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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's another year for the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Another year where it seems the more things change, the more things stay the same. We are dealing with some of the same issues we were 20 years ago. OHV use is still a hot topic, but instead of 4x4 trucks, now we have quads. Instead of timber harvest and clear-cuts, now we have "forest health" and the wildland-urban interface. We still have sprawl and habitat loss, but now we have an expansion of exurbia and ranchettes in addition to urban sprawl. However, now we have additional tools like API, habitat conservation plans, and a prominent place at the table together with the interested public.

Additionally, many of the Nation's long-standing environmental laws are under attack. Many supporters of these laws, private citizens, environmentalists and conservationists, and professionals, are also under attack for supporting these laws and for other reasons. Our native ecosystems will be well served if we as professionals make decisions based on the best available biological information and maintain our professionalism. I keep a copy of TWS's code of ethics and a picture of Aldo Leopold in my office to constantly remind me of professionalism and ethics.

The major workload item for this year's Board is planning for the Joint Annual Meeting in 2004 in Safford. Our planning efforts are underway and will really shift into gear this summer. As suggested at the last annual business meeting, we plan on addressing drought at the plenary session. The session will not only cover why droughts occur, but how environmental managers can attempt to plan for them and manage resources during a drought.

It looks like the odds are better than even that the AZTWS may be hosting the National TWS conference in Tucson in 2007. We found out that the Society has started selecting sites four years out, so

2007 was the next year available. We will apply this summer, and will hear for sure for the fall TWS council meeting.

I know that everyone is busy and getting busier all the time, but this chapter is run by volunteers.

Not only do Executive Board members donate their time, but there is a cadre of certain people that have been involved in the chapter for many years. These long-volunteering (suffering?) people are the glue that keeps the Chapter together. The Board will be exploring ways to recognize these people.

On that note, it is never too early to consider running for office or nominating an individual or group.

It can be a chore to get officer candidates for the election. So make it easy on Nominations Chair BILL WERNER, and run for office or find someone else that is willing. Bill is also the Awards Committee Chair, so if you have questions, send them his way.

Keep up your great work

– Doug Duncan

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**MAY 12, 2003**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

The location for the summer meeting is on Mt. Graham in the Coronado National Forest. A campsite is not yet selected, but the meeting dates will be July 12-13. For the meeting agenda, John Koprowski or a university student will discuss the Mt. Graham red squirrel project and arrange a field trip to examine the study area. Saturday afternoon, July 12, would be available for a Board Meeting and other agenda topics and field trips will occur on Sunday. Other possible topics for the meeting include forest health issues, fire management, bark beetle impacts, or similar topics.

For the 2004 joint-Chapter Annual Meeting, the Board will plan on contracting the same meeting site and hotel rooms at the Safford location that were used in 2002. The date for the annual meeting will be February 57, 2004. Plenary session topics will be related to drought impacts to wildlife and ecosystems. It would include a panel discussion with audience participation and someone transcribing the notes. The Board will develop potential themes for the annual meeting at the summer meeting.

The Board received information from Sandra Staples-Bortner of the National Chapter regarding the National annual meeting in 2007. Sandra said the Arizona Chapter could host this meeting if the Chapter wants it. The deadline for the application package to Sandra is July. The National Chapter will hire a meeting planner who arranges for meeting venue, registration, the technical program, finances, marketing, and the trade show. The meeting planner will work with a local Arrangements Committee from the host chapter that has a Chair or Co-Chairs. A Society-wide Program Committee appointed by the TWS president and the TWS Staff will also assist with planning the National meeting. The Arizona Chapter would have to staff the Local Arrangements Committee and 11 other

subcommittees for audiovisual equipment and computers, a student quiz bowl (optional), local information, meals and entertainment, media relations and photography, merchandise, photography contest (optional), student activities, field trips (optional), volunteers, and local fund raising. Our Chapter would not have to dedicate any funds up front for the event and would get a \$7500 rebate after the meeting for our efforts.

The Board would like anyone from the membership interested in assuming the role of Chairman of the Conservation Committee to contact Sheridan Stone. The Board is also working on getting a couple members to maintain and update the Chapter website. The website needs to accommodate on-line registration and similar to the New Mexico Chapter, the Board might want to rent a credit card processor to handle credit card payments for annual meeting registration and dues. The Chapter continues to review a USFS Statewide Off Highway Vehicle Environmental Impact Statement.

Doug Duncan is proposing that another award should be added to our bylaws to recognize individuals for meritorious service to the Chapter. A notice would have to be provided to the membership to gauge their support and the members would also have to vote on any addition to the bylaws. The Board will also contact a wood carver to replace the Scrapping Bear award that they have not been able to recover from the previous recipient.

**SUMMER MEETING**

The summer meeting will be held in the Pinaleno Mountains, July 12 and 13. All members are welcome to attend any portion of the meeting. A business meeting will be held one day. The other day will be dedicated to hearing about just some of the issues associated with the mountain, and a field trip. Which campground we use has not been decided yet, as none can be reserved except for the group campground, which requires 35 persons. So, we will be requesting an RSVP from those wishing to attend. We will announce the schedule, program, and campground in mid-June via the Wildlife Alert system. **Please RSVP to Doug Duncan at [fldhcky@earthlink.net](mailto:fldhcky@earthlink.net)**



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**UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST****2003**

*Treasurer* – Sheridan Stone  
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**Jul. 12-13 Annual Summer Meeting of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society**, Pinaleno Mountains, Arizona. RSVP with Doug Duncan at fldhcky@earthlink.net.

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**Jul. 17-23 Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies annual conference**, Port Angeles, WA. (<http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/wafwa>).

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**Aug. 3-7 The 4th Conference of the Working Group on Aquatic Birds of the International Society of Liminology (SIL) "Limnology and Waterbirds 2003,"** Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada. (<http://www.links.umoncton.ca/lw/>).

*Board Member* – Bill Mannan  
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**Sep. 26 The Raptor Research Foundation 2003 Annual Meeting**, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK. Hosted by the Alaska Bird Observatory. Contact Nancy Dewitt at 907-451-7159.

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**Sep. 6-10 The Wildlife Society's 10th Annual Conference**, Burlington, Vermont. Contact 301-897-9770.

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**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):

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

Financial Information

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

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

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