

TMN Presidents Meeting, November 29, 2022

The meeting started at 12:00 p.m.

2022 Year in Review

- Annual meeting recap
 - 458 registrants, 42 of 48 chapters represented
 - Recordings available for 90 days on Attendee Hub, not the app
- Have increased virtual programming – Presidents Meetings, website emphasis
- Increased virtual/hybrid opportunities
- Continued focus on DEI – Be the Change workshop held in April
- Guiding documents
 - CMOP updated in 2021
 - Bylaws and COH – templates promulgated in September, pending adoption by chapters
 - Discussed changes and implementation timeline, roadmap sent out after September meeting
 - All templates on the state website
 - FAQs
 - Training Class representative – if have 2 trainings per year, not covered in standard templates, can address in COH – may have overlap of training class rep, but receives only one vote – may not yet be certified, may turn over more frequently than other board positions – each chapter customize
 - Co-directors for a single position – governing documents do not provide for co-directors – one vote per position
 - Make up classes for training – recordings are allowed for make up classes in limited circumstances at discretion of chapter – for example, may ask trainee to summarize what learned in recording
 - Proxy votes – currently TMN does not allow proxy votes in bylaws
 - Temporary training – during pandemic, allowed training to be conducted completely by virtual media – for 2023 will revert to standard policy – can still use hybrid learning – review details in new CMOP
- Program branding investment
 - Partially completed, will continue in 2023
 - Use of logos
 - Better store
 - More training for websites
 - Photo collection project ongoing
- TMN Tuesday – 12/13 final meeting – combined with December presidents meeting – focused on chapter board leadership, including transitioning leadership – invite incoming presidents and other officers

End of year succession planning

- All chapters need to implement new guiding documents in 2023
- Successful chapters often have board retreats – strategic planning, review/set goals, create multi-year plans, transition to new leadership
- December 13th TMN Tuesday/Presidents meeting
- Update VMS for new leadership – mark in Directors List
- Remind members to get all hours into VMS to speed up process of closing out year

2023 program plans

- TMN Tuesday program planning
 - Dates – second Tuesday – 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11 (Jt with Presidents), 8/8, 9/12, 10/3 (annual meeting), 11/14, 12/12 (Jt with Presidents)
- Program branding – repeat from 2022 because not fully implemented
- Website training – continuing to work on improved structure in light of Agrilife staff changes
- Photo Collection project – will open in 2023 for new submissions
- Virtual Volunteer Fair – will be hosted, probably in May, proposal request will go out in March
- TMN 25th anniversary – will be launching a story telling project in January 2023
 - Start thinking about chapter stories, leaders in your chapter, projects to highlight, unique contributions to the TMN story
 - Will need help in soliciting stories, posting 25th anniversary stories, use social media to promote, submit stories to state
 - Many chapters with anniversaries in 2023, share plans with state
- Presidents meetings four Tuesday 12 – 1 p.m - 1/31, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/30, 6/27, 7/11, 8/29, 9/26, October annual meeting, 11/28, and 12/12 annual meeting
- TMN annual meeting lodging will be different because contract is with convention center, surrounded by several hotels, room blocks at each, all in walking distance, will release earlier than normal, probably in spring
- License plates – 545 sold so far, TMN gets \$22 of each plate sold or renewed, need to sell 800 to get deposit back
- TMN endowment – started in 2016 as a perpetual funding source – some employers will match
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act – the next couple of weeks are critical. Neither Texas senator has committed. Cannot advocate as a TMN, but can contact as an individual.

Chat/roundtable questions

- Do co-directors count as two for quorum – No, one position, one vote for quorum
- What is definition of active master naturalist? Active master naturalist definition is in CMOP
- What flexibility does each chapter have in file structure – Mary Pearl says state is not dictating specific folders so long as required records under Record Retention Policy are maintained.

