

# TMN Presidents Meeting Notes

August 30, 2022

35 participants present

- Mary Pearl Meuth welcomed everyone.
- (1) TMNTuesdays will have a slight change in September. It will still be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, but the time will change from noon to 10 a.m. to accommodate the professor's class schedule. Subject is "What Happened This Summer?" The program also will be available on recording after the live program is over.
- (2) The TMNTuesdays Oct. 11 program will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to hold the Chapter Project Fair presentations. Each chapter entering will have 20 minutes to present and 5 minutes to answer questions. Submission deadline for the projects is Oct. 1. The link is <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2022-chapter-project-fair/> . Before sending the complete project presentation, send Michelle Haggerty a very brief (one sentence) description of the project as soon as possible. **ALSO**, they need volunteer judges to pick winners for the annual meeting. Please **do not** volunteer to be a judge if your chapter is submitting a project.
- Keynote speakers for the annual meeting are Cindy Luongo Cassidy – "Conservation of the Night", and tentatively our resident astronaut Kjell Lindgren who will speak on "From Outer Space to Open Space". He is tentative because he may not be back from outer space in time.
- Milestone achieving members will be recognized Saturday night at the annual meeting. Organizers will pull all service records on Oct. 1, so please make sure all hours achieved through Sept. 30 are posted in VMS by Oct. 1. Hours counted will run from Oct. 24, 2021 through Sept. 30, 2022. If a member attending the annual meeting earns more hours after Oct 1 but before Oct 20, and that member will be at the meeting, notify Michelle. She will make every effort to have them acknowledged at the meeting.
- Other annual meeting competitions:
  1. Chapter Advisor Awards
  2. Video Contests – must promote chapter or project or representation of TMN
  3. Photo Art Media Contest – submissions will be taken from Sept 1 through Sept 30. The Gideon Lincecum Chapter will be sponsoring this. ANYONE can enter individual photos. A link will be sent out by Sept 1.
- Other annual meeting notes
  1. If you'd like to be a sponsor for the annual meeting, there are several levels available. See web page
  2. Big thanks to all the Houston area chapters that are helping out in all aspects of putting on the meeting.

3. All contests close on 10/1.
  4. Virtual programs will be viewable up to 90 days after the live presentations.
  5. There will be a silent auction at the meeting. Donations being taken for that.
  6. Logo shirts will be available this year. They are having a “pop-up” store at the event. Non attendees will be able to order them if non-attendee can arrange for someone to pick up the shirt at the meeting. See screen shot at end of notes.
  7. Please send 10 photos from chapter members at work to be included in presentation at meeting. Deadline is Oct. 2.
  8. Bulk Curriculum orders are available to be delivered at the meeting. Bulk equates to about 10 trainees books per order. Very heavy. Saves money on shipping, but someone has to carry them out.
- The TMN website has been updated. Most of the updating took place on items in the “For Chapters” tab. Changes were made to guiding documents, bylaws, operations and management protocols, and the chapter operating handbook
  - Pins have a new form for ordering that has been available since spring.
  - TMN license plates are still available
  - Report board retreats, and new leadership election results. There will be a joint presidents meeting Dec 12 for outgoing and incoming presidents.
  - Roundtable discussion asked for input on how chapters handle memorials for members who have passed away in the preceding year. There was a range of ways. One way is the TMN Endowment Memorial at [www.masternaturalist.org](http://www.masternaturalist.org) . Photo memorials can be sent for presentation at the annual meeting.
  - Lots of chapters are using PayPal to take class enrollment fees, dues, orders. It is available through web pages sponsored by TMN.



