sec/Treas Annaliese Scoggin (TX)
SW Sec Rep Carol Chambers (AZ)
Scott Lerich (NM) Certification Review Board

For a current list of Committees and Chairs, visit http://drupal.wildlife.org/sw/committees

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS OF SOUTHWEST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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

The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society

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

http://wildlife.org/SW/
Southwest Section (SWS) and TWS Update

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

What we do
Conservation, management, policy, information exchange, education

Events, Meetings, Awards, and Sponsorships in 2014
The Southwest Section Meeting was held in conjunction with the 50th Annual Texas Chapter (Feb 19-22) in Austin and presented our first two awards. At the Arizona/New Mexico Joint Annual Meeting (Feb 6-8), the Section sponsored a Venomous Reptile Handling Workshop, a Women of Wildlife lunch. The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Roger Bumstead (NM) who helped establish the Section and the Outstanding Service Award was presented to Selma Glasscock (TX).

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

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

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

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

2015 Leadership Institute
The Leadership Institute (LI) provides leadership training for career development and advancement in TWS. Since 2006, 18% of the LI grads have been from the Southwest Section. Many are now in Chapter and Section leadership roles. Apply by March 27 (http://wildlife.org/next-generation/leadership-institute/).

National Awards (Pittsburgh Conference)
SWS Distinguished Service Award: Terry L. Blankenship
Conservation Education Award: Houston Zoo’s Collegiate Conservation Program
Wildlife Publication Award for Edited Book: Nova J. Silvy
Caesar Kleberg Award: William M. Block
Fellow: John L. Kropowski
Honorary Membership: Robert J. Warren
Aldo Leopold Memorial Award: Robert J. Warren

SWS Representative to Council
It is almost time to elect a new Rep. Get ready to vote in March. We have 2 great candidates on the ballot.

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

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

Policy Briefs provide information on federal policies and programs that impact wildlife management and conservation. Briefs provide a synopsis of the motivation and results of the policy or program and how it impacts conservation. Policy Briefs are a resource for wildlife professionals interested in understanding more about a specific policy or educating decision-makers of the importance of these policies and programs.

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

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