

# The Wildlife Society - Michigan Chapter 2020 Annual Business Meeting October 27, 2020

## Welcome and review of meeting agenda – Vince Cavalieri

**Key note** - Gordon Batcheller (TWS President-Elect)

#### Roll call for 2020 Executive Board Members – Randy Knapik

- o President: Vince Cavalieri
- o President-elect: Clay Buchanan
- o Past President: Eric Clark
- o <u>Secretary/Treasurer:</u> Randy Knapik
- o <u>Board member:</u> Gael Sanchez
- o Board member: Jared Wolfe

## **Approval of the 2019 meeting minutes** – Randy Knapik

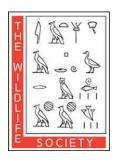
- Summary of 2019 Meeting Minutes:
  - Executive Board desires to split Secretary/Treasurer position to allow for more involvement, stagger positions for continuity
  - o 2019 meeting was a success, 200+ attendees
  - o Chapter's awards were well-received
  - o 3, \$200 student travel grants awarded
  - o NCS pitch from Gary Roloff
- Motion to approve meeting minutes –

#### Chapter awards – Matt Ihnken and Randy Knapik

- o 2020 Presidents Award recipient was Matthew Ihnken
- Legacy Award recipient was Dr. Patrick Lederle
- o Student Travel Awards Ellisif Cline, Anna Boes, Rachel Christensen
- o Accepting nominations for Legacy and Wildlife Conservation Awards

#### **2019 proposed bylaw changes** – Randy Knapik, Eric Clark, and Matthew Ihnken

- o Rationale
  - Split Secretary and Treasurer position
    - Allow for more Executive Board member participation
    - Stagger these 2 positions to allow for Chapter continuity
  - Update bylaws to bring into compliance with national



- Discussion
- Vote

#### **Treasurer report** – Randy Knapik

- o Expenditures since 2019 Membership Meeting
- Motion to approve Treasurer report –

#### 2019-20 accomplishments – Vince Cavalieri

- o 2019 Meeting improvements over previous years
  - o Initiating a Program committee
  - o 200+ people in attendance
  - Workshop series

#### Big issues – Vince Cavalieri

- o Diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts
- o Covid-19
- Shifting engagement opportunities
  - o 2021 Spring Conference
  - Virtual Workshops
  - Recovering America's Wildlife Act

## Committee updates – Vince Cavalieri

- Award nomination committee
- Conservation affairs committee
- Outreach committee
- Program committee
- Seeking volunteers for these committees

# Member input (please use "raise hand" function to ask question)

o State your name and affiliation when speaking

Closing remarks – Vince Cavalieri and Executive Board