



# POWOW

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## Craft Award entries due Feb. 1

Please study all the category criteria and submission guidelines published in this edition of *PowWow* before submitting entries. There are 21 Craft Awards this year – eight core awards and 13 specialty awards.

New this year are five specialty awards: The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Raptor Conservation and Eco-Tourism Award, sponsored by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary; the Pennsylvania Elk Resource Award, sponsored by the

Keystone Elk Country Alliance; the Best Published Pennsylvania Fishing or Boating Related Newspaper Photo, color or black & white, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission; the Wildlife Conservation Partnership Award, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Handloading Promotion Award for Electronic Media, sponsored by Redding Reloading.

A runner-up certificate will be awarded in all categories that have three or more

entries.

There is a \$5 entry fee per category. Please fill out the “Craft Award Entry Form” located in this issue of *PowWow*, add up the total number of categories entered and multiply that number by \$5 to calculate the grand total. Submit a single check or money order with the appropriate amount made payable to “POWA” and include it with your entry. Entries not accompanied by the required

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## PA's elk country doesn't disappoint

By Charlie Burchfield

A conservation success story in the Pennsylvania Wilds has been decades in the making, and members of POWA who attended the recent fall gathering in Benezette from Sept. 19-21 took full advantage of the conservation efforts that have contributed to restoring the state's wild elk herd.

Members began arriving at the Best Western Motel in DuBois, which served as a welcome center and hospitality hotspot, on Thursday, Sept. 19. Several members who ar-

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Mark Nale Photo

A bull elk bugles on the edge of a field near Benezette during POWA's fall gathering in September.

## Shippensburg the site for spring conference

By Mike Klimkos

Plan now to attend the POWA spring conference at Shippensburg from May 15-18, 2014. The event will be held at the Shippen Place Hotel and Shippensburg University. A wide-ranging schedule of fun events is being planned for attendees.

Craft improvement seminars being planned include:

- LinkedIn – What is it and how does it help you?
- Accounting for Writers – How to keep writing about the great outdoors and not become a ‘Pen’ pal.

- So You Want to Write a Book – The process to get published.
  - Hung By Your Own Dangling Participle – Common grammar mistakes reviewed.
- Story idea lectures being considered are:

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# New membership categories, criteria get board approval

By Mark Nale  
POWA President

The POWA Board of Directors unanimously approved new membership categories and criteria during its Sept. 21, 2013 meeting. This proposal was polished and re-approved by the Board on Oct. 21.

Many individuals put good effort into its thoughtful development. The proposal, nearly 1,200 words long, will be published in its entirety in the next issue of *PowWow* for review prior final voting at the May 2014 membership meeting.

As with similar outdoor communication groups, our goal in proposing these changes was to recognize and incorporate the evolution that has occurred in the outdoor communications marketplace, while remaining a strong professional organization.

The Board believes that these changes are necessary for POWA's future. A brief summary follows.

**Categories** – A new Student Member category was created with lower annual dues of \$20 and no \$10 processing fee. The Apprentice category will be changed

## Guyer publishes collection of short stories – 'Ghost Brother'

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You'll also encounter an old man plodding along what may be his final trail, a bowhunter who channels spirits of archers of the past, another who performs an act of kindness for a departed soul,

to Associate Member – having approximately the same criteria as before, but no time limit. These two membership categories should foster a body of new members that can greatly be helped as a result of their membership and provide a springboard for organizational growth.

**Criteria** – We will now officially recognize "Internet Journalist" as a type of outdoor communication, and we will recognize digital publication in as many ways as possible. The 60-point scale for Active Membership was retained, but the point values for each piece published have been changed to reflect the current marketplace. Point values have been added for income-earning blogs and on-line publication. Art, illustrations and photography selected for cover publication will be awarded the greater point value that they deserve.

The Board, Membership Development Committee members and I hope that you are as happy with these proposed changes as we are.

We look forward to their approval in May. Anybody with questions please feel free to email me at [MarkAngler@aol.com](mailto:MarkAngler@aol.com).

a young girl who races for her life in colonial times, and other unforgettable characters.

Along the way you'll learn such outdoor skills as catching suckers, carving walking sticks, finding mushrooms, calling squirrels, building turkey calls, cleaning snapping turtles and other useful lore. You'll also get a taste of rural Pennsylvania of over a half century ago and even discover the best way to deal with a bully.

Most of the stories are based on actual events with a supernatural twist added. Suspend your disbelief for a few hours to enjoy *Ghost Brother*.

*Ghost Brother* is available as an e-book or softcover from Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, and Xlibris.com.

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John Allen Photos

Above, fishermen work the famous Yellow Breeches near Allenberry Resort. Below, POWA Treasurer John Allen shows off a nice gobbler taken this spring near Carlisle. Both of these options will be available the Spring Conference in May.

**Spring**

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- Remedial Gun Care – Just because it is stainless steel with a synthetic stock doesn't mean it doesn't need to be cleaned.
- Basic Fly Tying – It's more fun (and less work) than digging worms.
- A Brief History of South Mountain – There isn't near enough time to cover it all.
- Will shale gas development help or impede wildlife? Is forest fragmentation that big a deal?
- Cooking Wild Things.

As usual there will be plenty of activities for participants beginning on Thursday for early attendees.

The weekend of the conference is prime time for fishing, and the Cumberland Valley offers a bounty of opportunities. Guides will be available for those unfamiliar with the limestone streams that course through the Cumberland Valley. Falling Spring, Big Spring, the Yellow Breeches and the Letort are all within easy driving distance of the venue. Small freestone streams are also found in the mountains that embrace the valley on the north and south sides. Warm water opportunities are also available.

Turkey hunting should be in full swing and we will try our best to find some talkative and cooperative gobblers

for those wishing to try their skills on the wily Galliformes. Other shooting events are in the planning stages.

There are hiking and biking opportunities and self-guided tours of the museums of the Cumberland Valley are planned. These include Union Fire Company in Carlisle, the Cumberland County Historical Society, the Army Heritage & Education Center at Carlisle, the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum at Allenberry in Boiling Springs, the Appalachian Trail in Pine Grove Furnace State Park and the State Forest Fire Museum at Caledonia State Park. For those who want to participate a guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield is also planned to be offered. For a spouses' trip there will be shopping at the Gettysburg Outlets.

Friday night will feature a barbecue at Vince's Meadow in Carlisle and Saturday



night will feature the banquet and raffle at Shippensburg University.

Further details and registration information will be forthcoming in the next few months. Watch the POWA website for additional information. There is a lot to see and do in the area so plan on booking your room early and staying late.

If you have any questions or comments please forward them to me at [Klimkos@embarqmail.com](mailto:Klimkos@embarqmail.com) or call me at 717-243-3056.

## President's Message

by Mark Nale



I am happy to report that many positive things have occurred within POWA since the last issue of *PowWow*. Members who attended the Fall Gathering in Benezette had a wonderful and productive time. The days included tours of the Elk Country Visitor Center and State Game Lands 311, a presentation by Van Wagner, trout fishing, plus other photo and story opportunities. Let's not forget the fellowship and the sound of bugling bull elk. Special thanks goes to Bob Lollo, Dennis Scharadin and Charlie Burchfield for helping to arrange this.

The fall gathering was also purely a "business trip" for a number of officers and directors who only ventured to Elk County to attend the Board Meeting – held on Sept. 21. Their dedication to POWA is outstanding.

Board Chairman Rich Faler ran a productive meeting, with the major focus being the report from the Membership Development Committee. The Board tediously went through the committee's proposal line by line and sometimes word by word – with a lengthy discussion of many sections. Our goals were to incorporate newer methods of outdoor communication into our organization, have membership criteria that realistically reflect the current market, and yet have POWA remain a strong professional organization.

The committee and Board's efforts were rewarded with the unanimous passing of new membership categories and criteria. This includes a new, and long overdue, "Student Membership" category, with a lower dues rate. Mary Linkevich, Don Knaus and I re-worked the draft proposal based on Board discussions. The final version was then re-approved by the Board via email. Jim Fitser is working on any changes that will be needed in the constitution and bylaws to reflect changes in membership

criteria. Both of these important items will be brought before the membership for your approval and vote in May 2014.

My appreciation goes out to Mary, Don, the Board of Directors and the other committee members who worked on this – John Allen, Ed Carlson, Bud Cole, Tyler Frantz, Brad Isles, Ralph Martone, John Pries, Dennis Scharadin and Tom Tatum.

Thanks also to Rawley Cogan and the Keystone Elk Country Alliance for hosting our meeting, and to Carol Mulvihill and Jeff Mulhollem for hosting an evening get together at Carol's house near Medix Run.

More good news – by now you should have already received notification (email & first class mailing) of our four new

craft awards: the Wildlife Conservation Partnership Award (sponsored by the PGC), the Elk Resource Award (KECA), the Best Published Fishing or Boating Related Newspaper Photo Award (PFBC) and the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Raptor Conservation and Eco-Tourism Award. Another new award for best electronic media entry about reloading is being sponsored by our long-time POWA partner Redding Reloading Equipment. Four of these five awards incorporate digital media. The details of these awards can be found elsewhere in this issue of *PowWow*. Recognition of members' best work is one important function and value of POWA.

Thanks to the sponsors of these fine new awards. These new opportunities were secured through the efforts of Charlie Burchfield, Mary Linkevich, Dennis Scharadin and Ralph Martone. We owe them our thanks, too.

Other good things in the works: First VP Don Knaus has recently edited all of the Board Directives – updating them, adding clarity and making corrections.

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Contributed Photo

**POWA President Mark Nale enjoys a day in the field with Chloe.**

# Executive Director's Report

by Dennis Scharadin,  
Executive Director



POWA has been busy since the Franklin conference.

We had a booth and held an auction at the Carlisle Sports and Outdoor Show at the invitation of Carlisle Events, a Supporting member.

The auction was a success and made it possible to send grants to five groups and organizations that could still use the grants for programs this year. All the grant applications will be held for next year.

The NRA has offered us a booth and an auction at the Great American Outdoor Show, Feb. 1-9, 2014. The auction will be held the last Sunday, Feb. 9. Help will be needed for both set-up and take down of the booth, in the booth during the week and on Sunday for the auction. If you can help please contact Kermit Henning and let him know.

Spring will see us going back to school. Our annual spring conference will be held in Shippensburg at the Shippen Hotel and Shippensburg University. Dates are May 15-18. Chairman Mike Klimkos is hard at work planning a meeting filled with craft improvement and story materials opportunities. Who knows, maybe the spirit of Charlie Fox will join those who fish his fabled Letort.

Our total membership is 157 mem-

bers. That breaks down into 141 Active members, four Apprentice members, two honorary members and 10 Life members.

Currently, the 2014 membership renewal is taking place. If you still haven't renewed, please remember to sign your renewal form. According to the Constitution, you have 60 days, Dec. 21, to return your form. Then, you get a 30 day reminder. All renewal forms not returned by Jan. 21 will make you delinquent.

We have a total of 78 Supporting members with several still in the renewing stage.

## NEW MEMBERS

### **William Robertson**

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Sponsor: Dennis Scharadin

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These will be brought before the Board for a vote. Second VP Ralph Martone has authored a draft version of an updated mission statement for POWA. This will go to a committee and then before the Board. Freddie McKnight has been busy lining up the next slate of officers and directors.

Good things are happening. One member recently remarked – "Isn't it amazing what a few people have done in just a few months." Yes it is. However, there is more to be done.

Even with today's POWA membership categories and criteria, there are many outdoor communicators and outdoor-related businesses that could and should become members of POWA. We could double our membership by May if each of you would recruit at least one new member.

I am also looking for a volunteer to revise the POWA membership brochure. It was last revised in 2005. Please contact Dennis Scharadin or me if you are interested.

Let's keep moving forward.

## SUPPORTING MEMBERS

### **Koinonia Guide Service**

7395 Wertzville Road  
Carlisle, PA 17015  
Contact: Rod Bates  
Sponsor: Doyle Dietz

### **Plano Molding (Returning)**

431 E. South Street  
Plano, IL 60545  
630-277-9499  
Contact: Ben Royce, Marketing/Pro Staff  
Coordinator  
Sponsor: Bud Cole

### **PA Fish & Boat**

#### **Commission (Returning)**

1601 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9299  
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Contact: Eric Levis, Press Secretary  
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## CHANGES

### AND CORRECTIONS

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Ron Koch, email – rbvideo54@comcast.net

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# Reminder:

## Membership renewals are due by December 21!

### *Return yours today!*

## Elk

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rived early in the afternoon visited the elk range and were not disappointed.

Following a Friday tour of state game lands, the evening meal was held at the DuBois Diner and was then topped off with entertainment. Because of the celebration of the 100th year of Elk Restoration, the Pennsylvania Game Commission arranged for Van Wagner to be on hand and present his popular program that combined visuals with music, telling the story of the early days of conservation and then following it to the present.

Saturday morning it was off again to view more elk, and several POWA members got up close and personal with bugling bulls. The meeting place was Winslow Hill at the headquarters of the Keystone Elk Country Alliance. Again the elk cooperated and cameras were kept busy collecting images. Later in the day



Mark Nale Photo

**Tour leader John Dzeman explains the workings of a liming device on SGL 311 as POWA members, from left: Mary Linkevich, Kermit Henning, Dennis Scharadin and Ralph Martone look on. On the far right is PGC NC Director Barry Zaffuto.**

Rawley Cogan, CEO of the Keystone Elk Country Alliance, presented an historical overview of Pennsylvania's elk success story.

The Elk County adventure was topped off with Carol Mulvihill opening her home located in the heart of elk range. Carol's hospitality included great fellowship and a chance for everyone to share

their experiences.

For those who missed this opportunity but want to visit elk country or access additional information, please contact the Keystone Elk Country Alliance to help you plan your next trip to the area. Also visit the KECA's web site at [www.ExperienceElkCountry.com](http://www.ExperienceElkCountry.com) and see what awaits you.

## Awards

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fee will be disqualified.

Contest entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2014. Winners will be announced at the annual POWA Awards Banquet in May.

Entries should be mailed to: Brad Isles, 147 Swain Hill Road, Harmony, PA 16037.

1. All Active, Apprentice and Life members of POWA in good standing are eligible to enter.

2. A maximum of two (2) entries per award is allowed, unless otherwise noted. Edit yourself and only submit your best work. Additional entries will be disqualified.

3. Four copies of each entry are required for each award, (both originals and exact photocopies of the entry, just as the entry appeared to the public in print are permissible). Exception: for the Best Published Photo, Best Published Art and the Best Book/Radio-TV award contests, send one original each.

4. Joint bylines: Co-authored / photographed / produced entries may be entered only once. Joint bylines will be considered as an entry for each contributor. All entrants of co-authored entries must be POWA members.

5. A letter of verification from the editor/publisher must accompany materials not containing bylines, or containing pen names.

6. To be considered for an award, the published material must have been compensated for by cash, check, goods or services of value.

7. Members may submit an entry in only one Core Award\* category, to eliminate the possibility of a person winning multiple core awards for a single piece. For example: an item published in a newspaper may not be entered in both the newspaper column and the newspaper feature categories. In nearly every instance, such a distinction is obvious. On the other hand, a member may submit an entry for a writing award, and the accompanying photo/art for a photo/art award. A member also may submit an entry in one Core Award,

and in any number of Specialty Awards for which it meets the criteria. Entries submitted for the wrong award will not be considered.

8. Entries must cover nature, wildlife, conservation or outdoor field sports such as hunting, fishing, camping and boating. Topics such as swimming, diving, golf, hang gliding, etc., do not qualify, unless stated.

9. Entries must have been published in the prior calendar year, unless indicated otherwise in the contest description. One entry copy must identify publication, date of publication and author. The other three copies (see No. 3) must have all identifying marks, bylines, personal photos and references to you blacked out and rendered unreadable, with the exception of the book or video category.

10. Entries must NOT be bound, matted, changed in size, altered, edited, or submitted in any form other than exactly how they were published and viewed by the public. Entries altered from their published form will be disqualified. Let the entry stand on its merits, rather than its "packaging." Photocopies are

permissible.

11. Envelopes or folders containing entries must be clearly marked on the front with the name of the award for which the entry is being submitted. Do not combine entries for more than one award in a single envelope or folder.

12. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2014.

13. Contest materials will be returned by mail only if accompanied by a self-addressed envelope stamped with sufficient postage.

14. Winning entries constitutes a waiver of copyright restrictions on reprinting the entry by POWA for their website and printed publications.

15. The Awards Chairman is not responsible for determining the validity of entries. Any questions concerning the validity of an entry will be forwarded to the President, and if he or she deems it necessary, to the Board for a decision. Further, if the President has any questions, doubts or concerns about an entry, the person submitting it will be notified immediately and given the opportunity to address whatever the question or concern might be, before any other steps are taken.

#### **POWA CORE AWARDS\***

**1. BEST NEWSPAPER COLUMN (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Pennsylvania Hunters Sharing the Harvest)** – Entries must have been published in a daily or weekly newspaper column. To meet the “column” requirement, the author’s work must appear as a column in the same publication at least twelve times each year. Original tear sheets or exact photocopies as the column appeared when published are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

**2. BEST NEWSPAPER FEATURE (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA EIC Membership)** – Entries must deal with a single topic and be either a single article or a series of not more than five articles about a single topic. The publication frequency example for the Best Newspaper Column applies here as well. Original tear sheets or exact photocopies as the feature appeared

when published are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

**3. BEST MAGAZINE OR REGIONAL NEWSPAPER COLUMN (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Gogal Publishing Co.)** – A “regional newspaper” is one such as Pennsylvania Outdoor News, which publishes other than daily or weekly. The subject must be primarily of interest to Pennsylvanians or at least be applicable to Pennsylvania. For example, a column on buck hunting is appropriate even if it doesn’t mention Pennsylvania, as long as it is about white-tailed deer and the reader can relate the article to a comparable experience in Pennsylvania. A similar column on mule deer, however, would not be acceptable. It need not be an outdoor publication, as long as the entry qualifies. To meet the “column” requirement, the author’s work must appear in the same publication at least six times each year. Original tear sheets or exact photocopies as the column appeared when published are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

**4. BEST MAGAZINE OR REGIONAL NEWSPAPER FEATURE (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Blackpowder Products Inc.)** – The above definition of a regional newspaper applies here as well. The subject must be of primary interest to Pennsylvanians or at least be applicable to Pennsylvania. The entry may be a single article or a series of not more than three articles dealing with a single subject. Original tear sheets or exact photocopies as the feature appeared when published are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

**5. BEST PUBLISHED NEWSPAPER PHOTO, COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA Past Presidents)** – This photography category is for best published newspaper, regional newspaper or other pulp-type photography award. Entries must be submitted as they appeared when published. The format the photograph was taken in—black & white or color—does not matter, only the published form. The photo credit, caption or cutline must also be included with the entry, exactly

as it appeared when published. The entry must include the name of the publication and the title of the story (headline) which was used, if applicable. The entry must NOT be mounted, matted or changed in any way from how the public viewed it as published. Submit one original tear sheet or an exact photocopy.

**6. BEST PUBLISHED MAGAZINE PHOTO, COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA EIC Membership)** – This photography category is for best published magazine or non pulp-type photography award. Photos published in pamphlets, brochures, on postcards, calendars, etc., are eligible, as long as they were published in the award year. Entries must be submitted as they appeared when published. The format the photograph was taken in – black & white or color – does not matter, only the published form. The photo credit, caption or cutline must also be included with the entry, exactly as it appeared when published. The entry must include the name of the publication and the title of the story (headline) which was used, if applicable. In addition, an explanation of the use of the photograph to illustrate an article, column, etc., may be included, but is not mandatory. The entry must NOT be mounted, matted or changed in any way from how the public viewed it as published. Submit one original tear sheet or an exact photocopy. One award will be given for this category.

**7. BEST RADIO / TV PROGRAM AWARD (alternates with BEST BOOK AWARD) (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by POWA EIC Membership)** – These two awards alternate each year. Entries for each award, when offered, must have been published in the preceding two years. The theme in both cases must be outdoor oriented. Submit one copy of each entry.

**8. \* BEST PUBLISHED ART AWARD, COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by GATCO Sharpeners/Timberline Knives)** – \* Published art work shall include magazines, newspapers,

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catalogues, brochures, or any other publication available to the public to convey the outdoor message. Published work may include limited or unlimited editions of fine art works, as long as the published form of the work is submitted for judging, the artist was compensated for the publication, the entry submitted was not self-published and the entry appeared in publication during the prior calendar year. The published art entry must be submitted as it actually appeared when published and was viewed by the public. The entry must NOT be matted, framed, bound, or altered in any way from how it appeared as published. Such entries will be disqualified. The entry must include the name of the publication and the title of the story (headline) which was used, if applicable. In addition an explanation of the use of the art to illustrate an article, column, etc., may be included, but is not mandatory. Submit one original tear sheet or an exact photocopy. One award will be given for this category.

### **POWA SPECIALTY AWARDS**

**1. BASS PRO SHOPS PASS IT ON AWARD (\$300 and plaque, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops)** – This award recognizes and praises a POWA Active member who has been responsible for introducing people (novice adults, children or a group, audience or readership) to the outdoors or enhancing their appreciation of the outdoors. The award shall be given for the best (1) published newspaper or magazine article, (2) broadcast radio or TV program, (3) commercially marketed video, OR (4) published black and white or color photo or art, which most effectively promotes passing on the love and appreciation of the outdoors, natural resources and pursuits such as hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, camping, boating, bird-watching and nature appreciation. Submit four copies of the entry.

**2. WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP AWARD (\$250 and plaque, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Game Commission)** – The award will

go to the best entry from any and all media that recognizes difference-making partnerships among conservation organizations –including state or federal agencies. The partnership must demonstrate that together resources and talents can be leveraged to better accomplish conservation goals and initiatives. All entries must be about Pennsylvania projects and must have been published in the preceding year. Submit four copies of the entry.

**3. HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY RAPTOR CONSERVATION AND ECO-TOURISM AWARD (\$200 and a plaque, sponsored by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary)** – This award goes to the POWA member with the best published piece in any media that promotes the mission of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, its programs and services, or the Sanctuary as a raptor conservation organization and outdoor eco-tourist destination. All entries must have been published or aired within the past 12 months. Articles may include: subjects featuring the science of raptor migration; features on studies of raptors in Pennsylvania or northeastern North America and using Hawk Mountain scientists as a source expert; any feature on a special programs or service offered at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary; features on the history of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary or an outdoor travel pieces on the Sanctuary as a destination in any season. The mission of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary is to conserve birds of prey worldwide by providing leadership in raptor conservation science and education, and by maintaining Hawk Mountain Sanctuary as a model observation, research and education facility. [www.hawkmountain.org](http://www.hawkmountain.org). Submit four copies of the entry.

**4. THE PENNSYLVANIA ELK RESOURCE AWARD (\$200 and plaque, sponsored by the Keystone Elk Country Alliance)** – This award recognizes a POWA member who has best communicated to the public the principals of conservation, education, hunting, hunting heritage, and the

value of habitat to the Elk Resource in Pennsylvania. Entry categories for the award are broad and include any art, article, column, or photograph published (on paper or digitally), as well as any radio or TV broadcast, blog, or any commercially marketed video. The winning entry will be the best example of promoting the elk resource in the Commonwealth. Those applying must grant the Keystone Elk Country Alliance permission to have the winning entry (blog, column, article, photo or art) reprinted in their publication Tracks & Racks. Submit four copies of the entry.

**5. BEST PUBLISHED PENNSYLVANIA FISHING OR BOATING RELATED NEWSPAPER PHOTO, COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE (Framed Ned Smith “Sting of the Hook” art print with brass plate acknowledging the winning entry, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission)** – This photography category is for the best published local or regional newspaper photograph (printed on newsprint paper) that features Pennsylvania fishing, sport fish, boating or fishing tackle. All entries must have been taken within the Keystone State and published during the previous calendar year. If the winning entry meets the Pennsylvania Angler & Boater photo submission guidelines, the PFBC would like the option of reprinting the winning photograph in their publication with acknowledgement of the photographer’s award. If so used, the PFBC will pay their going rate for their use of that photo. (This is not a condition for applying, just a possible added benefit.)

**6. HANDLOADING PROMOTION AWARD FOR BROADCAST MEDIA (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Redding Reloading)** – The purpose of this award is to assist in the promotion of the benefits of metallic cartridge reloading or handloading. It must be a broadcast work on either commercial television or radio format, not webcast. It will be awarded on the basis of the best communication of the inherent benefits to shooters and hunters presented by the practice of reloading their own ammunition for any shooting

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# POWA Craft Award Entry Form

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost to enter is \$5 per award category. You may enter up to TWO pieces per category. Please check the line next to each award entered and fill in the total amount on the back side of this form. Submit a check or money order made out to "POWA" when submitting the entry form and materials to Brad Isles, awards chairman. Submit FOUR copies of each entry unless noted. Call 724-967-2832 with questions.

Send entry form, materials and check/money order made out to "POWA": Brad Isles  
147 Swain Hill Road  
Harmony, PA 16037

## CORE AWARDS

### 1. Best Newspaper Column (sponsored by Pennsylvania Hunters Sharing the Harvest) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Best Newspaper Feature (sponsored by POWA EIC Membership) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Best Magazine or Regional Newspaper Column (sponsored by Gogal Publishing Co.) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Best Magazine or Regional Newspaper Feature (sponsored by Blackpowder Products Inc.) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Best Published Newspaper Photo, Color or B&W (sponsored by POWA Past Presidents) .....

(Submit one original tear sheet or an exact photocopy.)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Best Published Magazine Photo, Color or B&W (sponsored by POWA EIC Membership) .....

(Submit one original tear sheet or an exact photocopy.)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Best Radio/TV Program (sponsored by POWA EIC Membership) .....

(Submit one copy.)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. Best Published Art Award, Color or B&W (sponsored by GATCO Sharpeners/Timberline Knives) .....

(Submit one original tear sheet or an exact photocopy.)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIALTY AWARDS

### 1. Bass Pro Shops Pass it On Award (sponsored by Bass Pro Shops) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Wildlife Conservation Partnership Award (sponsored by the Pennsylvania Game Commission) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Raptor Conservation & Eco-Tourism Award (sponsored by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# POWA Craft Award Entry Form

**4. Pennsylvania Elk Resource Award** (sponsored by *Keystone Elk Country Alliance*) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Best Published Pennsylvania Fishing Or Boating Related Newspaper Photo, Color Or Black & White**  
(sponsored by *the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission*) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Handloading Promotion Award for Broadcast Media** (sponsored by *Redding Reloading*) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Handloading Promotion Award for Electronic Media** (sponsored by *Redding Reloading*) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Handloading Promotion Award for Print Media** (sponsored by *Redding Reloading*) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Pennsylvania Trappers Award** (sponsored by *the Pa. Trappers Association*) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Trout & The Coldwater Resource Award** (sponsored by *Pa. Council of Trout Unlimited*) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Wildlife Art Award** (sponsored by *the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art*) .....

(Submit one entry and it must be present at the spring conference.)  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Youth Fishing Award** (sponsored by *Expositions, Inc.*) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Youth and the Hunting/Shooting Sports Award** (sponsored by *the National Shooting Sports Foundation*) .....

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Categories Entered: \_\_\_\_\_  
X \$5.00

Make check or money order payable to "POWA" for this amount: GRAND TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

sports activity using a metallic cartridge. How-to, general educational and hunting success stories where reloading is a major theme are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

**7. HANDLOADING PROMOTION AWARD FOR ELECTRONIC MEDIA (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Redding Reloading)** – The purpose of this award is to assist in the promotion of the benefits of metallic cartridge reloading or handloading. It must be a published work in electronic format (blog, e-zine, etc.). It will be awarded on the basis of the best communication of the inherent benefits to shooters and hunters presented by the practice of reloading their own ammunition for any shooting sports activity using a metallic cartridge. How-to, general educational and hunting success stories where reloading is a major theme are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

**8. HANDLOADING PROMOTION AWARD FOR PRINT MEDIA (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Redding Reloading)** – The purpose of this award is to assist in the promotion of the benefits of metallic cartridge reloading or handloading. It must be a published work in either magazine or newspaper format. It will be awarded on the basis of the best communication of the inherent benefits to shooters and hunters presented by the practice of reloading their own ammunition for any shooting sports activity using a metallic cartridge. How-to, general educational and hunting success stories where reloading is a major theme are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

**9. PENNSYLVANIA TRAPPERS AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Trappers Association)** – This award will be given to the best published piece that promotes interest in or education about trapping. Submit four copies of the entry.

**10. WILDLIFE ART AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art)** – Artwork may be original and in any media (i.e. oil, watercolor, pastel, etc.) Three-dimensional work such as

carvings and sculptures are also eligible. Reproductions or lithographs of an artist's original work may be entered. No size restrictions. Entries must have been completed in the preceding two years. The subject may be any North American wildlife other than fish. Birds of prey, songbirds, non-game species and game birds, and animals are all suitable subjects. Previous winning entries in this category are not eligible. Artists may submit one entry and it must be present at the spring conference. Each artist is responsible for getting his/her work to and from the conference. Artists would be wise to have their entries insured. Arrangements will be made to collect all artwork at a common meeting spot for judging. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

**11. TROUT & THE COLDWATER RESOURCE AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited)** – this

award will be made for the published magazine or newspaper story which best shows the importance of protecting and /or promoting our cold-water resource. The article may or may not include trout and other salmonids. Submit four copies of the entry.

**12. YOUTH FISHING AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Expositions, Inc.)** – This award will be given for the best published piece, magazine or newspaper, devoted to encouraging readers to introduce, or to further the involvement of children in fishing. Submit four copies of the entry.

**13. YOUTH AND THE HUNTING/SHOOTING SPORTS AWARD, (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation)** – This award is given to the best published piece that furthers the participation of young people in the shooting/hunting sports. Submit four copies of each entry.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>			
By John Allen, POWA Treasurer / Expenditures as of August 31, 2013			
<b>Income Accounts</b>	<b>Budget 12-13</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Active Members	9,000	8,260	76
Supporting Members	8,000	7,200	69
Merchandise Sales	50	30	12
Contributions	0	55	0
Craft Award Income	2,750	1,730	33
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0
Spring Conference Income	3,210	3,262	121
Fall Conference	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$23,010</b>	<b>\$20,537</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Expense Accounts</b>	<b>Budget 12-13</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Member Awards	2,550	2,850	0
Executive Dir. Stipend	8,800	7,770	36
Plaque Expenses	1,000	792	76
Pow Wow (Print/Edit)	4,750	3,327	50
Website Expenses	150	20	13
Membership Directory	1,350	858	64
Postage, General	700	615	43
Office Expenses	2,300	1,282	37
Insurance	510	512	0
Credit Card Fees	750	395	37
Travel	125	0	0
Miscellaneous	25	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$23,010</b>	<b>\$18,421</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$2,116</b>	

Cash Accounts as of August 31, 2013: General Fund, \$9,196; Youth Education Fund, \$4,021; Scholarship Fund, \$57,386; Jacquelin Knight CD, \$13,803; Emergency Fund, \$9,158; Northwest CD, \$20,000; U.S. Treasury Note, \$10,000. Total Cash Accounts: \$123,564.

## Member News



Contributed Photo

POWA members attending the Outdoor Writers Association of America meeting in Lake Placid, NY from Sept. 13-16 included, from left: Front – Dennis Scharadin, Linda Steiner, Jack Harris, Connie Yingling, Bob Steiner and Bob Clark; Back – Alex Zidock, Brad Isles, John Allen, Robert Ford, Bud Cole, Tim Flanigan, Rich Walton, Terry Brady, Kermit Henning and Charlie Burchfield.

### POWA's Brady, Flanigan, Ford claim awards at OWAA conference

POWA members Terry Brady, Tim Flanigan and Robert Ford claimed 2013 Excellence in Craft Awards at the Outdoor Writers Association of America's conference held in Lake Placid, NY from Sept. 13-16.

Brady placed second in the Newspaper/Website Contest, *Fishing* category for "After Sandy, reach out to help those in need."

Flanigan's "Licking Stick" placed first in the Photography Contest, *Fauna* category.

Ford took three places in the Blog Category. "Riding Shotgun" took first in the *Hunting or Shooting Sports* category, while "Chillin" and "Naughty and Nice" took first and second place, respectively, in the *Humor* category.



Contributed Photo

POWA member Wayne Brensinger poses with a 10-foot, 8-inch, 300-pound male alligator he took on Sept. 22 in Florida. He used a crossbow and was hunting on the public St. John's River. No baits or hooks were used on the wild gator. Firearms and baits are not legal on public state waterways in Florida.

# Lehigh Valley Sportsman Show to return

By Doyle Dietz

The Lehigh Valley Sportsman Show returns to Agriculture Hall at the Allentown Fairgrounds in 2014 with an expanded, three-day schedule. P.B.M. Productions presents the event beginning Friday, Feb. 28, and continuing Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2.

Due in part to the support of the Cabela's Hamburg store, Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association, *Pennsylvania Outdoor News* and vendors, the show is expanding by a three-day weekend event. This year it was just a Saturday-Sunday event.

Show hours are Friday, Feb. 28, from 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By expanding the Lehigh Valley Sportsman Show to its original three-day format more vendors, exhibitors, guides and outfitters than last year will fill the

## Burchfield's 'Gateway Outdoors' available online

"Gateway Outdoors" radio, hosted by Charlie Burchfield, is on the air and featured on WCED News Talk Radio.

The hour-long program takes the listener to the field for in-depth interviews with outdoor experts and features the traditional field sports and outdoor lifestyle.

The program airs every Monday at 6 p.m. on WCED 1420 AM, 107.9 FM and 96.7 FM. Gateway Outdoors radio is also live-streamed on the Internet at the time of airing.

To listen to the program live, simply "click" on the "Live Stream" icon on the radio station's website ([www.newstalkradiowced.com](http://www.newstalkradiowced.com)) during the live broadcast.

Need to tune in at a later time or date? Shows will be archived for listening anytime by "clicking" on the archived programs' section on the WCED Talk Radio website.

For more information contact Charlie Burchfield at [gwoutdoors@comcast.net](mailto:gwoutdoors@comcast.net).

60,000-square-foot Agriculture Hall. In addition, there will be an expanded schedule of seminars and special events – most notable of which is the POWA auction of outdoors-related merchandise and trips donated by both those at the show and others to benefit outdoors youth education projects returns. The auction will be held Sunday, March 2, from 1-3 p.m., with services being donated by professional auctioneer Kim Kessler.

Through the generous support of show promoters, vendors, guides and outfitters, POWA has raised more than \$400,000 through its auctions at outdoors

shows. All the money is used to support a scholarship to Penn State University and another to University of Pittsburgh Johnstown for journalism majors with an interest in outdoors communication and underwrite various youth projects such as field day, conservation camps, fishing events, shooting events and school nature activities.

Agricultural Hall is located at the Allentown Fairgrounds, 302 North 17th St., Allentown. Admission is \$10. Kids ages 12 and younger are admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult and there is no charge for parking.

## 2013/14 POWA Committees

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Liaison</b>
Awards .....	Brad Isles	Brad Isles
Awards Review .....	Bob Mitchell	Ralph Martone
Constitution and Bylaws .....	Jim Fitser	Mark Nale
Craft Improvement.....	Ben Moyer	Brad Isles
Duties Manual.....	Bob Mitchell	Bud Cole
Editorial Review .....	Terry Brady	Mary Hosmer
Ethics.....	John Swinton	Don Knaus
Finance/Budget .....	John Allen	Bud Cole
Financial Auditing.....	Mark Nale	Mark Nale
Historical Archives.....	Ed Carlson	Ralph Martone
Membership Audit .....	Tom Tatum	Doyle Dietz
Membership Development.....	Mark Nale	Mark Nale
Member Screening .....	Dave Ehrig	Mary Hosmer
Nominating .....	Freddie McKnight	Don Knaus
Outdoor Education.....	Kermit Henning	Ralph Martone
Past Presidents Council.....	Freddie McKnight	Rich Faler
Publicity .....	Steve Sorensen	Doyle Dietz
Scholarship.....	John Swinton	John Allen
Supporting Mem. Development.....	Bud Cole	Bud Cole
Supporting Member Rep.....	Connie Yingling	FreddieMcKnight
Supporting Member Screening .....	Don Knaus	Don Knaus
Technology/Website.....	Brad Isles	Brad Isles
Ways and Means .....	Ralph Scherder	Ralph Scherder
Sports Shows.....	Kermit Henning	Mary Hosmer

## Supporting Member News

by Supporting Member Representative  
**CONNIE YINGLING**, PR Coordinator,  
Maryland Office of Tourism Development



When I awoke on Oct. 1, 2013, I was snuggled in a cozy camper parked behind the dune line at Assateague Island State Park. Ironically, the sky was a robin's egg blue, the breeze was gentle and the fall sun warmed the broad backs of the wild horses that grazed their way through the campground seemingly oblivious to the trucks and campers surrounding their little herd.

Why do I say "ironically"? Because that's the day that the US government shut down and when barriers and no trespassing signs appeared at national parks from sea to shining sea.

My husband Jack and I had not paid much attention to the foreboding news about budgets and votes and other governmental matters; we were too busy packing sunscreen, fishing poles and plenty of snacks for our week-long vacation. So when I headed out of the park later that morning to buy milk and some other groceries, I was more than a little

surprised to observe a US Park Ranger patrol car with lights flashing blocking the entrance to the adjacent National Seashore.

Listening to the radio, I learned that everyone's worst fears had been realized. The United States government was closed for business. That afternoon I walked down the beach and found CLOSED signs at the boundary between state park and national seashore property. The beach beyond the signs was deserted except for the sea gulls and sand pipers perched just beyond the breakers.

National seashore campers were given two days to pack up and leave. Many transferred over to the state park campgrounds so as not to lose their entire vacation. Chatting with a lady in the bathhouse later that week, I learned she had ignored the closed signs to walk the empty seashore (what harm would that cause, she had pondered?) and had

eventually been turned back around by a park ranger who indicated that, should she ignore the signs again, next time would result in arrest.

Our vacation ended (too soon!) and I returned to work. As the days of the government shut down dragged on, more and more press releases hit my mailbox. In a tsunami-like ripple effect, the closure of the national parks was causing the tourism industry to lose *billions* of dollars. You see, not only do these parks contain a wealth of natural beauty, national historic treasures and incredible wildlife, but they contribute an immense amount of economic benefit to communities that surround the parks.

The National Parks Conservation Association reports that, "Annually, our national parks attract nearly 300 million visitors and support more than \$30 billion in private-sector spending, generating \$10 in economic activity for every federal dollar invested."

Budget cuts, closures, layoffs, hiring freezes and deferred maintenance at our national parks are combining to create a perfect storm that could devastate our parks, family livelihoods and local economies. I would urge each and every one of you to contact your federal representatives to voice your support for our national parks as the next round of budget discussions come up in early 2014. (For more economic statistics, visit <http://www.npca.org/protecting-our-parks/park-funding/park-funding.html>.)

We all want to avoid taking pictures of closure signs in front of a deserted beach.



Connie Yingling Photo

Assateague Island National Seashore signs caution visitors to stay off the beach during the federal government's shutdown Oct. 1, 2013.

Send newsletter  
submissions to  
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zoominternet.net](mailto:powwow@zoominternet.net)

## Market News

by Freddie McKnight



**Outdoor Photographer** is a national magazine published 11 times per year for enthusiasts with a special passion for nature, travel and outdoor sports. The majority of the magazine's features and several departments are freelance-written and photographed. The magazine looks for a variety of contributors from different backgrounds and geographic areas. Submitted manuscripts should be typewritten and double-spaced (a computer disk is fine, but a hard copy is also needed for evaluation). Photographs (see Photographs for Submission guidelines on the magazine's website) must be protected for shipment and preferably sent by registered mail or other traceable means. For more information, please visit [www.outdoorphotographer.com](http://www.outdoorphotographer.com).

**Cabin Life** mostly uses articles by freelance writers working on assignment. The magazine is interested in working with qualified writers with expertise in the following areas: 400-800 words for departments, 1,000-3,000 word for feature articles, and up to 700 words for a one-page story. Send writing samples to Editor, Cabin Life magazine, Kalmbach Publishing Co., 21027 Crossroads Circle, P.O. Box 1612, Waukesha, WI 53186, or e-mail to [editor@cabinlife.com](mailto:editor@cabinlife.com).

**Bear Hunting Magazine** is a full-color publication dedicated to the sport of bear hunting. Articles should be between 1,000 and 2,200 words and be submitted along with color photos. Articles must be submitted on CD. Microsoft Word is preferred. Compensation ranges from \$25 to \$100 based on length, number and quality of photos used and quality of article. Send article submissions (with photos) to: Submissions Department – PO Box 457, Becker, MN 55308.

**American Trapper** is the voice of the National Trapper's Association. American Trapper is seeking to build its

inventory of articles after increasing from four issues in 2012 to five in 2013, along with increasing the page count. Practically any topic that is "trapping" qualifies – the equipment, preparation, sets, furbearer behavior, line management, animal damage control and fur handling. Please, no calling articles. Both long feature articles and shorts are used. It is recommend that articles be in the 1,000- to 2,500-word range. Shorts, of course, will be 250 to 1,000 words. A good variety of photos and sidebars are a definite plus. Payment varies highly depending upon length, photo support, uniqueness and so on. Top pay is \$175 approximately two weeks after publication. Contact editor Rich Faler: [at@zoominternet.net](mailto:at@zoominternet.net).

**Bait Fisherman** is seeking articles on practically any topic that is "bait fishing" – the fish, the bait, techniques and locations. Both fresh water and salt water pieces are sought. Though every article doesn't need to have a recipe (for consumptive use) or quick release info (non-consumptive use), Bait Fisherman is very conscious of being wise stewards of our natural resources. This should

show in the articles where appropriate. Basic how-to-do pieces will most likely remain the most printed articles. That being said, articles that show the science (not necessarily in scientific terms) behind the fish, the bait and the methods are also needed. Both long feature articles and shorts are needed. Reprints are accepted with full disclosure. Contact editor Rich Faler: [bf@bait-fisherman.com](mailto:bf@bait-fisherman.com).

**FUR-FISH-GAME** needs hunting and fishing stories, especially feature length stories of 1,800 words or more. Its editors are especially looking for small game or predator hunting stories that might interest more experienced outdoorsman. Contact: Mitch Cox at [mitchcox@furfishgame.com](mailto:mitchcox@furfishgame.com).

**Bugle** publishes an array of conservation articles and essays from a diverse pool of writers – from wildlife professionals who write well, and professional writers knowledgeable about wildlife and conservation. Articles generally range from 1,500-4,500 words. Contact: Paul Queneau, Bugle Conservation Editor, 406-523-4570. Contact: [pqueneau@rmef.org](mailto:pqueneau@rmef.org).

**Bucktail Outdoors** offers feature articles written by local authors and experts, trail camera photos, outdoor videos and much more. Get involved by sharing your own "buck tale," posting a free classified ad, or submitting a photo of your Pennsylvania trophy. Contact: [steve@bucktailoutdoors.com](mailto:steve@bucktailoutdoors.com).

### **SPONSOR 3 NEW POWA MEMBERS IN 1 YEAR ... AND YOUR NEXT YEAR'S DUES ARE FREE!**

**What a deal! Help your professional outdoor media organization to grow; help someone else to benefit from membership in POWA; and help yourself to a free year of membership ... on us.**

**This special "1 GET 3; YOURS IS FREE" membership offer applies to all POWA membership types – active, apprentice and supporting. You may sponsor three in one membership category or mix categories.**

**Who can sponsor a new member? POWA active members and supporting members (the latter with an active member co-signer).**

**Where to get applications? POWA individual and supporting member applications can be printed from the POWA Web site, [www.paoutdoorwriters.com](http://www.paoutdoorwriters.com). Information on the value and benefits of membership is on the website, too. For more information, contact the Executive Director.**

# Meeting Minutes

## Board of Directors Meeting

May 3, 2013

Quality Inn / Franklin, PA

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. by Board Chair Freddie McKnight. Present: President Rich Faler, 1st Vice President Mark Nale, Secretary Mary Linkevich, Treasurer John Allen, Board Chair Freddie McKnight, Directors Don Knaus, Ron Koch, Brad Isles and Ralph Scherder, Supporting Member Representative Connie Yingling and Parliamentarian Dennis Scharadin. Also present was outgoing Executive Director Bob Lollo.

\* *Motion* to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2012 board, May 5, 2012 membership and May 6 reorganization meetings. Knaus/Isles. Approved.

**Correspondence:** None.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Chairman's Report:** The Chairman's Report was accepted as posted.

**President's Report:** This has been such a different year for me. It contrasts greatly from when I was the POWA president in 2000. The major shifts in conference frequency, membership, impact of the internet on our crafts and so on have changed the way we do business, and how external forces beyond our control affect POWA corporately and the individual members.

Frankly, I feel that I have been very ineffective this past year. Most of that is my fault – I am better at doing things myself than motivating others. That being said, I have heard from the more recent past presidents of their frustration with the hobbling circumstances the past few years. POWA is not broken, but it needs some serious massaging.

Looking ahead, the membership can have confidence. From a number of directions, members are addressing the current wallowing of the organization. Past presidents have given their input on what is needed to redirect POWA and bring back its effectiveness. That input gives us specifics to bring online.

I have fielded questions and issues of concern from different members this past year. These were rarely "This is affecting me personally," but more, "This is affecting POWA. It's time for a change." This

member-driven push has led to action, such as the requests to past presidents on how to better the POWA operations.

Bob Lollo, who graciously stepped in as the executive director when one was needed, has put in years at the reins at a difficult time. We wish to thank him for what he has done for POWA, both as the executive director and as a member for many years before that. Bob is now closing this chapter of his involvement, and the board will be interviewing executive director candidates at the conference this next week.

We have some fine candidates from within POWA's ranks that have thrown their hats into the ring. At first, the concern was we had no candidates stepping forward. At this point, we have such good candidates, that I believe the board will have a difficult choice in selecting our next executive director. In the same breath, I can say there is no wrong choice. The candidates of which I am aware would each make an excellent executive director of POWA. They are that qualified.

Once the executive director is chosen, I firmly believe the new leadership (executive director, officers and board) will be able to pull together the ground work that many POWA members have plowed this past year. The future is unknown, but it is not uncertain. POWA will continue. It will reset as our collective consciousness becomes more and more focused on where we are and in what direction we need to head.

When the day is done, we can stop, look back and be confident in the fact that POWA is an organized group of professional outdoor communicators. We have within our membership the skill sets and desire to shoot well past our current discontent and to build from our solid base a refreshed, effective POWA.

A specific recommendation I have is to immediately schedule a fall meeting each year. It can be simply a meeting or a mini-conference. It does not matter. A scheduled meeting will in itself be a catalyst to get committees and other actions moving forward. It also gives the board a working opportunity to take care of POWA business. I believe this one action will do more to enable POWA to move forward than any other decision.

It has been a most interesting year. I thank you that felt I was the right person to be president. More importantly, I wish to thank all that have served officially and behind the scenes. POWA has the greatest membership. It is always an honor to brush shoulders with each and every one of you. Thank you.

**Executive Director's Report:** Active

membership was 163 members at the beginning of the fiscal year. We have 155 renewing this year. Supporting member roster was 79 at the beginning of the fiscal year and we have 59 renewals to date. Naturally we lost Reed Exhibitions, so we are 19 short so far. I do not close supporting membership until a second notice is sent and a 30 day period is reached after the second letter.

Supporting Members new for approval:

Ernst Conservation Seeds, Inc. 8884 Mercer Pike, Meadville, PA 16335; 814-336-2404; rferguson@ernstseed.com, ernstseed.com; Ernst seeds supplies highest quality seeds, mixes and bioengineering products for restoration & conservation. Contact: Randy Ferguson. Sponsored by Rich Faler,

Carlisle Sports and Outdoors. 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Carlisle PA 17013; 717-243-7855 x121 Fax: 717-243-0255; scotta@carlisleevents.com; carlisleevents.com; Promotion of sports & outdoor shows and automotive shows. Contact: Scott Amig. Sponsored by Bob Clark.

Black Knight Industries/Gamma Fishing. P.O. Box 1122, Franklin, PA 16323; 814-676-3474; Fax: 814-676-3473; customercare@gammafishing.com, gammafishing.com; Fishing line Contact: Dale Black. Sponsored by Daryl Black.

P.B.M. Productions Inc. P. O. Box 845, Fogelsville, PA 18051-0845; 610-395-5280, debroz@ren.com, www.lehighvalleysportsmanshow.com; Sports show Promoter (Outdoors); Contact: Dennis E. Brozey, President. Sponsored by Bob Lollo, has board approval and needs membership approval.

Lackawanna County C.V.B. 99 Glenmaura National Boulevard, Moosic, PA 18507; 570-496-1701 Fax: 570-963-6369; tbarone@visitnepa.org, visitnepa.org; Provides information to visitors concerning what is happening in the Lackawanna County area. Contact: Tracy Barone; Sponsored by Bob Lollo.

\* *Motion* to accept the officers' reports. Isles/Nale. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Allen reported \$9,900 in revenues before pending conference expense, and with active member dues showing a \$2,100 drop. He noted that both active and supporting member dues have shown a steady decrease over the long-term, particularly in new member acquisition.

\* *Motion* to accept the treasurer's report. Nale/Isles. Approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Awards:** Brad Isles – Everything went according to schedule and all awards were made

and plaques and plates have been received.

**Awards Review:** Bob Mitchell – As for the Awards Review Committee, no action was requested during this reporting period, indicating the awards program is running smoothly this year.

**Constitution & Bylaws:** Jim Fitser – The committee is currently continuing to work on resolving the discrepancies between the constitution and current operating procedures in the organization. Hopefully we will have a final report in time for the spring membership meeting.

**Craft Improvement:** As posted.

**Duties Manual:** Bob Mitchell – The proposed, updated, Duties Manual prepared for the 2012 meeting has been sent to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review. I have not heard of any suggested changes or corrections.

**Editorial Review:** Terry Brady – Contact with committee member Mary Hosmer shows she has no complaints, concerns or suggestions. She concurs with me that Brad Isles is doing an excellent job on *PowWow* in content and presentation. Again, Brad deserves sincere thanks for taking on this task.

**Ethics:** John Swinton – There has been no activity requested of this committee.

**Finance and Budget:** No report.

**Financial Auditing:** No report.

**Historical Archives:** No report.

**Membership Audit:** No report.

**Membership Development:** No report.

**Member Screening:** Dennis Scharadin – Since the Spring 2012 meeting the committee has acted on five applications, three Active members and two Apprentice members. Those qualified for Active membership were Rich Wood, Stephen Wagner and Tyler Frantz. Those qualified for Apprentice membership were Marshall Nych and Karen Wolf. The committee requests the above candidates be approved for membership.

**Nominating:** Mark Demko – Candidates have been identified for the upcoming vacant board positions, as well as the first vice president position. The second vice president position is vacant at this time. All nominees have submitted the required materials in order for the organization to send out the ballot for member vote.

**Outdoor Education:** Kermit Henning – There is no report because proceeds from the sports show funded this program.

**Past Presidents' Council:** Tom Tatum – Since there has been widespread concern among our members that the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association has been in seri-

ous decline, POWA's Past Presidents were polled for recommendations of measures the organization should take to rework and revive POWA. Those recommendations along with selected solicited comments from the Past Presidents and a few other concerned member voices were put into a report and submitted to the board.

**Scholarship:** John Swinton – The Johnstown franchise has fallen into disuse. Laurie Dovey had agreed to take over for Joe Gorden, but she never did. (Laurie Dovey resigned from membership.) At Penn State I have distributed all the announcements and forms, written the usual helpers (including Jeff Mulhollem) and am awaiting applications, which typically arrive at the last moment.

**Sports Shows:** No report.

**Supporting Member Dev.:** Bud Cole – Letters were sent out to supporting members that did not renew membership, but none responded or renewed. I received an email on Jan. 8, 2013 from Linda Stambolian, finance manager at the Lackawanna County Convention and Visitor Bureau requesting POWA supporting member registration information. I emailed the information to the office, but did not receive a response. I followed up with another email on Feb. 17, 2013 and was told the information had been forwarded to Executive Director, Tracey Barone. Stambolian stated that she would contact me as soon as she hears back from Barone. Still waiting for follow up correspondence. I continue to talk to prospective supporting members when I attend conferences (OWAA), outdoor shows and other media events. Email letters are sent to prospective members with the registration information, registration form and supporting membership benefits.

**Supporting Member Rep.:** No report.

**Supporting Mbr. Screening:** No report.

**Technology/Web Site:** Brad Isles – Members will be contacted to submit photos to use on the site. Content continues to be an issue as very few submissions or news is received from members.

Ways and Means: Ralph Scherder – This year Steve Sorensen has helped me with Ways & Means by contacting gun manufacturers trying to get a gun for the banquet. I contacted all the remaining supporting members for prizes.

\* *Motion* to accept committee reports. Knaus/Isles. Approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Old Business:** Board discussed strategies to amend the POWA constitution.

\* *Motion* to publish the proposed changes

to the constitution in *PowWow*, and 60 days following, send a first-class mailing with a ballot to the members. Following two-thirds affirmative response, the amendments will be approved. Nale/Faler. Approved.

**New business:** Allen pointed out that the proposed budget includes a suggested reduction of \$3,000 for the Executive Director stipend. Outgoing Executive Director Bob Lollo agreed that this recommendation is fair and appropriate based on work required. The board noted that expenses have been cut to the maximum, and also thanked Allen for his work on the budget.

\* *Motion* to accept the 2013-2014 budget as prepared. Isles/Nale. Approved.

**New Member Applicants:** Five new Supporting members were reviewed.

\* *Motion* to accept the five proposed supporting members. Nale/Scherder. Approved.

Three new Active and three new Apprentice members were reviewed.

\* *Motion* to accept the proposed Active and Apprentice members listed in the Member Screening Report. Nale/Scherder. Approved.

**Good of the Order:** Nale asked to clarify the organizational meeting, which was explained as a meeting called by the new Executive Director the morning after the membership meeting.

Allen inquired about the loss of scholarship funds due to the cancellation of the outdoor show where POWA holds a silent auction. He reminded the board that the organization must provide scholarships and is required to do so in order to meet requirements as a 501(c)3 organization.

Scharadin reported that 90 percent of auction items came from the show itself, and the few items that did come in will be auctioned off in an upcoming show being held in Carlisle in September 2013.

Nale discussed the need to boost membership and work proactively toward broadening the criteria for active members, and perhaps extending the apprentice role.

Appointment of a new Executive Director: The incoming president will appoint an ad-hoc committee to review applicants and set up interviews of prospective applicants for Executive Director.

\* *Motion* to close applications for Executive Director be closed as of 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Nale/Isles. Approved.

\* *Motion* to adjourn at 10:24. Knaus/Scherder. Approved.

– Mary Linkevich, secretary

# Meeting Minutes

## Membership Meeting

May 4, 2013

*Izaak Walton League / Oil City, PA*

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Board Chair Freddie McKnight. Present: President Rich Faler, 1st Vice President Mark Nale, Treasurer John Allen, Board Chair Freddie McKnight, Directors Don Knaus, Steve Sorensen, Supporting Member Representative Connie Yingling and Parliamentarian Dennis Scharadin. Also present was outgoing Executive Director Bob Lollo.

\* *Motion* to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2012 membership meeting. Alex Zidock/Gerald Putt. Approved.

**Correspondence:** The assembly recognized four first time attendees with introductions and applause.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Chairman's Report:** As posted.

**President's Report:** As posted.

**Executive Director's Report:** As posted.

\* *Motion* to accept the officers' reports. Tom Tatum/Bob Ballantyne. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** As posted.

\* *Motion* to accept the treasurer's report. Harry Guyer/Bud Cole. Approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards:** As posted.

**Awards Review:** As posted.

**Constitution & Bylaws:** As posted.

**Craft Improvement:** As posted.

**Duties Manual:** As posted.

**Editorial Review:** As posted.

**Ethics:** As posted.

**Finance and Budget:** No report.

**Financial Auditing:** No report.

**Historical Archives:** No report.

**Membership Audit:** No report.

**Membership Development:** No report.

**Member Screening:** As posted.

**Nominating:** As posted.

**Outdoor Education:** As posted.

**Past Presidents' Council:** As posted.

**Scholarship:** As posted.

**Sports Shows:** No report.

**Supporting Member Dev.:** As posted.

**Supporting Member Rep.:** No report.

**Supporting Mbr. Screening:** No report.

**Technology/Web Site:** As posted.

**Ways and Means:** As posted.

\* *Motion* to accept committee reports. Knaus/Dave Ehrig. Approved.

## OTHER BUSINESS

**2014 Conference:** To be held in Shippensburg on May 15-18, 2014. Mike Klimkos will be conference chair. Fishing, turkey hunting and other activities being planned. Hotel room rates running \$79 to \$85 per night.

**Old business:** Revision of constitution and bylaws – Changes discussed at last night's Board meeting will be published in the next issue of *PowWow* and voting will take place 60 days after publication. Ballots will be mailed to all active members and returns tallied by fall.

Election results new slate of officers – Mark Nale, president; Don Knaus, 1st Vice President; 2nd VP is vacant; John Allen, treasurer; Board Members, Bud Cole and Doyle Dietz.

**New business:** Proposed 2013-2014 budget presented to general membership by John Allen, who went over each line item. Discussion on fees incurred via use of credit cards. POWA gets charged between 2 and 3 percent on each transaction in addition to \$30 monthly fee.

\* *Motion* to accept budget. Bob Clark/Gerald Putt. Approved.

New executive director – Board received four resumes and all are good candidates with solid backgrounds. Board will accepting additional resumes through 6 p.m. tonight and board will interview two candidates at the Board reorganizational meeting on Sunday morning. Board will follow up with other two at a later date. Board will take comments from past presidents into consideration for the hiring.

Kermit Henning submitted a procedural note regarding the auction at the Carlisle Outdoor Show (Sept. 6-8, 2013). Grants normally awarded during the summer will be awarded after the fall show. This show and auction takes the place of the auction that did not happen in Harrisburg after the unexpected cancellation of that show. Additional donations will be needed since time to gather has been reduced from 10 days to two.

Doyle Dietz suggested that POWA participate in the Allentown outdoor show in February/March, approximately two weeks after Philadelphia show.

New member applicants are Rich Wood, Stephen Wagner and Tyler Frantz, all Active; and Marshall Nych and Karen Wolf, Apprentice.

\* *Motion* to accept new members. Dave

Ehrig/Ben Moyer. Approved.

Supporting member applicants are Ernst Conservation Seeds, Carlisle Sports and Outdoors, Black Knight Industries/Gamma Fishing, P.B.M. Productions, Lackawanna County CVB.

\* *Motion* to accept Supporting members. Doyle Dietz/Bob Ballantyne. Approved.

Bob Clark asked if POWA has a representative to NRA now that they have taken over management of the Harrisburg show. The answer was yes.

**Good of the order:** \* *Motion* to grant honorary member status to Betty Lou Fegely. Charlie Burchfield/Don Knaus. Approved.

Charlie Burchfield attended 2013 POMA conference in Columbia, SC and was impressed by the depth and quality of the programming. He suggested that the POWA membership look into also joining the group.

Kermit Henning said POWA owes a big thanks to Bob Lollo our retiring executive director. Membership gave Lollo a standing ovation.

George Block announced that he was available to set up visits to Henry Rifles. Contact him at number in the POWA directory.

Jon Pries asked for discussion on status of POWA as an organization. Past presidents submitted six-and-a-half pages of recommendations and areas of concern: commentary was distilled into six categories. All comments are posted in the hospitality room for review by the membership at large. Mark Nale informed that a committee will be set up to bring a comprehensive set of recommended changes to the Board for a vote.

\* *Motion* to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. Knaus/Bob Ballantyne. Approved.

– *Connie Yingling,*  
*on behalf of the secretary*

## POWA on the Web

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at [twitter.com/P\\_O\\_W\\_A](https://twitter.com/P_O_W_A)  
and on Facebook through the  
POWA homepage.

# Meeting Minutes

## Reorganization Meeting

May 5, 2013

Quality Inn / Franklin, PA

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Mark Nale. Present: 1st Vice President Don Knaus, Treasurer John Allen, Board Chair Rich Faler, Directors Bud Cole, Doyle Dietz, Brad Isles and Ralph Scherder. Also in attendance were Parlia-

mentarian Dennis Scharadin and Supporting Member Representative Connie Yingling.

**President's report:** Over the past day and a half Nale has filled most committee positions. A nominating committee chair and a few other positions must be filled, but are dependent on who is hired as Executive Director.

**Executive Director interviews:** Four resumes by individuals interested in the Executive Director position were received prior to the conference. The board interviewed determined the top two candidates attended the conference. Both were interviewed separately by the board. Following the interviews, the board discussed the merits and qualifications of each candidate.

\* *Motion* to hire Dennis Scharadin as the new executive director of POWA effective June 1, 2013. Knaus/Scherder. Approved.

**Fall gathering:** Retiring ED Bob Lollo will work with the new Executive Director to set up a fall gathering in the St. Marys area. Activities will be similar to those held during a fall gathering in 2011.

**Membership:** Nale will find volunteers to work with the Membership Committee to develop new membership criteria and have it available for the board to vote on at the fall gathering.

\* *Motion* to adjourn at 10:48. Isles/Cole. Approved.

– Brad Isles,  
on behalf of the secretary

## Board of Directors Meeting

September 21, 2013

Elk Country Visitor Center / Benezette, PA

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Board Chairman Rich Faler. Present: President Mark Nale, Chairman Rich Faler, 1st Vice President Don Knaus, 2nd Vice President Ralph Martone, Secretary Mary Linkevich, Treasurer John Allen and members Bud Cole, Brad Isles, Mary Hosmer and Executive Director Dennis Scharadin. Also attending were Tom Tatum and Charlie Burchfield.

\* *Motion* to approve the minutes of the May 2013 board meeting and minutes of the May 2013 membership meeting. Knaus/Isles. Approved.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Executive Director's Report:** Scharadin reported on the Carlisle Show, which was a big success, the publication of the first directory following the transition of outgoing Executive Director Bob Lollo, and updates on new members.

**President's Report:** Nale stated that he is reaching out to members and working closely with Executive Director Dennis Scharadin. He encouraged all board members to support his top goal: increasing membership by bringing criteria for membership in line with the current market.

\* *Motion* to accept the officers' reports. Isles/Cole. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Allen reported \$2,116 in profits at year-end but noted most will be absorbed by double costs for directory – both of which fell into the current fiscal year. Expenses were down \$4,589 due to the reduction in executive director stipend,

a cost-savings change in credit card vendors, cancelling the storage facility (with materials now stored in Dennis Scharadin's garage), and cutting one issue of *PowWow*.

\* *Motion* to accept the treasurer's report. Nale/Isles. Approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

No other committee reports were filed for or presented at this meeting.

## CONFERENCES

**Spring 2014:** The spring conference will be held May 15-18, 2014, in Shippensburg, Pa, with overnight accommodations at the Shippen Hotel and programs at Shippensburg University. Mike Klimkos is working on events. No new programs were suggested, but Mark Nale encouraged the board to think now about conference locations for 2015.

## OTHER BUSINESS

**Membership Criteria and Categories:** Nale explained that proposed changes to membership will require changes to the constitution and bylaws in order to implement improvements and to broaden categories. Isles will post the changes in the next issue of *PowWow* so all members have a chance to review and approve.

Membership categories have been under review due to the unacceptable and unsustainable drop in members. In response, and following work by committee, the criteria will be altered to reflect changes in the current market and to reach a broader range of outdoor communicators.

Proposed changes reviewed included but were not limited to:

- Addition of a student category (high school graduate)
- Change from the name "Apprentice"

to "Associate"

- Addition of social media and online publishing roles
- Addition of cover photos and art as a larger point value

Following a lengthy discussion and review, the board agreed that Linkevich and Knaus will review again, implement suggested edits and work to streamline the text to make it more user-friendly for prospective members. Martone made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the draft document and to move forward with edits as discussed. The motion also granted Board approval to make any necessary changes in the constitution and/or bylaws to reflect the proposed changes in membership criteria.

**Old Business:** A reminder was made that changes to the POWA constitution were printed in the last issue of *PowWow* for member review and comment. Scharadin will mail the membership a ballot to vote on said changes.

**New Business:** Isles urged the board to brainstorm strategies to improve and broaden craft awards for members. The board agreed that craft awards are a benefit of POWA membership and will work on this, both in committee and individually and discuss at its next meetings.

\* *Motion* to sell most of the outdated copies of the POWA book *Eastern Trail* to Charlie Burchfield at \$5 per copy. Nale/Martone. Approved.

**Good of the Order:** Burchfield was thanked for his work as gracious and welcoming host, and applauded for his careful planning and service.

\* *Motion* to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. Isles/Martone. Approved.

– Mary Linkevich, secretary

# Carlisle Sports & Outdoor Nationals effort aids POWA education fund

By Kermit Henning

POWA participated in the Carlisle Sports & Outdoor Nationals from Sept. 6-8. A generously-sized booth space, provided courtesy of the show management, offered POWA a place to showcase the organization, hand out coloring posters to young people attending the show and provide a forum to host a sportsmen's auction to benefit our education fund.

Generous donations by POWA members, industry members and show exhibitors were on display throughout the weekend, bringing lots of interest for the auction on Sunday, Sept. 8. We were able to raise \$4386 to help fund grants to groups that introduce young



Contributed Photo

**Kermit Henning, left, receives a check for \$1,000 for winning the Celebrity Casting Competition sponsored by the Capitol City Bassmasters at the Carlisle Sports & Outdoor Nationals. The money was donated to the POWA Education Fund to sponsor grants for introducing young people to the outdoors. Also pictured are Bob Herman, Capitol City Bassmasters, and Scott Amig, Carlisle Sports & Outdoor Nationals.**

people to the outdoors.

Special thanks to Smith & Wesson for a very generous donation of a Smith & Wesson Model 629 .44 Magnum stainless steel revolver. They have supported our auctions with a revolver

for many years.

Thanks also to the members and non-members who helped with the show and auction. Mark your calendars for next year's show, which is Sept. 5-7, 2014.



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