

## TMN President/Advisor Meeting Notes

August 29, 2023

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### Welcome

- 1 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Story Telling Project: Encourage your members to contribute to the project via videos, stories, pictures. QR Code on the TMN Website leads directly to the Story Telling Site, samples and can directly download your Chapters stories. Developed by Anna Belle Moore, former TMN Aide now a TMN Chapter President
- 2 TMN Tuesdays for September 12, Tania Homayoun, State Ornithology, Safer Skies for Migrating Birds
- 3 Project Fair Presentation – Written deadline for submission is September 15! Powerpoint presentation will be October 3, 2023, 9:00-1:00 pm TMN Tuesday – contact Michelle or Mary Pearl if you or a member are interested in being a judge.
- 4 Update your training Class information on TMN website: form at bottom of screen is the 2023 submission form – <https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2023-basic-training-classes> - 2024 submission form will be posted after the Annual Meeting.
- 5 Annual Meeting early registration ended August 31.
- 6 Presidents/Advisors reception will be 4:30 in the Ballroom on Oct. 12, yes food will be available.
- 7 ECLIPSE DAY – remind members they must have El Sauz Liability form completed, Mary Peard will be sending reminder to registrants who did not complete it. SLACK discussion board to allow attendees to connect for ride sharing. <https://youtu.be/6wjmh5qL3Ms>
- 8 Standard registration fees now in place. Some hotels blocks are full now. 430 registered so far for Meeting.
- 9 Chapter Advisor nominations <https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2023-chapter-advisor-awards> , Chapter Project Fair submissions – <https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2023-chapter-project-fair/> (Small grant for the Project Fair) , Video Contest submissions(1min 30 to MAX 3 min) <https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2023-video-contest/> All submission due by September 15.

- 10 Photo, Art, Media Contest – <https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2023-annual-meeting-photo-art-media-contest> must be taken somewhere in Texas during 2023. Submissions due between September 18, 2023 – 11:59PM
- 11 Sponsorships still available – individuals, businesses, chapters.
- 12 Silent Auction: Rio Grande Valley and South Texas Board Chapter coordinating! Thank you!  
Needed: Regional representations of your ecoregions, Naturalist items, travel packages, hand crafted items, themed baskets etc. Drop off October 12, anytime, Exhibit Hall at Conference Center.

TMN Bulk orders for books. Submit and let TMN know who will pick up the books.

Milestone awards on Saturday evening – From October 14, 2022 – September 29, 2023. Updates will be from VMS

Chapter Memorials for the past year – send to Michelle by September 29.

Annual Slide show – send 10 pictures from your chapter by September 29, elect one person from the chapter to send those to Michelle.

Fall pins and certs will be given to president or designee, 4,000 hour order still delayed. Use form on website to submit for award pins and certificates.

Save a 3'x1'x1' space to bring back a TMN gift – let TMN know who will pick yours up.

Start planning for the end of year succession of new officers and allow time for newly elected to be prepared when they assume duties in January. Board Retreat. Update the VMS!

WebEx TMN account will be reviewed and Regions 1 & 2 may be discontinued due to non-use. All will be evaluated.

WORDPRESS Monthly trainings for TMN hosted websites!

Remember the TMN license plate, the TMN Endowment!!!