**TMN Chapter Presidents Meeting**

**8.9.21**

-no August meeting (next meeting in September)

**-Return to Service Guidelines**

-follow all federal, state, local guidelines

-keep using virtual tools, wear masks, social distance, wash hands, etc

-respect and follow all partner/facility guidelines and policies

-no MN or participant can be asked about their vaccine status

-make NO effort to discourage mask usage or safety precautions that participants choose to take

-we can only encourage mask usage by our members, but we cannot require it

-also intentionally plan for social distancing by setting chairs 6’ apart, etc

-contact tracing is not required

-use VMS to look at program or event attendance

-internally decide w/in chapters to go back to virtual meetings, etc

-several chapters going back to temporary online meetings

-**earning 2021 Certification**

-[basic training temporary policy](https://txmn.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Temporary-Training-Policy-Changes.pdf) allows 40 hours to be done pre-recorded with live Q&A follow-up

-encourage collaboration with other chapters

-use minimally only as needed

-AT temporary policy allows pre-recorded sessions followed by live Q&A with that same speaker

-hours for watching and the discussion will be counted

-must include live discussion

-field trips/ field sessions are NOT required

-John Chivvis (A&M Virtual Engagement Specialist) hosting a presentation September 2, 12-1pm on Tips for *Hosting Hybrid Meetings*

-good for New Class Directors, all chapter leadership

**-TMN License Plate**

-it’s out and available!

-$30 for non-personalized, $70 for personalized

-$22 goes back to TMN

-no report yet from DMV about number sold

**-AgriLife Bookstore**

-closed the summer pop-up store

0restocking summer and fall items

-T**MN Tuesday**

-August 10, 12-1pm

-Fire in the Pines

-Bastrop Wildfire 10 year anniversary

-2021 TMN Tuesday events watched live or recorded will ONLY count for AT in 2021

-will they continue in 2022?

-hopefully!

-do chapter members watch them live or recorded?

-looks like it’s about the same

-should they be monthly/ bi-monthly / quarterly?

**-Be the Change**

-August 17, 12-1pm

-Javier de Leon

-Bridging the Gap: Getting New Audiences Outdoors in the Rio Grande Valley

-September 14

-urban animal listening tour

**-Virtual Volunteer Fair**

-August 31 and September 1

-launching agenda and registration for WebEx on August 16

-sessions in the mornings

-some place-based opportunities specific to regions, but many are statewide

**-2021 Annual Meeting**

-registration is open and agenda is on the website

-hybrid format (in person and virtual)

-field sessions for in-person attendees only

-lodging at DFW Marriot link on website

-Mayra is our hotel contact if you need to stay more before/after

-requests for on-site volunteers coming soon

-move-in/out, registration desk, meeting room support, virtual help desk

-COVID Policy on website

-Video Contest deadline October 1

-Project Fair deadline is September 1

-virtual presentations only, no physical posters

-will serve as October 12 TMN Tuesday session

-Photo, Art, and Media Contest deadline September 30

-online submissions only

-sponsored by Gideon Lincecum chapter

-Cross Timbers chapter is hosting the Virtual Nature Venture fundraiser

-Annual Meeting Questions?

-refunds if the event in canceled?

-refunds if an in-person participant does not feel comfortable and wants to switch to virtual?

-hotel reservations can be canceled up to 24 (or 72?) hours in advance

-can people volunteer on site if they’re not registered to attend?

**-Other questions?**

-Who has Directors & Officers insurance?

-good to seek local legal counsel

-[info available on TMN website](https://txmn.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/1/files/2013/04/TMN-One-Pager-Insurance-Final-12-2016.pdf)

**Upcoming Dates**

-August 10 – TMN Tuesday

-August 16 – Virtual Volunteer Fair Agenda and Registration launches

-August 17 – Be the Change

-August 31 – Early Registration closes

-August 31 and September 1 – Virtual Volunteer Fair

-September 1 – Project Contest entries deadline

-September 2 – Chapter Leaders Hybrid Meeting training  
 -September 14 – TMN Tuesday

-September 21 – Be the Change

-September 30 / Oct 1 – Annual Meeting contests close

-October 1 – Standard Registration closes

-October 1 – Video Contest deadline

-October 12 – TMN Tuesday (Project Contest presentations)

**Next Chapter Presidents Meeting**: September 27, 12pm

-October @ annual meeting

-November 15

-December 13