



*South Dakota Chapter*

**The Wildlife Society**

November 2005

### **President's Message**

Fall is rapidly coming to a close. Hunting seasons are in full swing and opportunity to enjoy the outdoors is unlimited. I can't recall a better hunting season in my 35 years of working for the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks, or for that matter, the last 50 years since I began hunting. I don't hunt as much as I used to, but I enjoy the wildlife much more than I did as a young hunter growing up in McPherson County (God's Country!). If you haven't done so yet, introduce a young person to the joys of nature this fall.

The annual South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society meeting is rapidly approaching. Remember to mark your calendar for March 6, 7 and 8, 2006. The meeting will be at Oacoma's Cedar Shore again this year. Bridgette is putting together an excellent program. We have had great attendance at the last two meetings and I hope this year will break records. Wouldn't it be great if we each brought one new member to the meeting?

Your SDTWS Board is asking for your input into a means of saving the Chapter a substantial amount of money. Electronic mail is broadly used for many of the things we do on a daily basis and is very economical to do both in manpower and in money spent. The Board is recommending that the newsletter be mailed to members electronically rather than regular mail. We know we have a few members that do not have access to a computer and printer. These members would still receive the newsletter via the regular mail. For those members that have computers available, we need to have email addresses. Additional information is available in this newsletter to explain the reasons for going electronic vs. regular mail.

The Holiday season is upon us. I encourage each and every one of you to take time to give thanks for all the wonders of nature. Take time for your friends and family. If you do not have a bird feeder, I encourage you to get one. My family gets many hours of enjoyment out of watching the birds, rabbits and squirrels. If you have young people in your household, this is a good way to introduce them to nature.

Have a joyous and safe holiday season.

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# Minutes of the August 23, 2005 Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

President Will Morlock recognized a quorum & called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM at the Foss Building in Pierre, South Dakota. Board members present were Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, Steve Griffin, KC Jensen, Will Morlock, Laura Hubers, & Art Smith.

Smith presented minutes of the June 2005 board meeting. Corrections to a last name spelling and the number of 2005 annual meeting participants were made to the minutes. Jensen motioned to accept the minutes with the changes, Hubers second. Motion passed. The treasurer's report for June was never forwarded to be voted on by email, so Smith presented it at this time. Griffin motioned to accept the report, Hubers Second. Motion passed. Smith presented the treasurer's report for August. Discussion ensued regarding the savings account, the minimum balance required to prevent service fees from being accrued, and the low interest gathered by this account. The movement of funds to and from this account revolves around the annual meeting; at this time the needed balance in the checking account would fall well below the minimum balance and cause a \$10 monthly fee. Group discussed replacing the savings account with short-term (<9 month?) certificates of deposit accounts. Griffin made the motion to absorb the saving account, put the money temporarily into checking, and use short-term CDs when time allows. Flanders-Wanner seconded, motion passed. Griffin motioned to accept the August treasurer's report, seconded by Jensen. Motion passed.

## **Old Business**

Ducks Unlimited Sponsorship – Morlock reported that there is no need to buy a sponsorship, but instead will work through DU contacts he has. For the annual meeting, the Chapter will still get unframed prints and decoys, possibly more. This would save \$300 that was previously spent on the sponsorship.

## Correspondence Sent

- Dennie Mann and Shelly Deisch (Public Lands Committee), at the request of the Board, put together a response against a Missouri River Breaks land exchange. Reasons given for the opposition were poor conditions in the private land being exchanged, which presented poorer quality habitat for wildlife and subsequently less opportunities for hunting, trapping, and non-consumptive uses.
- The Chapter signed-on to a letter regarding funding for the Teaming with Wildlife Steering Committee. The letter asked the U.S. Senate and Representative Chairs and Ranking Members on the Committee on Appropriations to support the State Wildlife Grants in the fiscal year 2006 Interior Appropriations bill.
- Morlock reported he would make another attempt to let Representative Stephanie Herseth know drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is unacceptable. No letters will be sent to Senator John Thune or Senator Tim Johnson. (In the past Senator Thune has unquestionably supported drilling while Senator Johnson has opposed drilling in the refuge.)

## Wind Turbines

Alyssa Kiesow visited with the Board looking for directions on how the Wind Turbine Committee should function. She reported the Committee will meet this Friday (Aug. 16), with the same members as reported in last meeting's minutes, along with the inclusion of Dan Hubbard. It was suggested that Tom Tornow should be invited into the Committee – Kiesow will contact him. Recommendations given to Kiesow were that the Committee was formed as an information gathering tool. An update on progress should be given at the 2006 annual Chapter meeting. End product could be to develop recommendations

on turbines with a primary emphasis on siting recommendations.

#### Past President Pins

The pins are still lost. The best guess scenario was the pins were lost between the Ken Parr/Art Smith President exchanges. Little to no information was transferred between these Presidents at that time. Hubers motioned to buy ten Past-president pins, Flanders-Wanner second. Motion passed.

#### Correspondence Received

- A second Pheasants Forever thank you letter for \$500 contribution for their Leopold Education Project.

#### Jane Goodall Visit

- Morlock summarized some of the information regarding Dr. Goodall's upcoming visit to the state.

#### **New Business**

##### Requests for Funding

None.

##### Website Update

Griffin and Charlie Bessken went through the site and updated all old information and made any necessary corrections.

##### CMPS Section Annual Meeting Update

Smith attended the Business Meeting as an Executive Board member. His summary of the meeting included a brief summary of the new journals The Wildlife Society will offer, Section newsletter editor would like to receive more Chapter contributions for the newsletter, the Section's balance of approximately \$7,000, the Section's by-laws are being re-visited, and the 2006 Section meeting will be held in Laramie, Wyoming, proposed for the week of August 28<sup>th</sup>, which may encourage student participation. Also, Smith reported that more can be done with the Section's Citizen and Professional's awards. This year the Section received only one nomination for each award, both from Wyoming. Wyoming's Bob Lanka is the awards Chair, and as such did not feel 2005 awards should be given. However, the Wyoming Chapter simply forwards their annual award recipients to the Section for consideration. The South Dakota Chapter Board thought this is a good way to proceed in the future. Finally, Smith summarized the Section's proposal to change their dues structure. The Section voted to reduce annual Section dues to \$1 for electronic copies of the newsletter and \$5 for a hard copy of the newsletter. This was the first step in getting more Section members. The idea is for each Chapter to then increase their dues by \$1, apply that towards Section memberships, thereby making all Chapter members automatically Section members. The South Dakota Chapter Board discussed this concept and will examine this at a future meeting.

##### Proposal for New Committee – Wildlife Disease

Teresa Zimmerman suggested this Committee, and would serve as Chair. The committee would act as information dissemination tool. Group agreed that this would be a welcomed committee. Discussion ensued regarding the differences between Special, Standing, and Ad-Hoc Committees. Jensen volunteered to look into by-laws and report back to Board on committee formulations.

*[Secretary notes outside of Executive Board meeting: Jensen reported on August 25 that the only guidance on committees is in ARTICLE VIII Section 1. It states: "The Chapter President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairmen of all regular standing committees, except the Nominations and Election Committee (Article V, Section 1), and all special committees such as*

awards and hospitality.” The by-laws provide for special committees – there is no mention of Ad Hoc committees, and there is no guidance for how the special committees are established. There is also no guidance under the responsibilities of the president or board (Article V, Section 3) on establishing committees. Given this, his interpretation is that the president, with input from the board, has the prerogative to establish special committees and staff them to address issues/needs as they arise. So, in summary, there are just two types of committees: (1) standing and (2) special, and that the Wind Turbines Committee is a special committee – and (according to Article VIII, Section 4. – TENURE) ... shall serve until new committees are appointed or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.]

#### 2006 Annual Meeting

Program - Flanders-Wanner is still looking for non-game, state-wide studies that the investigators would be interested in presenting. Other suggestions were given for potential speakers.

Elections – General search for officer candidates was proceeding.

Registration Fee Adjustment – Group reviewed past and current state per diem rates. These rates have always been used to base payments on because they have always been the lowest among all agencies. Recent increases in lunch and dinner rates prompted this examination. Jensen motioned to increase the lunch and dinner costs at the annual meeting to match the new state per diem rates (\$9 lunch, \$12 dinner). Hubers seconded. Discussion suggested that dinner may have already been raised last year to \$12 (from \$11), but no one was sure. Motion passed.

#### SDTWS Newsletter

The Board discussed ways to gather more members’ electronic addresses and how to meet the CMPS Section’s idea of \$1 automatic memberships. The group decided the by-laws needed to be checked to see if membership amounts and how newsletters are distributed are mentioned. Morlock will check on this, Flanders-Wanner will check with the Wyoming Chapter to see how they went to a totally electronic distribution on their newsletter. The board will discuss registration fee changes at the next Board meeting if enough information has been gathered.

Next issue – Greg Pavelka can get the next issue out by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in September, which would include national TWS conference information, if submissions can be received by September 1. Assignments: President’s message (Morlock), meeting minutes (Smith), 2006 meeting and call for papers and Board candidates (Flanders-Wanner), CMPS Section Meeting summary (Smith), Wind Turbine Committee meeting summary (Jensen).

#### Additional Items – Federal Duck Stamp

Congressional pair is working on support to use federal duck stamp dollars to cover the backlog on costs of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service easement purchases. The suggestion is to have the Chapter send a letter asking for support of this issue in the future and maybe ask the South Dakota congressional delegation to become cosponsors and not just simply support the idea. Flanders-Wanner will send some more information to Morlock and they will work on this together. It was also suggested that this would be a good issue for the Wetlands Committee to look at.

#### Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set for November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at 11:00 A.M. Central at Cedar Shore, Oacoma, South Dakota. Jensen moved to adjourn, seconded by Flanders-Wanner. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Art Smith  
Secretary/Treasurer, SDTWS

# Committee Reports

## Non-game and Endangered Species Committee

The Pierre-Fort Pierre Bald Eagle Awareness Days event will be held for the fourteenth consecutive year in 2006. During the 2005 event, educators from Wildlife Experiences in Rapid City brought five birds of prey for eight programs and reached 1,000 participants. The 2006 event will include an evening program at the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls on February 23, an evening program at the Pierre Mall and school programs in central South Dakota on February 24, and public programs at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre on February 25. The South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society has been a strong and faithful sponsor and has again contributed a sponsorship for the 2006 event.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is currently conducting five-year reviews on the pallid sturgeon, black-footed ferret, and Topeka shiner, and the agency plans to begin a five-year review on the piping plover. This is a requirement of the Endangered Species Act to assess the status of each listed species to determine whether it should be delisted from the Endangered Species List or have its status changed from endangered to threatened or vice versa.

Submitted by Eileen Dowd-Stuckel, Committee Chair

## Teaming with Wildlife Committee (Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative)

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) submitted its Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) in late September. These plans are being prepared by all state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies to fulfill a commitment made when certain new federal funds were accepted. These annual Congressional appropriations are called State Wildlife Grants, and their priority is to fund inventories, management actions, and recovery activities for rare species and habitats. South Dakota's plan focuses on identifying habitat types found in the state and linking those habitats with the needs of fish and wildlife species that are considered rare or vulnerable. A major emphasis of this planning effort, both within South Dakota and nationwide, is to try to prevent future endangered species listings. Therefore, plans were designed to be comprehensive, or inclusive, of the needs of all species, not simply those that are extremely rare or that are popular with the agency or with the public. The SDGFP expects a two month wait before hearing from the USFWS as to whether the Plan was accepted.

The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is spearheading an effort to rejuvenate the Teaming with Wildlife campaign to identify and secure a stable, long-term funding source for species and habitats in need. This began with a press conference featuring Secretary of Interior Gail Norton. The following news release highlights this effort to use the submission of the Comprehensive Plans and Strategies as a way to focus renewed attention on this critical wildlife funding need.

Submitted by Eileen Dowd-Stuckel, Committee Chair

## **Norton Announces 56 States and Territories Have Submitted Wildlife Action Plans; Blueprint to Keep Species from Becoming Endangered**

(WASHINGTON) -- Interior Secretary Gale Norton today announced that wildlife agencies from all 50 states and six U.S. territories have submitted Wildlife Action Plans for approval by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, establishing a nationwide blueprint to conserve imperiled species so they don't become threatened or endangered.

If approved, the Wildlife Action Plans will be the first of their kind— a thorough state-by-state look at wildlife and the actions needed to ensure their survival. The action plans also will allow states and territories to continue to receive grants under the State Wildlife Grant program created under bipartisan legislation signed by President Bush in 2001. Since then, the Fish and Wildlife Service has provided \$400 million in grants to states and territories for conservation efforts.

The law required states and territories to have their individual plans submitted to the Service by October 2005. The Service currently plans to distribute \$68.5 million in grants next spring for states and territories to implement approved action plans.

"These plans represent a future for conservation in America that is rooted in cooperation and partnership between the federal government and states, tribes, local governments, conservation groups, private landowners and others with a commitment to the health of our land and water, fish and wildlife," Norton said. "Working together, we are tapping into the expertise of those who live and work on the land so that we can conserve our fish and wildlife before they become threatened or endangered.

"Through State Wildlife Grants, we are empowering states, territories, and their many partners to do what the federal government cannot do alone," she said. "The grant program is now our nation's primary conservation program for keeping species healthy and off the list of threatened and endangered species."

The Wildlife Action Plans establish a coordinated strategy for wildlife agencies to help all wildlife species. In the past, most of the states and territories have had great success in managing game species. This new program will help fund expansion of their conservation work to include all wildlife species and their habitats.

Norton said she has instructed the Fish and Wildlife Service to work with all Interior land management agencies as well as other federal land management agencies to support the goals and objectives outlined in the wildlife action plans in their agencies' land management strategies and plans

"The bottom line is that we use a strong pro-active approach in constructing our state wildlife action plans to ensure the health and survival of all wildlife," says John Cooper, president of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. "It has resulted in closer working relationships with other conservation agencies and organization within our states. Never has such a comprehensive set of plans been constructed with so much input."

"Investments to breathe life into the state wildlife strategies are at the heart of assuring a full wildlife legacy for our children's future," said Larry Schweiger, president of the National Wildlife Federation.

A team of eight U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists and five state wildlife administrators are in the process of reviewing the plans and will forward their recommendations to the Service Director for final approval.

States may use the funds for either planning or project implementation activities. For the 50 states, the apportionment is based on a formula that uses each state's land area and population. States may receive no more than five percent or less than one percent of the total available funds. The District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will receive one-half of one percent and Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands will receive one-fourth of one percent.

Each states' or territories' plan must contain information on low and declining populations of wildlife and the habitats they require, identify problems that affect these populations, identify research

and survey efforts to improve their conservation efforts, determine actions and priorities. Once the state plans have been approved agencies will revise and update their plans at least once every ten years.

To learn more about an individual state plan, please contact the state wildlife agency's press officers. A comprehensive list can be found at <<http://www.teaming.com/Newsroom.htm>>.

#### Awards Committee

### **SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY AWARD NOMINATIONS**

The Awards Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2006 awards. The awards include the Wildlife Professional of the Year Award, Citizen's Wildlife Award, and Master of Science scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Each year SDTWS recognizes one wildlife professional and one state citizen for their outstanding contribution in the arena of wildlife resource management. If you would like to nominate an individual for either of these awards, please submit a letter of nomination to the Awards Committee no later than January 7, 2006. This is a great opportunity to recognize those who go the extra mile in their stewardship of South Dakota's wildlife resources.

The SDTWS also recognizes academic and/or research excellence achieved by graduate students. This year there will be one (1) MS scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year. If you would like to nominate a student for this award, please complete and submit the nomination form to the Awards Committee no later than February 11, 2006.

Information regarding the nomination process for these awards and the Student Award Nomination Form can be found on the SDTWS webpage at <http://www.sdwildlife.org/awards.htm>. If you have any questions regarding the nomination process or the formulation of nomination letters, please contact Nora Kohlenberg.

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Submitted by Nora Kohlenberg, Committee Chair

#### Private & Public Land Management Committee

We have been reaching out to Private Landowners through WHIP (wildlife habitat incentives program) to improve elk habitat on private lands. This was the first year of this special project that targeted 25% of statewide WHIP dollars for elk habitat improvements. There were 33 applications totaling over \$354,000 for habitat improvement projects in the Black Hills. Most of the projects were for hardwood enhancements, pine thinning, riparian enhancements, and spring development. This project ties into the Southern Hills Elk Partnership committee and includes the same partners such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks, U.S. Forest Service, Recourse Conservation & Forestry, Wind Cave National

Park , Custer State Park, and private landowners. Finding "common ground" has been a goal for this group and through projects such as this; (targeting private land improvements) the gap is narrowing. We are very fortunate to have this type of participation from private landowners to improve and enhance elk habitat in the Black Hills.

Submitted by Dennie Mann, Committee Chair

## **Call for Papers / Candidates**

Individuals interested in presenting a paper at the annual meeting in March can submit titles to Bridgette Flanders-Wanner. A special session will be held on the afternoon of Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The special session will be titled Incorporating Non-Game Birds into Management Decisions and will largely be focused at the landscape level. Spots are filling quickly for this session, so if you are currently conducting research or a collaborative project on non-game birds, you may want to consider submitting your title for the special session as soon as possible. Most talks will vary from 30 minutes to one hour for this session. The general paper session will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Professional papers generally vary between 20 and 30 minutes and can be on any wildlife-related topic. Several slots are already filled in this four hour period, as well. Finally, graduate students will be presenting their latest research during the student session on the morning of Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Professors, please inform your students of this opportunity to share their research with the wildlife community and brush up on their speaking skills. Most graduate students will fill a twenty minute time slot.

SDTWS is also seeking candidates to fill two officer positions: President-Elect and Board Member at Large. The primary duties of the President-Elect include putting together the program for the annual meeting and finding candidates to run for office. Board members are responsible for finding volunteers to evaluate presentations at the annual meeting. General duties of both positions include attendance and participation at the five board meetings per year, contributing articles to the newsletter, and collection of additional information as needed to assist the board in the decision-making process. If you are interested in "stepping up to the plate" and making a contribution of your time to the South Dakota chapter, please contact Bridgette Flanders-Wanner.

## **2006 SDTWS Annual Meeting Announcement**

The 2006 SDTWS Annual Meeting will again be held at the Cedar Shore Resort in Chamberlain, South Dakota. The dates for this meeting are March 6-8, 2006. Please mark these dates on your calendar, and while you are doing so, make your reservations with the Cedar Shores Resort. A block of rooms has been reserved and you can make your reservation by calling 1-888-697-6363. These rooms will be held until February 6, 2006. Please call and make your reservations soon. Room rates for Cedar Shores will be as follows:

State Rate- \$44 single occupancy with Identification

Government Rate- \$60 single occupancy

Group Rate- \$69.95 single or double occupancy (\$10 extra per person up to 2 more persons)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Steve Griffin

## *A Prairie Voice Going Electronic?*

It's true. For the past several meetings, the executive board has been exploring the various facets of an all-electronic newsletter. How did it all begin? Well, it's hard to determine where exactly the idea started. Perhaps it came up after the executive board began reviewing Wyoming's big, beautiful electronic newsletter. It became clear that the South Dakota chapter could be reaping the same benefits and rave reviews that the Wyoming chapter has received for their newsletter. First, it's in color – and there are lots of pictures! Second, an electronic newsletter would allow the chapter to share more information with its membership. Without limits on the number of pages the chapter can afford to print, the options are endless. Third, the money saved on printing and postage (we incurred \$1,600 in newsletter expenses in 2004) could be better spent supporting on-the-ground conservation initiatives. Fourth, we're half way there already – approximately 60% of SDTWS members have already signed up for the electronic-newsletter option.

But maybe that's not where it all got started. Maybe the idea came after the Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) voted to reduce its annual dues to \$1 for all electronic-newsletter subscribers. CMPS made the change in an attempt to boost section membership and participation. In order to support CMPS' new membership initiative, the South Dakota chapter voted to pay the \$1 in CMPS dues for each SDTWS member that agreed to supply their e-mail address (i.e. free & automatic membership in the Section chapter for SDTWS members). Why were e-mail addresses necessary? – Because CMPS has also gone to a mostly electronic newsletter. (Only CMPS members that choose to receive a paper copy of the newsletter still have to pay the \$5 section dues). Now here's where the problem arose. For those SDTWS members that had not supplied us with an e-mail address, we would not be able to provide them with free CMPS membership. Therefore, the best way to align ourselves with CMPS' initiative was to also embrace an all-electronic newsletter.

So where the need for an all-electronic newsletter first arose, it's not certain. Maybe it was the board's decision to support CMPS. Maybe it was the impressive newsletter our neighbor chapter put out in electronic format. Regardless, the benefits are clear.

Of course, there are special considerations and exceptions to be made. For individuals who don't have a computer, internet access, or an e-mail address – no problem. SDTWS can still send them a paper copy of the newsletter.

At this point, it seems that the benefits outweigh the drawbacks. But now it's time to hear from you. Are you in favor of an all-electronic newsletter or opposed? What additional considerations might the board want to address before taking the plunge? The executive board will be taking comments up until their next board meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>. At that time the board will be taking a vote on whether or not to go to an all-electronic newsletter. If feedback from the membership is mostly positive, then it is the intention of the executive board to go all-electronic for the June newsletter. That way, all attendees at the March annual meeting will have a chance to provide their e-mail addresses. For those members not planning to attend the annual meeting, the membership renewal form on the next several newsletters will have a space to provide an e-mail address. We look forward to hearing from you. Please submit your comments to [Bridgette\\_Flanders-Wanner@fws.gov](mailto:Bridgette_Flanders-Wanner@fws.gov).



**Dr. Ken Higgins has announced his retirement. Please join us in helping him celebrate.**

Friday, December 16, 2005  
Biostress Lab Atrium, SDSU  
2:30 to 4 p.m. – Social  
RSVP would be appreciated.

Saturday, December 17, 2005  
Brookings Inn, Brookings  
11:30 a.m. – Social

12 Noon – Luncheon Buffet

1:00 p.m. until Ken's well roasted – Program

Saturday's Luncheon Buffet tickets are \$14 for ages 11 - adult,  
\$7 for ages 4 - 10, free for ages 3 and under.

Please RSVP and send a check payable to Terri Symens by Dec. 9.

A book of memories will be presented to Ken and a PowerPoint presentation will be shown. If you would like to include letters and cards to Ken, stories, pictures, etc., please send your items by December 9.

Should you wish to be on Saturday's program, please contact Dr. Chuck Berry ASAP ([charles.berry@sdstate.edu](mailto:charles.berry@sdstate.edu) or 605-688-4785). We do need to limit the number of speakers.

Contributions towards a gift for Ken may be sent by Dec. 9.

All items should be sent to Terri Symens, SDSU, Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 2140B, Brookings, SD 57007; [terri.symens@sdstate.edu](mailto:terri.symens@sdstate.edu); phone 605-688-6122; fax 605-688-4515; website <http://wfs.sdstate.edu>. Thank you.

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## **South Dakota Chapter TWS - Standing Committees**

**Audit** - Steve Griffin, Chairperson, 394-2391

**Awards** - Nora Kohlenberg, Chairperson, 773-4675

**Conservation Review** - Paul Coughlin, Chairperson, 773-4194

**Education and Information** - Laura Hubers, Chairperson, 947-4521

**Membership** - Chad Switzer, Chairperson, 605-353-6699

**Program** - Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, Chairperson, 352-5894

**Nominations and Elections** - Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, Chairperson, 352-5894

**Resolutions and Public Statements** - Dan Hubbard, Chairperson, 688-4780

## **South Dakota Chapter TWS - Special Committees**

**Arrangements** - Cliff Stone 734-4530 & Steve Griffin 394-2391, Co-Chairs

**Book Service** - Bob Klaver, Chairperson, 594-6067

**Certification** - Pat Russel, Chairperson, 226-7587

**Chapter History** - Cara Staab 673-9347 & Corey Huxoll 773-41953, Co-Chairs

**Fee Hunting and Ownership of Wildlife** - Andy Lindbloom, Chairperson

**Fish & Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative** - Eileen Dowd Stukel, Chairperson, 773-4229

**Fund Raising** - Tony Leif, Chairperson - 353-7145

**Grassland Issues** - Eddie Childers, 433-5263 & Boyd Shulz, 697-2500, Co-Chairs

**Missouri River Issues** - Vacant

**Newsletter** - Greg Pavelka, Editor, 402-667-2581

**Nongame/Endangered Species** - Eileen Dowd Stukel, Chairperson, 773-4229

**Private & Public Land Management** - Dennis Mann 394-2391 & Tom LeFaive 223-2316, Co-Chairs

**Resource Activism** - Chuck Dieter, Chairperson, 688-4555

**Tribal Fish & Wildlife** - Diane Mann-Klager, Chairperson, 226-7621

**Wetlands** - Kurt Forman, Chairperson, 697-2500

**Wetlands and Waterbirds Recognition Honor Roll** - John Koerner & Ken Higgins, 688-6121,

**Wind Turbines** - Alyssa Kiesow, Chairperson

If you have an announcement, information item, or committee activity report that should be included in the next edition of *A Prairie Voice*, or if your address has changed, send the information to: Greg Pavelka at the Gavins Point Project, PO Box 710 Yankton SD 57078, or call 402-667-2581, or fax the information in at 402-667-2588.

Email: Gregory.A.Pavelka@usace.army.mil

**SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**  
Application for Membership/Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Indicate Home or Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, please include my e-mail address in the SDTWS List Serve (a one-way, non-conversational list serve used on an infrequent basis solely to inform members about important conservation issues and legislation.

Yes, please use my e-mail address to send me the SDTWS newsletter electronically in place of mailing me my newsletter.

Please Check One:  New Member       2005 Dues Renewal

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsor's Name

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