TMN Presidents’ and Advisors’ Meeting

25 January 2022, 12:00 CST

Michelle Haggerty (MH) and Mary Pearl Meuth (MPM) presenting

virtual

**Monthly meeting format**

Transitions: New Presidents

* Lisa A, Capital Area
* Lori Horne, Longleaf Ridge
* Terry Hurley, Coastal Prairie
* Gloria Paraskeva, South Plains
* Wanda Rauscher, East Texas
* Rick Travis
* Sheri Wilcox, Gideon Lincecum
* Julian Yates, Balcones Canyonlands

Presidents Meetings Scheduled

July 12 and Dec 13 will be joint TMN Tuesday-Presidents Meeting, discussing Chapter Leadership and Management Training, etc.

Board retreats. Participants indicated if they had had or were planning

**Planning for 2022**

Annual recertification pin: Lightning whelk (*Busycon perversum pulleyi*)

 State Shell of Texas

COVID guidelines

* same guidelines since May 2021 as posted on webpage
	+ <https://txmn.tamu.edu/welcome/covid-19-response/>
* encourages virtual and hybrid tools
* consider all local, state, and federal safety guidelines for in-person events
* MH and MPM do not anticipate changing requirements for basic training; remain flexible
	+ <https://txmn.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Temporary-Training-Policy-Changes-2022.pdf>
* interim: all AT (basic and recertification) can be online or video if speaker is present for live Q&A and follow-up
* From the chat: chapter meeting are a mix of in-person, virtual, and hybrid

Remote Advanced Training

* 2021 Annual meeting programs will be available to attendees for AT credit through April 2022; currently, there are “issues” with access, should be fixed by EOW or next
* TMN Tuesdays and Be the Change can be watched for AT credit in the calendar year of recording; do not need presenter present
* Feb TMNT is not posted yet.
* What do you want to see in 2022? Suggestions were put in chat and can be sent to MPM or MH
* 8864 watched live, 5434 watched recordings
* TMN Tuesday FAQ [https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/#frequentlyaskedquestions](https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/%23frequentlyaskedquestions)

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Spring New Member Training

* Press release went out
	+ If you missed it, <https://txmn.tamu.edu/spring-2022-basic-training-classes-starting-soon/>
* 20 chapters with spring training

Diversity & Inclusion workshop in early April

* virtual, working with speaker to confirm date
* google survey sent on 11th. Please answer by Feb 15. <https://forms.gle/stYAW5oB9GcSVDSBA>

**Calendar Updates**

April is National Volunteer Recognition Month

Fri 22 Apr - Earth Day

17-23 Apr - National Volunteer Week

29 Apr - 8 May - City Nature Challenge

4-5 May Virtual Volunteer Fair

* call for proposals will be coming soon; please share with partners
* looking for projects that can be done indoors in the heat of the summer

Oct 20-23 State Meeting, Omni Houston

* Percentages of virtual, in-person, hybrid still to be determined
* members-in-training welcome
	+ trainees who attend generally go on to become chapter leaders

**Guidelines update**

CMOP updated in 2021

* Chapters operating under new CMOP starting 1 Jan 2022
* Major change was in clarifying timeline for certification of trainees

COH to be updated in 2022

**Chapter Resources**

Regional WebEx accounts

* Please download your meeting, then DELETE to preserve storage space (or it will be deleted for you)
* Please use standard format for meeting titles
* Please do not change name or avatar
* Please check the calendar before scheduling new meetings
* email MH if you have need info on using WebEx

Slack accounts

* + Will be sending invitation to Presidents from MH, MPM or Bert Stipelcovich
	+ Unofficial and unmonitored
	+ Will be channels for Presidents, New Class Directors, etc.

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Website

* + AgriLife hired website support specialist for TMN and TMG last week
	+ Some phishing scams were reported in 2021 (gift card scam, bank account request, etc.)
	+ Please share concerns with membership and warn caution

Meeting OWLs

* + audiovisual devices for meetings
	+ All 11 have been mailed out for first half of 2021; mail back in late June/early July 2022
	+ Those for second half will be mailed out in July
	+ <https://txmn.tamu.edu/meeting-owl-loaner-program/>

TMN Merchandise

* State-offered items
* “Bookstore” is now officially AgriLife Learn, [agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/](https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/)
	+ Just submitted restocking order
* Curriculum is not at AgriLife bookstore
* Must go through TAMU Press, bookorders@tamu.edu
* pop-up store was covid work-around; next will probably be mid-2022
* Locally produced items
	+ MUST follow TMN Marketing and Brand Guidelines
	+ <https://txmn.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Extension-2020-TMN-Brand-Guide.pdf>
	+ MUST get pre-approval from State Office to use dragonfly logo
	+ working to streamline approval process in 2022

TMN License Plate

* <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmn-license-plate/>

**Seeking Excellent Photographers**

* Launching Photo Safari of natural areas in or near urban areas
* TPWD looking for stock photos
* Photographers will be given credit
* Send names to MH
* See screen capture, below

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**Q&A**

* Are we, as TMN, allowed to speak to city officials about environmentally-friendly building practices in new housing developments? Lots of ifs. As an individual, you can.
* What programs do Treasurers use to keep books? QuickBooks seems to be popular.
* We always have a couple trainees that do not finish their AT and VSP requirements within the usual time limit. they are asking for extensions. Does the state have any guidelines on this? What about the basic training? If they're missing one class to complete the basic training? Will have an answer shortly.

Meeting ended 13:15 CST

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Neville

Brazos Valley Chapter