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**Operations Manual**-----Margie Mitchell  
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**Please Go On-Line And Vote**

[www.motws.org](http://www.motws.org)



*Missouri Natural Resources Conference*

**January 31 – February 2, 2007**

**Conserving All Natural Resources:  
Implementing the Comprehensive  
Wildlife Strategy**

**Tan-Tar-A Resort and Golf Club  
Lake of the Ozarks**

**Register by January 12, 2007 to receive Early  
Bird Registration discounts!**

Visit MNRC website [www.mnrc.org](http://www.mnrc.org) for  
updates, agenda and registration.

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## The President's Corner

### "What's in it for Me?"

By Tim Russell, Chapter President

"What's in it for me?" This is often an underlying question for those non-members I talk with about The Wildlife Society (TWS). It is a good question. It is a fair question. People have to evaluate their commitment of time and the returns for their investment in those commitments. We all lead busy lives and have commitments in our personal and work-related arenas. My question is this: As a wildlife professional, can you receive the benefits from other sources that equal what TWS membership can offer you? As I invite wildlife students and professionals to join and actively participate in the Society, it is common for them to ask what the benefits are to being a member. There are several. TWS' membership of wildlife professionals and students are at the core of advancing wildlife conservation and management. Membership in TWS provides you with tools you need to be effective on the job or as you prepare for your career in wildlife conservation.

TWS is the organization that certifies wildlife biologists as professionals through minimum standards of academic requirements, experience and professional development. Certification can give you an advantage and added credibility when applying for jobs, testifying, or speaking at public hearings.

All effective conservation efforts have always involved cooperation across organizational lines. TWS has teamed up with various natural resource agencies and organizations to influence policies that support sound wildlife resource conservation.

As a member of The Wildlife Society, you have the opportunity to meet other wildlife professionals and students, stay abreast of wildlife management issues, and advance your professional growth through peer networks, working groups, and continuing education.

Our Missouri Chapter also recognizes wildlife professionals in our state through special awards for their significant efforts in wildlife resource conservation. The Chapter provides scholarships to students as well.

One benefit I like to emphasize is wildlife news and information. Wildlife professionals need to get hands-on, practical information. The Society's changes in publication efforts will include not only more information in electronic form, but also information tailored for those involved in real-time wildlife

management problem-solving. If you become a member in the parent society (TWS), all members receive the new quarterly magazine, *The Wildlife Professional*, which will be launched in early 2007. Each issue highlights current wildlife management and conservation issues and programs. *The Journal of Wildlife Management* will be revised, and will become a balance of articles on theory and research, as well as a source of information for wildlife professionals interested in research of on-the-ground practices. Numerous Society books offer in-depth looks at specific aspects of wildlife science or management.

As a TWS member, you receive updates on legislation, policy, conferences, and professional issues in our quarterly newsletter, *The Wildlifer*. Visit the TWS website, [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org), for timely job listings and graduate assistantships.

Visit the Missouri Chapter of TWS website, [www.motws.org](http://www.motws.org), for information, events and opportunities. Browse around. Check out the photos of our Spring Workshops.

I've enjoyed serving as President of the Missouri Chapter this past year. Serving with the other Executive Board members to coordinate another opportunity for wildlife professionals and students through the Spring Student Workshop was definitely a highlight. Another was the chance to assist with the charter of a new student chapter at Missouri State University. This coming year, I look forward to helping with the next Spring Workshop for both field professionals and students.

I challenge our current constituents in the MoTWS to encourage other wildlife professionals to become members and take advantage of the many benefits, so they may more effectively advance wildlife conservation wherever they work.

If you are not a member but share a love of the outdoors and have a deeply rooted sense of the intrinsic value of wild creatures, I urge you to become an active member. The Wildlife Society's efforts are to conserve that intrinsic value of wildlife upon our landscapes. What can your role be in that effort?

So, "What's in it for me?" Opportunities! Don't miss out!!!

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## Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2006 thru November 30, 2006

By Tom Kulowiec

### CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning balance as of 01/01/06 **\$7731.25**

#### Credits

2005 Membership dues: 185 @ \$10 \$1850.00

2005 MNRC income \$1335.00

Silent auction \$ 245.00

Gun Safe raffle \$ 50.00

3 Gun raffle \$1040.00

Spring 2006 Workshop \$ 470.00

Registration \$ 470.00

Other \$ 90.86

Dividends \$ 85.86

Donations \$ 5.00

**Total Credits \$3745.86**

#### Debits

2006 MNRC expenses \$ 523.75

Booth Rental underpayment \$ 75.00

Award Plaques/Engraving \$ 268.75

TWS Banner \$ 180.00

2007 MNRC expenses \$ 212.00

Booth Rental \$ 212.00

2006 Spring Workshop \$ 632.10

Food, drinks and supplies \$ 632.10

Other \$2514.94

Shortleaf Pine Symposium \$ 500.00

Annual Web Site Hosting Fee \$ 95.52

Semi-Annual PO Box Charge \$ 23.00

TWS Endowment Fund \$1896.42\*

**Total Debits \$3882.79**

Ending Balance as of 11/30/06 **\$9422.96**

\* This payment fulfills the Chapter's pledge of \$2,500 to the TWS Endowment Campaign to Sustain Wildlife Conservation. \$603.58 was contributed by member donations with the remaining balance paid out of the Chapter's operating funds.

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## Have You Paid Your Dues?

Many of us do not think about dues for MoTWS except for once a year, while at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference, when someone asks, "Have you paid your dues?" The State Chapter dues are important to maintain our funds towards projects, the website, scholarships, workshops, and travel reimbursement. Realistically, you will spend \$10.00 on snacks and drinks in a month's time (some will spend that per week). Think about how much healthier you and MoTWS will be if you do not buy that soda/beer/snack and pay your dues instead! If you have not paid your dues for 2006 and 2007, please mail payment to:

**Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
PO Box 743  
Columbia, MO 65205 – 0743**

or, drop by the MoTWS booth at MNRC.

### Donations for Raffle are Needed

We are in constant search of good raffle items for the annual meeting. Do you have a print, tent, or other item of value that is collecting dust, not being used, and would be a good item for the silent auction or raffle?

So, pilfer the storage room, look under the bed, and clean out the garage for new or like-new items you could donate. Some of our members and past members have been very generous to donate items, including guns, and we appreciate it. This is our only money maker of the year, so help if you can. Please contact Dean Stucker or any of the Executive Board to donate.

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## Don't Forget to Vote

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### Upcoming Business at Annual Meeting January 30, 2006

- Spring Workshop (**help needed**)
  - Committee Vacancies (**help needed**)
  - Money Matters
  - Scholarship Offerings
  - Student Chapter Reports
  - Election Results
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## Student Chapter News

Please visit student chapter websites to learn more about the exciting projects, seminars, workshops, and outreach on which each chapter is currently working!

### University of Central Missouri – Warrensburg

<http://www.cmsu.edu/wildlifesociety>

By Andrea Dixon, CMSU Student Chapter President

The University of Central Missouri chapter of TWS had a busy Spring of '06. Some highlights include planting trees at the Reed Area and placing second while competing in the intramural washers tournament. We held our annual Bio Blitz where we reached out to educate the community with activities such as bird-netting and identifying plants. After our summer hiatus, we welcomed back our members and began to get back into the mix again this fall. We adopted a kindergarten class from South East Elementary where we ran programs to encourage the learning and curiosity about wildlife. On the weekend of Halloween, we held our first "Fright Night" when we led frightening night walks through Pertle Springs, providing scary amusement for those in our community. In addition to these activities, we also held a workshop in October where we learned techniques to age deer. This was held for individuals who plan to volunteer for data collections that track the age of deer populations. After this volunteer opportunity in early November, we plan to attend MNRC in January/February, organize a trash pick-up at Pertle Springs, and hold our annual Bio Blitz in April. We are looking forward to a great year; planning to participate in all these activities and all the ones to come.

### Missouri Western State University – St Joseph

<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/twschap/>

By Heather Porter, MWSU Student Chapter President

This semester we have participated in many events. Numerous activities occupied our time. We canoed the Platte River, went on a night hike at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, volunteered at four deer-aging stations, and conducted quail counts for the Missouri Department of Conservation. We also participated in habitat restoration days and deer spotlighting at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge. Once again, our Hunter Education efforts were highlighted when four more of our members became hunter education instructors. We completed our fall survey of waste dump sites on the Missouri Western campus, and have been sponsoring a

conservation series of speakers on different conservation issues.

### Missouri State University - Springfield

<https://www.ws.missouristate.edu/studentorganizations>

By Ted Alferman, MSU Student Chapter President

Fall has been busy for everyone. In September, our group held one meeting and did a trash pick up on Mayfair Road in Springfield. At our meeting, we had Mr. Kurt Kaiser from the MDC speak to us about the Protection Volunteer Program. Several members of The Wildlife Society attended the two-night training at the MDC's Regional Office. In October, we held one meeting and a couple of events. We had a float trip/trash pick up two-day event during the first weekend - we camped out Friday night and floated Saturday morning. We also held a four-day bake sale which brought in a decent amount of money for the club. In November, we held one meeting and had many Society members help out with aging deer at our annual deer check stations across the state. This happened during the opening weekend of firearms deer season, and lasted both days. We are looking forward to winter, hoping to have several of our members at the MNRC in late January.

### University of Missouri- Columbia

<http://www.missouri.edu/~wildlife>

By Josh Wisdom, MU Student Chapter President & Stephanie Raney, MU Student Chapter Secretary

The University of Missouri student chapter has had a very exciting year so far. We have seen a great increase in the number of students interested in joining TWS.

This fall has been very busy and packed full of exciting events. Earlier this semester, we sent 5 members to the National TWS meeting in Anchorage, Alaska; all came back with wonderful tales to tell. During the meetings, we have heard some interesting speakers from many backgrounds - like Quail Unlimited staff, researchers of neotropical migrants and researchers of the spotted owl. On October 17, we hosted the annual Dunmire Lecture. Dr. Patty Parker spoke about her work with diseases in the Galapagos Islands. On November 11- 12, we helped the Missouri Department of Conservation in a deer-aging study. Members were posted at meat lockers where they measured teeth and antlers. Later this semester, our chapter will hold a camping trip and BBQ, host our student resume workshop with professionals in various fields, conduct the Mammals Program, and clean a local shooting range. To fund our projects, members work hard at a concession stand during football games. Due to the success of our football team this year, we have seen great sales.

Our chapter is very enthusiastic about the events coming up and hopes to keep energy and interest high into the next semester.

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### **Help Needed for Spring Workshop**

By Mike Schroer, Chapter President-elect

**March 30 - April 1, 2007** are the dates for the MoTWS 2007 Spring Workshop. The demonstrations and sessions are informative for students, but the interaction with professionals is just as important. The Executive Board has chosen University Forest for the venue of this year's workshop. The Society of American Foresters – Missouri Chapter has agreed to help put on this workshop. There will be numerous sessions for which we will need volunteers. Please consider offering your time and expertise to the workshop. If you have an idea of something you, as a professional, would like to tell or show a group of enthusiastic students, please contact any of the Executive Board.

Due to location, we plan to have a more “forest wildlife” theme this spring. Forest Birds and Bears are among the unique critters in Southern Missouri. We, likely, will have some information on Forest Health and Timber Management/Wood Products and, perhaps, even create a little sawdust.

Another possible session will involve MDC staff conducting a Level 1 fire training certification that would allow students to assist with prescribed fires on MDC land in the future. Any Level 1 fire training volunteers want to help?

We want to help students prepare to enter the workforce so we'll discuss a wide range of job opportunities. We might also hold a resume-writing class, as well as some mock interviews.

Stay tuned for more information and be willing to say “YES” if asked to assist with the workshop. And, be sure to view the photo gallery of the 2006 Spring Workshop on the MoTWS website:

<http://www.motws.org/picsindex2006.html>

Please consider assisting at next year's MoTWS Spring Workshop. We welcome (read “**need**”) your ideas and your participation!

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## **Students**

To help plan for the spring workshop, MoTWS needs to know how many of you will be coming. We will be finalizing details and know more about costs in February. Watch for a flier. To all Student Chapter Presidents: please e-mail Mike Schroer by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** at [Mike.Schroer@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Mike.Schroer@mdc.mo.gov) with the number of students that will be attending from your school.

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### **Report on Shortleaf Pine Symposium**

By David Gwaze

The “Shortleaf Pine Restoration and Ecology in the Ozarks” symposium held November 7-9, 2006, in Springfield, Missouri, was a great success. Attended by 244 participants from 14 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas), the symposium facilitated a stimulating and fruitful exchange of ideas on shortleaf pine restoration and ecology. Most of the participants came from Missouri (150), as expected. Arkansas ranked second with 43 participants, while other states were represented by less than 10 participants each. The composition of the participants was as follows: 116 from federal agencies, 91 from state agencies, 16 from universities, and 21 from the private sector (industry and private landowners).

The program consisted of plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, a field tour, and a poster and exhibits session. A total of 36 papers were presented during the plenary and concurrent sessions. The largest number of papers presented were in silviculture (33.3%); followed by ecology (16.7%); tree improvement and genetics (16.7%); restoration (13.9%); wildlife (8.3%); soil and water (5.6%); and economics and utilization (5.6%). These presentations represent uniquely valuable up-to-date information that will be useful to both managers and scientists working on shortleaf pine restoration here in Missouri and other states. These presentations will be compiled into proceedings.

Exhibitors at the symposium included South-West Resource Conservation and Development, Missouri Department of Conservation - Firewise, University of Missouri-Columbia Department of Forestry, Missouri Department of Agriculture Grow Native, and Missouri Consulting Foresters. Nine posters focused on direct seeding, seedling recruitment, shortleaf pine hybrids, restoration efforts and responses to birds and butterfly, and underplanting.

The field tour was attended by 83 participants to see how shortleaf pine is managed on the Mark Twain National Forest and what the challenges are that face forest managers.

A larger than anticipated number of participants, along with the nature and diversity of presentations, demonstrated a significant interest by professionals in shortleaf pine restoration and ecology. In the future, it is expected that regional exchanges of information on shortleaf pine will occur on a regular basis, possibly, once every 4-5 years.

The shortleaf pine symposium organization committee thanks the Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society for its support of the symposium.

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### Looking for Nominations

Do you know fellow dedicated colleagues, outstanding production farmers, or students worthy of scholarships? As we proceed toward the end of the year, it is imperative that everyone keeps our annual awards (E. Sydney Stephens, Andy Runge, Farmer/Conservationist, Graduate Fellowship) in the forefront of their thoughts. If you have possible candidates for any of the awards, please pass their name(s) on to the Executive Board.

#### \*\*\*\* Nominations needed for the E. Sydney Stephens Award

Please e-mail or send your nominations to Tim Russell at ([TimRussell@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:TimRussell@mdc.mo.gov)).

#### \*\*\*\* Nominations needed for the G. Andy Runge Award

Please e-mail or send your nominations to Rick Thom at ([Rick.Thom@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Rick.Thom@mdc.mo.gov)).

#### \*\*\*\* Nominations needed for the Farmer / Conservationist Award

Please e-mail or send your nominations to Bob Schroepel at ([Bob.Schroepel@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Bob.Schroepel@mdc.mo.gov)).

#### \*\*\*\* Nominations needed for the Graduate Fellowship

Please e-mail or send your nominations to Josh Millsbaugh at ([MillsbaughJ@missouri.edu](mailto:MillsbaughJ@missouri.edu)).

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## ATTENTION STUDENTS

The Missouri Conservation Federation is accepting applications for the annual Conservation Foundation Scholarships. These scholarships are designated for students in each of the following categories; forestry, fisheries, wildlife, parks and recreation, and soil and water conservation. To view the criteria and the application, go to [www.motws.org](http://www.motws.org).

Application deadline is **December 31, 2006**, so don't delay.

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### MNRC 2007– MoTWS is the Host Society

As the Host Society of our annual Quad Society Conference, January 31 - February 2, 2007, MoTWS will need help from many members to help make the conference a success. Registration workers are always welcome; illumination engineers (turn the lights off/on) are in demand; plus, we are always looking for fresh faces to work our Society booth during the conference. We want the 2007 MNRC to be the best it can be – with **your** involvement. If you can volunteer during the 2007 MNRC, please contact Gene Gardner:

[Gene.Gardner@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Gene.Gardner@mdc.mo.gov)

He will direct you to an appropriate Committee Chair for assignment.

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### Need Help With Travel Expenses?

One of the main reasons our dues increased to \$10.00 a couple years ago was to assist members with funds towards travel for professional development. Is there a conference, symposium or workshop you would like to attend? MoTWS has not received any requests for the current year. If you plan to apply, please submit your application by **July 15, 2007**. The travel application form is available at:

<http://www.motws.org/TravelGrant.html>

Since MoTWS had no requests for travel assistance during this past year, this benefit is truly not being used. Come to the Annual Meeting prepared to discuss this issue. Should we designate one of the officers to attend the annual TWS national meeting? Should we offer to assist student chapters? Do some brainstorming in your own mind and bring your thoughts to the meeting.

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## Websites to Know

Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
<http://www.motws.org>

The Wildlife Society  
<http://www.wildlife.org/index.cfm>

Missouri Department of Conservation  
<http://www.mdc.mo.gov>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
<http://www.fws.gov/>

International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
<http://www.iafwa.org/>

Conservation Federation of Missouri  
<http://www.confedmo.org>

MO DNR  
<http://www.dnr.mo.gov>

USDA/NRCS  
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

USDA/APHIS  
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>

Texas A&M job board  
<http://wfscnet.tamu.edu/jobboard/index.htm>

Conservation Federation of Missouri  
<http://www.confedmo.org/>

U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance  
<http://www.wlfa.org/>

Organization of Wildlife Planners  
<http://www.owpweb.org/>

Wildlife Management Institute  
<http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org>

### MoTWS Student Chapter websites:

1. Missouri State University  
<https://www.ws.missouristate.edu/studentorganizations>
2. Missouri Western  
<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/twschap/>
3. University of Central Missouri  
<http://faculty.cmsu.edu/blog/wildlifesociety.php>
4. University of Missouri  
<http://www.missouri.edu/~wildlife>

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## Conferences of Interest

MNRC 2007 January 31- February 2, 2007

### Other TWS Annual Conference Locations

Tucson, Arizona -- September 22-26, 2007

Miami, Florida -- November 8-12, 2008

Monterey, California -- September 20-24, 2009

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## Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society

# Application Information

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The Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society cordially invites you to join us! If you haven't already done so, take a look at [what we are all about](#).

You do **not** have to be a member of our parent society, [The Wildlife Society](#) to join our State Chapter. However, if you would like more information about our parent society, just click [here](#).

Annual Dues are just \$10.00. As a member you will receive:

- A semi-annual newsletter.
- The opportunity to interact with other wildlife professionals in Missouri.
- The opportunity to serve on several committees and working groups which actively influence wildlife conservation and management in Missouri.
- The opportunity to attend occasional continuing education workshops and symposia.

## To Join:

Down-load a [membership form](#) (in PDF format)

OR

### Send us your:

name

mailing address

phone number (optional)

Fax number (optional)

e-mail address (optional)

along with your \$10.00 dues (make Checks payable to Missouri Chapter TWS) to:

**Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

**P.O. Box 743**

**Columbia, MO 65205 - 0743**

If you just would like more information, you can e-mail us at [motws@motws.org](mailto:motws@motws.org).

**We Hope To Be Hearing From You**

# Meet the Candidates

## President -Elect

### John Vogel

#### **Personal data:**

I was born in January of 1969 and grew up in St. Louis. My interest in the outdoors was sparked by fishing in the Mississippi River and exploring the creeks and woodlots near my home. I married my wife, Yvonne, in June of 2004. Lucky for me, she also enjoys the outdoors and we have wasted no time in introducing our son, Beck (born January 2006), to the wonders of nature. I am a huge fan of both consumptive (hunting and fishing) and non-consumptive (kayaking, mountain biking, and hiking) outdoor recreation.

#### **Education:**

B.S. Fisheries and Wildlife, December 1992, and M.S. Fisheries and Wildlife, December 1999, University of Missouri – Columbia. My graduate work examined rail use of wetlands along the Missouri River as part of the Missouri River Post-Flood Evaluation Project.

#### **Employment:**

Since April of 2000, I have been a Wildlife Management Biologist for MDC in the St. Louis Region. The August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area has provided quite the “on the job training” experience in my somewhat short tenure with MDC. Prior to joining MDC I spent a short time as an Environmental Scientist with a firm in Chesterfield, MO. Wearing a tie to the office everyday and cubicle life did not agree with me, so I had to migrate to a better job. Prior to that, I worked on various research projects in Alaska, Missouri, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

#### **Wildlife Society Activities:**

I have been involved with The Wildlife Society since 1990 when joining the University of Missouri Student Chapter. Since then I have always been a member of the Missouri Chapter and the parent society. I served as the President of the student chapter in 1991. For the past year I have served as the chair of the Membership Committee for the state chapter. I became a Certified Wildlife Biologist in March of 2003.

### Chris Newbold

#### **Personal:**

Birth Place: Harrisburg, Illinois  
Birth Date: 18 November 1972  
Marital Status: Married 9 years  
Children: Two Daughters ages 1 and 4

#### **Education:**

M.S., Wildlife Ecology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 1996  
B.S., Fisheries and Wildlife Science, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1994

**Employment History:**

1991, Park Ranger,  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
1992, Research Assistant,  
US Forest Service, North Central Experimental Station  
1993, Research Technician,  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
1994 – 1996, Research Technician,  
University of Tennessee  
1997, Research Technician,  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
1997 – 2000, Wildlife Biologist,  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission  
2000 – Present, Wildlife Biologist,  
Missouri Department of Conservation

**Affiliations:**

I am a member of a local chapter of the Audubon Society, the Missouri Prairie Foundation and have been involved with The Wildlife Society at various levels since 1991. I've been involved with a Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society from 1991-1996, State Chapters in Florida, Tennessee and Missouri and have also been a National Chapter member. I have presented papers at State Wildlife Society meeting in Tennessee in 1995 and 1996 and the 1996 National Conference in Cincinnati. I have been actively involved since 1994 with local ornithological societies and Audubon Chapters in Tennessee and Missouri.

My professional work focuses on the ecology and management of grassland, savanna, woodland, and forest ecosystems. In Tennessee, I worked on a project examining how bird communities responded to various forest disturbances. In Florida, I worked as liaison between the state conservation agency and the US Forest Service. I worked closely on management and monitoring of two species of concern: black bears and red-cockaded woodpeckers. Since coming back to Missouri I've focus most of my interests in the restoration and conservation of native plant and wildlife communities for multiple uses. In addition to my professional interests I enjoy waterfowl and turkey hunting, fishing, bird watching, hiking and reading history.

## Secretary

**Rob Chapman****Personal:**

Birth Place: Anderson, Indiana  
Marital Status: Married 9 years  
Children: one  
Current Residence: 5 acres of recovering woodland in Phelps County

**Education:**

M.S., Rangeland Ecology and Management, Oklahoma State University, 2000  
B.S., Wildlife Science, Purdue University, 1996

**Employment History:**

1992 – 1993, Co-op Student, Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
1995 – 1996, Research Technician, Purdue University  
1997, Wildlife Technician, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission  
1998 – 2000, Research Assistant, Oklahoma State University  
2000 – Present, Wildlife Management Biologist, Missouri Department of Conservation

**Affiliations:**

The Wildlife Society  
    President, Purdue University Student Chapter, 1995-1996  
Natural Areas Association  
Southeast Quail Study Group  
Missouri Conservation Federation  
Kiwanis International

My professional work focuses on the ecology and management of grassland, savanna, and woodland ecosystems. Specifically the restoration and conservation of native plant and wildlife communities for sustainable use of multiple resources, population ecology and management of grassland and shrubland associated wildlife, and responses of plant communities and wildlife populations to prescribed fire. Integral to my professional work is my fulfillment from canoeing, hiking, hunting, and fishing. Playing guitar, reading, woodworking, driving my 1968 Cutlass, and playing with my son occupy my free time.

**Mike Hubbard**

**Personal:**

Me, my wife Kathie and our 2 sons reside in California, Missouri.

**Education:**

B.S. degree in Fish and Wildlife Biology from the University of Missouri-Columbia; a M.S. in Wildlife Ecology and Ph. D. in Animal Ecology from Iowa State University.

**Employment:**

I am currently a research supervisor with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

**Other:**

I am president of a local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and served as the technical advisor for the State Chapter. I have chaired the Natural Resources Advisory committee for Jefferson City Public Schools (2002-2003), served as a panel member of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies and I am currently an adjunct faculty member at the University of Missouri-Columbia. I believe there should always be a seamless linkage between education, research, management and policy and the Society should serve as the bridge that links these areas into a unified voice for our profession.

## **Board Member-at-Large**

### **Robert C. Alexander (Bob)**

#### **Personal:**

Born in Decatur, AL, I grew up and have lived most of my life in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Even in the urban environment I could often be found in the woods, fields, or creek by my house. I have been married 20 years and have children ages 14 and 16. Leisure time is usually centered on a variety of family activities.

#### **Education:**

B.S. Wildlife Conservation and Management, Southwest Missouri State University, 1998.

B.S. Psychology- biology minor, Southwest Missouri State University, 1984.

#### **Employment:**

Wildlife Biologist- USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services, 2000-Present.

In this position, I have resolved a variety of wildlife damage issues involving human health & safety, depredation, livestock, property, and endangered species. Presently, the majority of my work is devoted to reducing wildlife threats to aviation.

Wildlife Biologist- Missouri Department of Conservation, 1999.

Field Coordinator for the St. Louis Urban Deer Research Project.

Wildlife Technician- Critter Control of St. Louis, 1998.

Alleviated wildlife damage for the private sector.

Prior to a career change, I worked in the automotive service field for three dealerships and two repair facilities.

#### **Other information:**

I am a member of The Wildlife Society at the national and state level, have been Secretary of the Wildlife Conservation Club, and have diverse experience as an agency representative to federal, state, and local governments, as well as the general public. Routinely, I am called upon to solve complex and controversial wildlife issues. If elected to this position, I look forward to developing relationships with other wildlife professionals and students to increase interest and participation in our state chapter.

### **Matt Curry**

#### **Personal:**

I am a native Southwest Missourian. I am proud and fortunate to have grown up in the rural Ozarks and all it has to offer. I spend most to all of my recreational time in the outdoors. I hunt, fish and trap and enjoy pursuing what ever the seasons dictate. I enjoy truly wild places and hunt or fish in remote areas in several states and or Canada each year.

#### **Education:**

B.S. Wildlife Conservation and Management - Missouri State University, 1992

M.S. Biology – Missouri State University, 1995

**Employment:**

I am currently employed by the Missouri Department of Conservation as a Private Land Conservationist in the Southwest Region. I started with MDC in March of 2000 with the inception of the Private Land Services Division. Before coming to Missouri I was employed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission as a Private Land Biologist. My responsibilities were primarily focused on servicing private landowners in an 11 county district. One of my highlights in Arkansas was designing and implementing the states Deer Management Assistance Program. Starting in 1996, I was employed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission as a Wildlife Biologist and managed a 32,000 acre property in Central Florida. Besides being impressed with the use of prescribed fire in Florida, I was also fortunate to have headed a telemetry project for black bears.

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