

Chapter Presidents & Advisors

November 29th, 2022

November Monthly Chapter Leadership Meeting

- Introduce yourself & your chapter in the chat
- Share video (if your bandwidth allows)
- Will be recording this meeting
- Will share notes & presentation after the meeting
- We'll get started at **12 Noon**
- Volunteer Note Taker: Sheri Wilcox, Gideon Lincecum Chapter



- Recap of Annual Meeting
- 2022 Year in Review
 - Program Planning
 - TMNTuesday
 - Governing Documents Adoption Process
 - End of the Year Succession Planning
 - Chapter Presidents meetings
- 2023 Program Planning
 - Program Branding
 - TMNTuesdays in 2023
 - Virtual Volunteer Fair
 - Programs 25th Anniversary
 - Chapters Anniversaries in 2023
 - Presidents Meetings in 2023
- Beyond 2023
 - License Plate
 - Endowment
 - Recovering America's Wildlife
- Roundtable Discussions

An aerial photograph of a coastal region, showing a large body of water (likely a bay or estuary) with a prominent white sand beach area. The surrounding land is a mix of green vegetation and brownish patches, possibly agricultural or developed land. The word "Agenda" is overlaid in a large, bold, black serif font.

Agenda

Recap to the Annual Meeting!!

- Overview
 - 458 registrants – 83 virtual & 375 in-person
 - 126 speakers
 - 114 sessions, including 21 field sessions
 - 42 of 48 chapters (90%)
- What's Available now...
 - Recordings available 90 days post-event
 - Website is accessible to BOTH in-person & virtual registrants
 - Can't watch recorded sessions on the APP - only on Attendee Hub website





Brenda Wellenreiter
Elm Fork Chapter
"Peaceful Frio River at Garner State Park"

Program Planning for 2022

Effectively using our virtual communication lines.

- Monthly Chapter Presidents Meetings
- Program & Chapter Website emphasis

Increasing virtual/hybrid-based instruction & engagement opportunities.

- Virtual Volunteer Fairs
- TMN Tuesdays
- 2022 Annual Meeting

Continue focus on diversity, equity & inclusion efforts program wide.

- Be The Change Workshop – Spring 2022

Ensuring Efficiency of Program through Guiding Documents

- CMOP – updated in 2021
- Bylaws & COH – update pending 2022

Re-Invest in Program Branding

- Program Logos & Templates
- Merchandise Store
- State and Chapter Websites
- TMN Photo Collection Project



D'Ann Williams
Mid-Coast Chapter
"Uri's Unprecedented Cold-Stunned Turtle Rescue Operations"

2022 Remaining Initiatives

- TMNTuesday
 - ~~November 8th~~
 - December 13th
- Governing Documents Adoption Process
- End of Year Succession Planning
- Remaining Chapter Presidents Meetings
 - December 13th (combined w/ TMNTuesday)



2022

#TMNTuesdays

January 11	May 10	September 13
February 8	June 14	October 11
March 8	July 12	November 8
April 12	August 9	December 13

- Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon cst
- ~1 Hour Advanced Training
- Watch Live or Recording
- Speakers & Topics Announced Monthly
- Purposefully done. . .



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December 13th



- **Kenny Taylor**
- **Joint Presidents & Advisors Meeting**
- **Training & Topic focused on Ch. Board Leadership during transitioning times.**



- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>



Adoption Process for Governing Documents

- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/governing-documents-adoption-process-2023/>

- The Texas Master Naturalist™ Program governing documents for a chapter are the
 - Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct
 - Bylaws
 - Chapter Management and Operations Protocols (CMOP)
 - Chapter Operating Handbook (COH)
- All Texas Master Naturalist Governing Documents can be found on the Chapter Documents Page: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>

- Updates were made to these governing documents in 2022 for adoption and effective operation beginning January 2023.
- The Adoption Process Roadmap provides a suggested timeline to chapters for submitting their final adopted governing documents where needed.

Congrats to the South Plains Chapter for being the first to finalize the Bylaws adoption process!



Governing Documents

Frequently Asked Questions?

- Training Class Representative (add detail in your chapter's COH)
- Make Up Classes (Recordings?)
- Proxy votes (not an option)
- Temporary Training Policy –
 - Updating and reverting to standard operations as listed in Governing Documents.



End of Year Succession Planning

Elections & Chapter Leadership Retreats are coming up soon!

- 2023 Chapter Boards are responsible for implementing all state program guiding docs in the new year.
- Chapters plan your Board Retreats
- Incoming 2023 Chapter Presidents invited to **December 13th Joint TMN Tuesday Presidents Meeting** – The topic is Leadership & and transitional leadership focused!
- Don't forget to enter new 2023 leadership in VMS
 - Mark in Directors List

Remind members to report all hours as soon as possible in December



End of Year Succession Planning

Volunteer Profile> User Defined - Google Chrome
tpwd.samaritan.com/coordinator/index.php#

Volunteer Profile: Poole, Gary

Personal Ethnic Background **User Defined** Language Registration Emergency Contact Attachments History

Group

- General
- Background and Driver Cl
- Alternative Workforce
- Confidentiality Agreemen
- Media Waiver
- Group Affiliation
- Certifications
- Contact
- TMN Recognition
- TMN Officers/Committee:**
- Diversity Data
- Texas Waters Specialist C
- Safety
- Recognition
- Recognition - State Parks
- Sea Center Awards
- Master Naturalist
- Short Form

Officer List:

☒ President ☐ Secretary ☐ At Large Board Member

☐ Vice President ☐ Treasurer ☐ Advisor

Director List:

☐ Immediate Past President ☐ Advanced Training Director

☐ Membership Director ☐ Volunteer Service Projects Director

☐ New Class Director ☐ New Class Representative

☐ Communications Director ☐ State Chapter Representative

VMS List: ☐ VMS Admin ☐ VMS LBE ☐ VMS ReadOnly

Committee Member of:

Leadership/Service History:

Remaining 2022 Presidents Meetings

~~March 29th~~

~~April 26th~~

~~May 24th *~~

~~July 12th * (Joint TMNTuesday)~~

~~August 30th~~

~~September 20th~~

~~October 20th * (Annual Meeting)~~

November 29th

December 13th * (Joint TMNTuesday)

- Will move to Webex Meetings going forward
- Last Tuesdays of the Month at 12:00pm Noon CST (unless noted otherwise)
- Recorded and posted to the website following the meeting.

2023 Program Plans



Program Planning for 2023

- TMN Program Branding – Re-Invest
- TMNTuesdays in 2023
- Virtual Volunteer Fair
- Program 25th Anniversary Year
- Chapter Anniversaries in 2023
- Governing Documents Update in 2023
- TMN Endowment



Program Planning for 2023

Re-Invest in Program Branding

- Program Logos & Templates
 - Trademark federal and state
 - JMN trademark
- Merchandise Store
 - Researching a better format for a store/merchandising
- State and Chapter Websites
 - Better training structure after AgriLife staff changes
- TMN Photo Collection Project
 - Diversity inclusion photo safari
 - Project open & please contribute

#TMNTuesdays for 2023

. What topics would you like to see?

Tentative Dates:

January 10

February 14

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11 *Joint Presidents Meeting

August 8

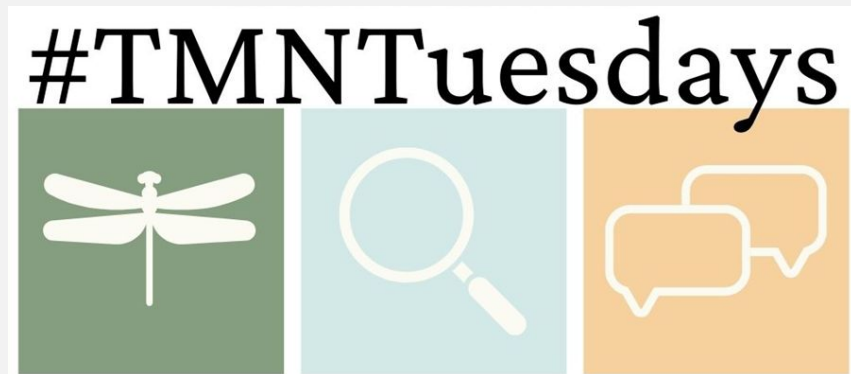
September 12

October 3rd – Project Fair Presentations

***shifted up a week!**

November 14

December 12 *Joint Presidents Meeting



Virtual Volunteer Fair

Tentative month – May – in prep for heat of summer?

Roles of the Chapters:

- Help share the proposals request in March with project leaders in need. (Statewide focused need!)
- Save the date and encourage members to attend and volunteer with these projects!

TMN Program 25th Anniversary!



- To celebrate our upcoming 25th Anniversary next year, we are starting a storytelling project to highlight our wonderful TMN members and their conservation work across the state.
- Questions examples:
 - What made you want to become a TMN member?
 - Have a favorite TMN in-the-field memory?
 - What has been your most meaningful project, community outreach, or conservation event?
- We'd love to hear your stories and share them!
- **Launching January 2023!**



TMN Program 25th Anniversary!



- Start thinking now:
 - Your chapters stories
 - Giants/Leaders in your chapter
 - Projects you think we should highlight
 - Unique contributions to the TMN story from your chapter!
- Where we'll need your help:
 - Sharing the call for stories with your members!
 - Resharing and posting our 25th anniversary stories on your channels.
 - Posting in your newsletters, social media and in meetings.
 - Submitting your own story!



2023 has lots of Chapter Anniversaries!

15th Anniversary

- Cypress Basin Chapter
- El Camino Real Chapter

20th Anniversary

- Big Country Chapter
- Heart of Texas Chapter
- Highland Lakes Chapter
- Panhandle Chapter

25th Anniversary

- Capital Area Chapter
- Hays County Chapter
- North Texas Chapter

What are your plans?
How will you celebrate?



Presidents Meetings in 2023

January 31

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 30

June 27

July 11 *Joint TMN Tuesday

August 29

September 26

October *Annual Meeting

November 28

December 12 *Joint TMN Tuesday

- Will Continue to Hold in 2023
- Last Tuesday of the Month *
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm central





What else is ahead in 2023 and
beyond?

HOW TO



Click Here

ORDER



Thanks for your Support!

TMN License Plate

- **\$30** for non-personalized OR **\$70** for personalized
- **\$22** of each plate sold goes back to **TMN Program**

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

545 Plates sold so far – need 800 to get initial \$8k deposit returned

Total Sold	Quarter & Year
316	Q3 2021
74	Q4 2021
55	Q1 2022
100	Q2 2022
pending	Q3 2022



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST
ENDOWMENT

*The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist Endowment is to further enhance the Texas Master Naturalist Program, its chapters and volunteers, now and into the future, for the benefit of natural resource **education**, **conservation** and **stewardship**.*

Started in 2016

- Individual Gifts
- Chapter Gifts
- Employer Gift & Hour Matching
- Estate Planning
- Memorial Gifts
- & More!

<https://masternaturalistendowment.org/>

To give directly, follow the link:

<http://give.am/TexasMasterNaturalist>

TODAY is
Giving
Tuesday!!!

THANK YOU
to all who
have given!



A sunset over the ocean with birds in flight and a map of the United States in the sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow. Several birds are silhouetted against the bright sky. A faint outline of the United States is visible in the upper right portion of the sky. The ocean waves are visible in the foreground, and the beach is at the bottom.

Recovering America's Wildlife Act

*Can YOU help it cross
the finish line?*

Sprint to the Finish Line!



**Contact your Congress Members—
Ask them to pass the *Recovering
America's Wildlife Act* now!**





Funding for Texas

H.R.2773 and S. 2372 would provide \$1.3 billion per year nationally to states, including more than \$50 million to Texas, to recover imperiled fish and wildlife species and restore habitats.

Photo: Rachel Rommel



No Tax Increase

The money would come from existing revenues, so there would be no new taxes.

Preventative fish and wildlife conservation is a smart investment to protect nature's benefits, which supports our economy, agriculture, health, and quality of life.

Photo: TPWD



Local Control

The funds will be administered by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to fund qualified projects conducted by conservation organizations, land trusts, universities, nature centers, private landowners, and others.

Photo: TPWD



Good for Business

This funding will create jobs, encourage nature tourism, and avoid expensive recovery costs when species are listed as threatened or endangered.

Photo: TPWD



Working Lands

Funds from the Recovering America's Wildlife Act would be available through cost-share programs to manage brush and improve native rangeland conditions that benefit cattle as well as wildlife.

Photo: TPWD



Outdoor Recreation

A portion of funding would go towards outdoor recreation and nature education programs that engage Texans in learning about wildlife and the local environment.

Photo: Carolyn Fannon



You Can Help Texas Wildlife

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act has passed the U.S. House of Representatives and is out of committee in the U.S. Senate. In the coming weeks, we expect this groundbreaking legislation to move to the Senate floor for a full chamber vote.

YOU can help ensure that the Recovering America's Wildlife Act crosses the finish line!

Contact our U.S. Senators from Texas—Senator John Cornyn and Senator Ted Cruz—and [ask them to vote YES for the Recovering America's Wildlife Act](#).

Resources below to help you reach your senators. Your contact by website, e-mail, in person, or phone call *will* make a difference!

Need assistance? Email us at info@txwildlifealliance.org.

Presidents Roundtable Questions

What other questions do you have for us?

What questions do you have for each other?



The End

