**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