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**2008 MoTWS Committees**

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updates, agenda and registration.

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## The President's Corner

### "Bucking the Trend"

Mike Schroer, President

If you have read the last issue of our MoTWS Newsletter you will notice that my article is somewhat philosophical and, hopefully, challenging. I'll try to veer from that format and keep this one short and simple.

#### MoTWS Needs You!!

- TWS National membership is up 3.5 % this year : - )
- MoTWS membership is declining : - (
- MoTWS Student membership is increasing – hooray : - )
- MoTWS Spring Workshop is a great place for students and professionals to interact
- MoTWS needs more professionals to “connect” with student Wildlifers
- MoTWS has many members who need to share their experience and advice to other Wildlifers
- MoTWS needs more members to run for office
- MoTWS needs help at MNRC
- MoTWS is responsible for MNRC 2010 – please contact Ted Seiler to volunteer for help
- Do we want our generation's legacy to be a declining MoTWS?
- What responsibility do we have to stay connected in professional development?

Thanks for considering your role in the Missouri Chapter of TWS. I hope 2008 is a satisfying and productive year for each of you!

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## Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007

Tom Kulowiec, Treasurer

### CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning balance as of 01/01/07		<b>\$7611.89</b>
<b>Credits</b>		
2007 Membership dues: 152 @ \$10		\$1520.00
2008 Membership dues: 1 @ \$10		\$ 10.00
2007 MNRC income		\$ 906.61
Silent auction	\$ 552.61	
Gun raffle	\$ 330.00	
Pocket knife sales	\$ 24.00	
Spring 2007 Workshop		\$ 780.00
Registration	\$ 780.00	
Other		\$ 84.26
Donations	\$ 11.00	
Dividends	\$ 73.26	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>\$3300.87</b>
<b>Debits</b>		
2007 MNRC expenses		\$ 519.25
<i>(Booth rental for 2007 MNRC was paid 10/06 &amp; listed with 2006 debits \$212.00)</i>		
Award plaques & engraving	\$ 286.75	
Rifle purchased for gun raffle	\$ 232.50	
2008 MNRC expenses		\$ 298.00
Exhibit Booth Rentals	\$ 222.00	
Extra Tables for Ex. Booth	\$ 76.00	
2007 Spring Workshop		\$1051.57
Food & accommodations	\$1051.57	
2007 Affiliate Membership CFM		\$ 166.00
2007 Travel Grant Award		\$ 918.45
Other		\$2501.20
MoTWS caps (down payment)	\$2103.30	
PO Box Charge	\$ 43.00	
Sponsorship ES Walk/Run	\$ 251.00	
Web Site Annual Fee	\$ 95.52	
Stamps	\$ 8.38	
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$5454.47</b>
Ending Balance as of 12/31/07		<b>\$5458.29</b>

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# PLEASE Don't Forget to Pay your Dues!

The State Chapter dues (\$10.00 annually) are important to maintain our funds towards projects, the website, scholarships, workshops, and travel reimbursement. If you have not paid your dues for 2007 and 2008, please mail payment to:

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

Another easy option to pay your annual dues is to drop by the MOTWS booth at the MNRC. TRUST ME, someone there will be glad to take your money!

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# Donations Needed for MNRC Raffle

Remember the old saying (slightly modified), “One person’s junk is another person’s treasure”. Well, I have some old junk that has been living in a Rubbermaid container for at least 15 years! My guess is that it would be a treasure to someone else who needs something to keep in a Rubbermaid container for another 15 years!

If you have something that might make a good raffle item for the MOTWS booth at the MNRC, please consider making a donation. The raffle is always a good source of funds for MOTWS to help build the coffer! Contact Dean Stucker, or any of the Executive Board members to donate a raffle item. THANK YOU!

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# Don't Forget to Vote

All voting members will receive an e-mail soon with your Voter ID number so that you can go on-line at [www.motws.org](http://www.motws.org) to vote! On-voting will be open until Monday, January 28, 2008. You can also vote at the MOTWS booth at MNRC or by using the ballot included with this newsletter.

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## Upcoming Business at Annual Meeting January 31, 2008

Spring Workshop (**help needed- see next page**)  
Committee Vacancies (**help needed**)  
By-laws and Operations Manual Discussion  
Student Chapter Reports  
Election Results

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### MOTWS Hats Now Available!



What better than a high quality hat with several logos and features specific to MOTWS to show your support for our organization! Hats will be available for sale at the MOTWS booth at the MNRC for \$12. **However, if you pay your registration dues of \$10, you can save \$2 and purchase a hat at the discounted rate of \$10.** If you cannot make it to the MNRC, then contact any member of the Executive Board to purchase a MOWTS hat.

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### Student Chapters

There are currently 5 active Student Chapters of The Wildlife Society in Missouri. Please make sure you attend the MOTWS Annual Meeting on January 31, 2008 to hear from our Student Chapters on the great activities they are involved with!

Missouri State University

Missouri Western

Southeast Missouri State University

University of Central Missouri

University of Missouri

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## Help Needed for Spring Workshop

John Vogel, President-elect

**April 4-6, 2008** are the dates for the MoTWS 2008 Spring Workshop. The demonstrations and sessions are informative for students, but the interaction with professionals is just as important. The Executive Board has chosen Klondike Park in St. Charles County for the venue of this year's 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.

Klondike Park is new to the St. Charles County Park System and one of their crown jewels! The park offers cabin and campsite sleeping arrangements with a shower house, kitchen prep area, extensive trail network, and amazing bluff top views of the Missouri River valley.

We plan to offer an 'Amazing Race' type of event at the Spring Workshop! Students will be competing in different events that will not only test their natural resource knowledge, but will also help them learn some important skills and information.

We also 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 the MoTWS Spring Workshop. We welcome and need your ideas and your participation!**

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## Students

To help plan for the spring workshop, MOTWS needs your assistance. We will be discussing the spring workshop details at the MOTWS Executive Board meeting on January 30, 2008 at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference. Student Chapter Officers are encouraged to attend the Executive Board meeting.

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## Report on the 2007 TWS Annual Meeting

John Vogel, President-elect

In September, I attended The Wildlife Society 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Tucson, AZ on behalf of the Missouri Chapter. The Annual Meeting provided a great opportunity to meet the current leaders of The Wildlife Society, network with TWS members from all levels of the Society, learn from the multitude of informative presentations, and observe some Arizona wildlife--some of which did not like the flash on my camera!



The main theme of the meeting dealt with issues associated with managing natural resources across the U.S.-Mexico border. As we are all aware, a line drawn on a map has no impact on how a bird, mammal or reptile utilizes its' home range. But when you build a physical barrier on said line, many wildlife species will be affected to some degree. It was encouraging to hear about partnerships between biologists and agencies from both countries, working on this topic. In addition to the wide variety of wildlife topics typically found at a national-level meeting of wildlife professionals, there was ample discussion dealing with membership in The Wildlife Society. Discussion on who should be members and the benefits to membership in our professional society was commonplace during the annual meeting.

While Mike Schroer pleaded for membership in MoTWS in **The President's Corner**, you should also consider why it is important to be active in The Wildlife Society at the section and national levels. It may not be obvious in our daily work, but The Wildlife Society is always out there, working to ensure that wildlife professionals have a voice based on strong science. I would encourage you to read the following article by Michael Hutchings, TWS Executive Director, from the Fall 2007 issue of **The Wildlifer** titled "*Pride in TWS and the Wildlife Profession*".

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## Pride in TWS and the Wildlife Profession

Michael Hutchins, Executive Director

Members of professional and scientific societies, like TWS, join and support such organizations for a variety of reasons. One of these reasons is the many benefits derived from membership. During the past two years, TWS Council and staff have worked very hard to improve membership services. We have: (1) successfully launched our new online and print publication, *The Wildlife Professional*; (2) upgraded our newsletter (*The Wildlifer*); (3) established the TWS Leadership Institute for young professionals; (4) improved our online store, conference registration and membership renewal processes; (5) added panel discussions and a student 'work-in-progress' poster session to our annual conference format; (6) made considerable efforts to reconnect with the membership at chapter and section meetings; and (7) built an entirely new web site, with many new features. However, another important reason to join TWS is the pride that we feel in the wildlife profession—in its history, in what it stands for, and what it does. This is not a boastful pride but one that comes from working hard at an honorable and respected task. In the case of TWS members, this task is the responsible stewardship of wildlife and their habitats for current and future generations. This is not a simple or trivial job. In today's world, wildlife management and conservation are fraught with complications and controversy, and the challenges are formidable. However, I can think of no more important undertaking than ensuring a future for life on this planet. We are in a desperate battle to conserve the natural world and the many wonders and opportunities it represents. As wildlife professionals, we must be up to the challenge, and we must approach our work with humility, honesty, integrity, openness, and the power of science. So, why should we be proud of the wildlife profession and of the premier scientific and educational society that represents wildlife professionals? Several reasons come to mind:

*Be proud of where we come from.* Certainly, the history of our organization is a reason for celebration. The many dedicated professionals who created TWS, guided it through its early years, and won its highest honor, the Aldo Leopold Medal, are reasons for pride. Leopold himself, one of the organization's founders, was an incredible visionary whose writings are as applicable and relevant today as they were during his own time. There were many other visionaries and heroes in TWS, but time marches on and there are many more heroes yet to come. These future leaders and innovators are undoubtedly within the ranks of our student chapters and the young professionals that attend TWS' newly-established Leadership Institute.

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*Be proud of the community we represent.* Our members are the students and working professionals who study, protect, manage and conserve wildlife and their habitats in North America and beyond. The day-to-day work they do, both individually and collectively, is of immeasurable value to society. How could we continue to enjoy wildlife and nature or derive the many benefits from their existence (e.g., clean water and air, opportunities to hunt, fish, photograph or watch wildlife) if these professionals were not doing their jobs? How could we conserve endangered or threatened species, or control the onslaught of invasive, non-native species, and the many problems they cause, both ecological and economic, if there were no "wildlifers"? We desperately need a community of highly trained, informed, and networked professionals to help us find solutions, both now and into the future.

*Be proud of what we do.* We should take pride in the fact that TWS represents the views of wildlife professionals with key decision makers and the media. TWS has an active government affairs and partnership program that uses science to inform policies that affect wildlife and their habitats. TWS is not a 'knee jerk' advocacy organization that pushes extreme positions in order to make a point. We are advocates for the responsible stewardship of wildlife and nature; we also advocate for the application of good science to critical policy decisions. However, we fully realize that the needs of people and wildlife must be carefully balanced. In today's world, effective conservation means caring about people too! Members can also be proud of TWS' and its members' efforts to compile, analyze and share information on a wide variety of relevant topics through its scientific, policy and popular publications. Information is power, and wise decisions cannot be made in the absence of reliable knowledge. The applied and theoretical research on wildlife management and conservation conducted by TWS members is a critical source of such knowledge. Going forward, we need a TWS that is brimming with wildlife experts who are ready and willing to become actively engaged in our professional community and its many important activities. However, we can't do this without your help. Please help us bring others into the TWS community by recruiting new TWS members. The more members we have, the better the networking, information sharing, and other professional opportunities, and the stronger and more politically powerful our network will be. The value of TWS membership is increasing with each passing day, but if that isn't sufficient to convince some non-members to join, try appealing to their sense of pride in the wildlife profession—one of the world's most interesting, important and personally rewarding professions.

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### **TWS Leadership Institute: Call for Applications**

The Wildlife Society (TWS) is **currently accepting applications for its Leadership Institute**. The goal of the Institute is to facilitate the development of new leaders within The Wildlife Society and the wildlife profession as a whole. The Institute will recruit 10 promising early-career professionals for a series of intensive activities and mentoring relationships. The focus will be on exposing the participants to TWS and increasing the ranks of active leaders in TWS and the wildlife profession coming from state/federal wildlife agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations. **The application deadline is 7 March 2008**. For more information go to [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org) .

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### **MNRC 2010– MoTWS is the Host Society**

As the Host Society of our annual Quad Society Conference, 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 2010 MNRC to be the best it can be – with **your** involvement. If you can volunteer during the 2010 MNRC, please contact Ted Seiler at: [Ted.Seiler@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Ted.Seiler@mdc.mo.gov)

Ted will direct you to an appropriate Committee Chair for an assignment, or he may actually recruit you to be a Committee Chair!

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### **FREE MONEY-Any Takers?**

The MOTWS Travel Grant is available to all MOTWS members for travel to conferences. The Grant has not been used much since it was developed. In these days of tight budgets and very tight travel budgets for all agencies, additional funds such as the travel grant could be just what you need to convince your boss to let you make that trip! Go to the website at [www.motws.org](http://www.motws.org) for more details.



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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>

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### **Conferences of Interest**

MNRC 2008 January 30- February 1, 2008

### **Other TWS Annual Conference Locations**

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!!**

**Network. Learn. Explore. Enjoy!**

**Take your seat in the sun!**

Registration opens June 2008

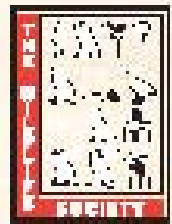
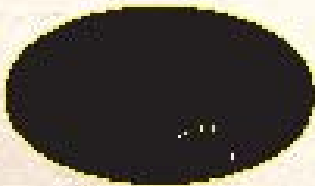


**The Wildlife Society 15th Annual Conference**

**November 8-12, 2008**

**Miami, Florida**

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



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Candidate for President-elect

**Rochelle Renken**

When I stop to think about it, I have been involved in the wildlife profession quite a while. I got started as an Iowa State University fisheries and wildlife biology undergraduate in 1974. I joined The Wildlife Society in 1982 as a graduate student at Iowa State University. While I have worked in Missouri, I have been the state chapter treasurer for 2 years in the late 1990s and I have been a co-advisor to the University of Missouri student chapter for eight years.

I am currently a resource scientist with the Missouri Department of Conservation in Columbia. I have been working for the research arm of the Department since 1989. Prior to working for the Department of Conservation, I worked a year for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Before working in Florida, I was either in graduate school at Iowa State University or the University of Missouri or working temporary jobs with different county, federal, or private conservation organizations.

As an officer for the state chapter, I would work with other chapter officers and members to continue to emphasize the long-standing chapter efforts in education for everyone from the established professional to the beginning undergraduate, with the hope of providing a few more opportunities for the mid-career professionals in our group to hear about or learn something new. I would like to explore the possibilities of sending more chapter members to the annual national conference and of bringing in experts in certain topics to provide training workshops to interested chapter members. I want to pursue these possibilities for chapter members because of my rather recent opportunity to attend the 2007 national conference in Tucson, AZ. At the 2007 national conference, I was able to listen to other professionals talk about the impacts of wind development on wildlife, and the growth and development of analytical techniques in the wildlife science. For me, I appreciated having the opportunity to hear about topics that were outside my normal circle of reading material, yet were interesting current topics. I am guessing many of you would also enjoy the chance to learn about topics of interest by attending TWS conferences or chapter sponsored workshops. As a state chapter, we have a long tradition of providing continuing education opportunities through the annual Missouri Natural Resources Conference and the recently initiated spring workshop for undergraduates. My hope as an officer would be to add a few more education/information transfer opportunities to those currently available to state chapter members.

Candidate for President-elect

**Chris Newbold**

**Personal:**

Birth Place: Harrisburg, Illinois

Marital Status: Married 12 years

Children: Two Daughters ages 4 and 7

**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 – 2007, Wildlife Biologist,

Missouri Department of Conservation

2007 – Present, Private Land Conservationist,

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 State Chapters in Florida, Tennessee and Missouri. I have presented papers at State Wildlife Society meeting in Tennessee 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.

Candidate for Treasurer

**Alan Leary**

**Personal Data:** I was born in 1969 in southeastern Minnesota. I was raised in Winona, Minnesota and grew up hunting, fishing, and camping on the Mississippi River. My wife Kate and I have been married for 9 years. We live in Jefferson City with our 4 year old son, Zachary and our 2 year old daughter, Cassandra, and a bird dog named Jake. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with my wife and kids.

**Education:** I received my Bachelor of Science degree with Majors in Wildlife Management and Biology from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point in 1991. I obtained my Master of Science degree in Biology from Boise State University in 1996. I did my thesis research on ferruginous hawks in the state of Washington.

**Employment:** After completing my B.S. I worked for about two years as a field technician at the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford Site in southcentral Washington before starting on my Masters degree. While at the Hanford Site I assisted with projects on numerous species including elk, mule deer, bald eagles, Canada geese, sage grouse, long-billed curlews, and great blue herons. After completing my M.S. degree, I worked for a year as the Endangered Species Specialist at Fort Bliss, in El Paso, Texas. After a year at Fort Bliss I moved to Missouri to work as the Endangered Species Specialist for the Missouri National Guard. After working for the National Guard for four years I accepted my current position as a Senior Biological Specialist for the Missouri Department of Transportation. I have had this position for about six years.

**Professional Affiliations:** I have been a member of The Wildlife Society since college and I am a Certified Wildlife Biologist. I have attended the many of the national meetings that the Society has held and I am a member of the Biological Diversity Working Group through the National Chapter. I am on the Steering Committee for the Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative.

Candidate for Treasurer

**Jennifer Mittelhauser**

**Personal Data:** Born January 22, 1971 in Lubbock, Texas. My husband and I are current residents of Sedalia, Missouri and have been married for four years. We have no plans for children, but we enjoy our menagerie of critters, including lizards, snakes, salamanders, cats, and a dog. We enjoy scuba diving, hiking, camping, and riding bikes along the Katy Trail. **Education:** I received my BS in Botany, with a minor in Biochemistry, in 1999 from Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. While an undergraduate I worked with Gary Upchurch studying leaf cuticle thickness in evergreen versus deciduous plants. I received my MS in Biology (emphasizing Plant Ecology) in 2002 from Texas State University. My thesis was titled Blackland Prairie Restoration in Central Texas and involved establishing native warm season grasses while attempting to eliminate a warm-season exotic grass known as KR Bluestem.

**Employment History:** I am currently employed as a lecturer at the University of Central Missouri and have been for the past 3.5 years. I teach non-majors Ecology and Environmental Sciences classes, as well as majors classes, including Herpetology, Botany, and Ecology. Prior to my current position I taught General Biology and Environmental Science as adjunct faculty at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Missouri.

**Wildlife Society Activities:** I became a member of TWS Missouri state chapter in spring 2007 at the annual MNRC meeting at the Lake-Of-The-Ozarks. Since that time I have chaired the Professional Development Committee for the state chapter and now I am running for treasurer. I am also faculty co-advisor for the University of Central Missouri student chapter of TWS with Vicki Jackson, where we have already had a very successful Fall semester of fund raising and volunteer activities. Spring promises to be even more eventful. Additionally I attended the 2006 and 2007 state TWS workshops and served as herpetologist for the 2006 meeting at Bull Shoals.

**Professional Organizations:** I belong to the American Society Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (spring 2007), the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (spring 2007), the Ecological Society of America (June 2006), The Nature Conservancy (2004), and Tri-Beta National Biology Honor Society (Texas State chapter, April 1998, where I served as president from 1999-2001)

**Why I Want to Serve:** I am always looking for new sources of experience and the opportunity to serve in a professional capacity for societies to which I belong. My interest in the TWS has soared since my membership into the Missouri state chapter and I am look forward to learning more about how I can help meet the goals of our chapter.

**BALLOT**

**Vote for only one in each Category**

**President-elect:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chris Newbold  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rochelle Renken

**Treasurer**

\_\_\_\_\_ Alan Leary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Mittelhauser

**Ballots must be received by close of business on**

**Monday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Send completed ballot to:**

**MoTWS - Nominations**

**P.O. Box 743**

**Columbia, MO 65205-0743**