

PowWow

Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association

Winter/Spring 2022

Tioga County conference a can't miss

Registration is now open for our May 18-21, 2022 conference in Tioga County. You'll find the registration form in this edition of *PowWow* and you've received an email with the form, as well.

Committee Chair Don Knaus '06 and committee members Linda Stager '16, Chris Espenshade '18 and Lilace Mellin Guignard '20 have planned a great slate of activities and expanded craft improvement/newsmaker sessions.

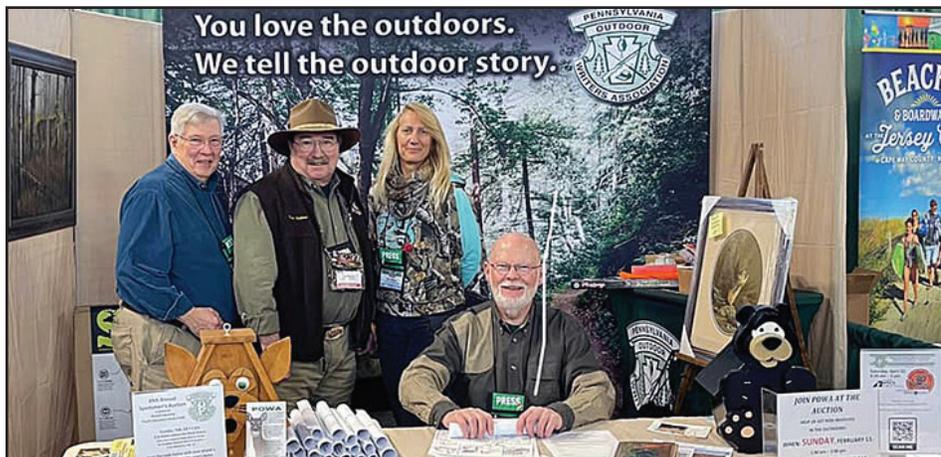
We'll be headquartered at Mansfield University, with its top-notch facilities. Hickory Hall is our home base and the suite-style dorm will allow us to hold all of our Saturday activities in one location – from breakfast through our annual membership

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Linda Stager '16 Photo

The scenic Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, also known as the Pine Creek Gorge, has depths of over 1,000 feet and stretches roughly 50 miles.



Contributed Photo

Among the members and friends who worked the POWA booth during the Great American Outdoor Show in February were, from left, Charlie Burchfield '81, W.T. "Tom Cat" Hindman '20, MSG Marti Mace (US Army - Ret.) and Dennis Scharadin '76.

Auction raises \$10K for youth education grants

Thanks to all who volunteered, donated and purchased items at our 2022 Sportsmen's Auction at the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg.

Sport Show Committee Chair Dennis Scharadin '76, shared a recap of the week:

"On behalf of POWA and myself, I want to thank all of you for making this year's auction a resounding success. According to our resident CPA and Treasurer, John Allen, our net proceeds were \$10,455.22. We had 141 sales and had an average selling price of \$75.

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Member News

Steiner authors book about career

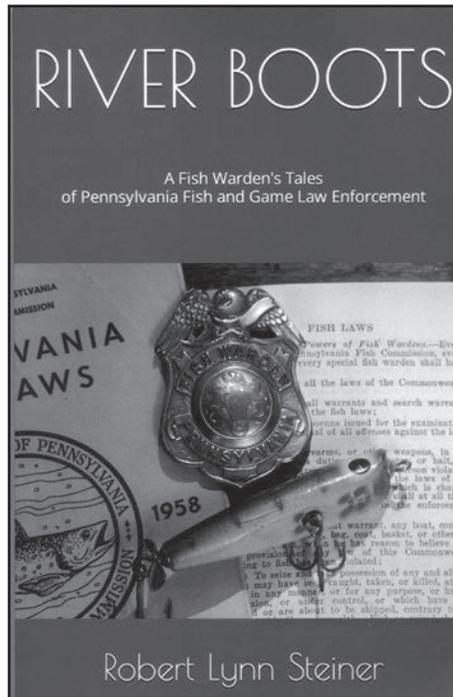
Bob Steiner '84 recently released a book about his career, entitled "RIVER BOOTS – A Fish Warden's Tales of Pennsylvania Fish and Game Law Enforcement." It is available in softcover (\$14.95) and Kindle eBook (\$5.99) from Amazon.com.

Bob describes RIVER BOOTS as a career synopsis, a training manual, a history book and one conservation officer's slightly twisted view of a quarter century in the business. It is a sometimes belly-laughing look at a profession that can turn deadly serious in a second and can leave tears running down your face from laughter a few minutes later.

A longtime, award-winning member of POWA, Bob was the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission officer in Southern Luzerne and Venango counties. He completed his 27-year career as assistant law enforcement supervisor for the PFBC's Northwest Region. Bob was Officer of the Year in 1993 and has worked and traveled throughout the state.

The more than 250 stories in RIVER BOOTS were written for fishermen, hunters, boaters, conservation officers and their deputies, all law enforcement officers and anyone who has an interest in the outdoors. For conservation officers it is a textbook, with the how-tos and the how-not-tos, the whys and the why-nots. For conservation agency folks, it is a bit of nostalgia with a smirk.

Other law enforcement officers will see some intense, perhaps lifesaving thinking, coupled with a "Barney Miller" attitude. Folks considering a job in the agencies will get an on-the-spot look at what they are asking for and will come away eagerly awaiting their turn to join in. The license-buying hunter, fishermen or boater will get a firsthand look at how their license



fees are spent for the good of the sport, the environment and the fish and game resources.

In RIVER BOOTS, you will laugh at the scofflaws and you will laugh at the conservation officers. Mostly, like reading "Notes from the Stream" or "Field Notes" produced by our fish and game agencies, you will grin and chuckle and ponder. The book's 24 chapters include, "Thrills on Wheels," "Trouting Culprits," "Warmwater Culprits," "Things That Go Bump in the Night," "Snakes and Turtles and Frogs, Ah-ha," "Game Calls" and "Sex in the Long Grass (Rated R)."

To answer the question, the original RIVER BOOTS were green, 10-inch leather boots the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission issued with those snazzy green-and-brown uniforms we wore. They leaked.

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President's Message

by Jeff Wolesslagle

I was a bit too young to experience the golden age of small-game hunting in Pennsylvania, but I have vivid memories of my dad often bringing home his limit of pheasants and usually a rabbit or two. He would take them out of his hunting vest and lay them out in the garage to be cleaned while my younger brother and I would marvel at the stunning plumage of the birds.

My dad would examine them closely and often as not, there were some wild birds in the mix. It was a different time when fallow fields and thick hedge rows were abundant on most farms and fur prices were high, keeping some predator numbers low. By the time of my 12th birthday there were still a few pockets of wild birds, but the golden age had come and gone.

As I came of age, I remember hearing folks say things like "Son, you are experiencing the golden age of deer hunting!" or "This is the golden age of smallmouth bass fishing on these rivers!" To some extent there was some validity to those statements.

I would also argue though that golden ages are a matter of perspective. They can sometimes unexpectedly return or become golden ages in a new and different context. There can be no doubt that for those that like to pursue trophy whitetail bucks there has never been a better time in this state than right now. A new and different golden age has emerged.

I have listened intently to others talk about the golden age of outdoor writing. Although the quantity of traditional venues for it have declined and the number of folks doing it may have as well, the quality of some the current work can't be overstated. All you need to do is look at the work that earns our awards every year. The writing, artwork, photography, videography and the examples of marvelous creativity are astounding – and it seems to me that the bar gets set a little higher every single year. It is something that the award winners and the organization should take great pride in.

On a different note, POWA has fresh new displays that we were able to use at the Great American Outdoor Show this year and that we can employ at the Pittsburgh show next year. Not only are they sharp looking and easy assemble, they will also serve as great backdrops for photos at our annual conference.

From the Board Chair...

Regretfully, Mark Demko recently announced his resignation of membership, as well as his seat at the POWA Board. Fellow board members thank Demko for his years of service and leadership.

Where one door closes, another opens. POWA is grateful the one answering was experienced and respected member Gerry Putt. Our fine organization is in capable hands (have you seen one of this guy's countless Game News covers?) Welcome aboard Mr. Putt!

– Marshall Nych
Board Chair



A big thank you to all who helped move this project forward.

Also, a big thank you is also extended to all who helped with GAOS in Harrisburg. We appreciate the effort of everyone involved in staffing our booth and running another great auction that raised over \$10K for youth education. Kermit would most certainly be proud. Thank you also to Jerry Bush who devoted much time and energy to an excellent promotional video that we were able to feature at our booth each day.

I'm also anxious for what is shaping up to be a great conference in May at Mansfield University in Tioga County. The conference planning committee has done a remarkable job pulling it all together.

With those thoughts in mind let me close by saying here is to a bright 2022 and new golden ages!

**SPONSOR 2 NEW MEMBERS IN 1 YEAR
... AND YOUR NEXT YEAR'S DUES ARE
FREE!**

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

POWA individual and supporting member applications are available at www.paoutdoorwriters.com.

Information on the value and benefits of membership is on the website. For more information, contact the Executive Director.

Executive Director's Report

by Paula Piatt,
Executive Director



With sport show season behind us, we can now confidently look forward to spring (and for me, at least, turkey season), with a renewed sense of optimism. Hope does spring eternal!

First on the list would be our 2022 conference in Tioga County. It's really unfair that I get to be involved in the planning, be so excited about what's in store and am only now able to share the great plans of the conference committee with all of you. Registration for the conference is officially open! You'll find more in this edition of *PowWow*, so please take a look and consider joining us in the Northern Tier in May.

Our 2022 membership drive is quickly winding down. We're settling in with 139 individual members and 69 Supporting members – with more applications now in process. We continue to welcome new members (the latest listed in this edition). Many communicate through new technology and while I know our members can certainly help them as they begin their journey, we can also benefit from their knowledge. Networking is a huge part of what POWA can offer; I encourage you to reach out to our newest members and get to know them. That being said, we did lose several members this year who chose not to renew: Jennifer Bilott, George Block III, Mark Demko, Mike Klimkos, John Alan Negich, Maureen Sangiorgio, Kory Slye Mark Alan Sturtevant, Bill Williams, the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau, Mossy Oak and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Of course, we are always looking for additional members. Do you know of someone who could benefit from POWA? Reach out with an application (available on our website) and sponsor someone. Sponsor two new members (individual or supporting) and your 2023 dues will be free – we've got three members who are already halfway there!

Our membership benefits programs keep chugging along... our monthly Spotlight Series with our supporting members (held via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month, January through September) has proven lucrative for several of our members. For individuals, it's a great place for story ideas and contacts that later turn into cash. For our supporting members, the opportunity to make a personal connection is invaluable and, ultimately, will help get your message out.

Our Press Outings Committee has a new chair. Steve Piatt '14 is now working with our supporting members and destination marketing organizations in the east to put together trips that will also translate into opportunities for you. Not all of our members hunt and/or fish, so he's also working on photography, birding, and conservation-related trips. Having once served as the director of communications for the Lake Placid/Essex County (NY) Visitors Bureau, he knows how to put together a great FAM (familiarization) tour!

We'll soon be releasing our new POWA Speaks speakers' bureau listing. If you didn't have the chance to include that information in your 2022 membership renewal, send it along to the POWA

office. Include any topic you feel comfortable in speaking about. The listing will be shared with our supporting members, on our website and organizations around the state looking for speakers.

Throughout this edition, you'll see information about our fundraising efforts. If the last two years taught us anything, it is to be prepared. With that in mind, we have expanded our fundraising for the Kermit Henning Youth Education Grant program to include a Sporting Clays & Wobble Trap Shoot and a partnership with supporting member Whitetails Unlimited '19. Take a look and participate when you can; we have some great opportunities to help kids throughout the state get involved with the outdoors, but we can't do it without the help and support of the POWA membership. Each of our fundraisers requires help and volunteer support. Please consider stepping in when we have a need.

As always, I'm open to suggestions and ideas for other ways we can make your POWA more meaningful. Shoot me an email at ppiatt@paoutdoorwriters.com or give me a call (570-886-1609). I always enjoy connecting with you!

In Brief

Mercer County Lake-to-Lake Paddle Challenge

Those who attended the 2021 Mercer County Conference may remember the information from the local visitors' bureau about the Lake-to-Lake Paddle Challenge.

The date has been set for Aug. 27. It's a timed paddlecraft challenge for all skill levels held on the class 1, Shenango River Water Trail. Participants have the choice of a 30-mile or a 15-mile Challenge. A post-challenge awards ceremony with food and refreshment vendors will take place at the finish line.

More information can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/laketolakepaddle.com/home>. If you have an opportunity to help get the word out, please do so.

New Active Members

Election ballots hitting mailboxes

If you have not yet, you will soon receive your ballot for our 2022 Officers and Board of Directors Election.

Thanks to the hard work of our Nominations Committee (Tyler Frantz, '13, Charlie Burchfield '81 and Dennis Scharadin '76), we have a full slate of officers and board members for our 2022 elections.

There are two board seats on the ballot next year and three candidates: Braden Eisenhower '17, Bob Ford '12 and Ron

Rohrbaugh Jr. '20, are running for the two seats being vacated by Linda Stager '16 and Grey Berrier II '13.

The slate of officers for the 2022 ballot includes President – Kyle Hey '17, First Vice President – Jerry Bush '02, Second Vice President Grey Berrier II '13 and Treasurer John Allen '05.

Please review the ballot when you receive it and return it to POWA promptly. It must be postmarked by May 2.

Changes/Corrections

Returning Member

Support POWA through our Amazon Smile link!

For each of your eligible purchases, Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price.

Point your camera's phone to this code and start shopping:

Or bookmark

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7291889>

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Supporting Member News

Sporting Clays and Wobble Trap Shoot benefits youth fund

Plan to join POWA at Martz's Gap View Hunting Preserve '08 on April 23 for the 2022 Sporting Clays and Wobble Trap Shoot to benefit the Kermit Henning Youth Education Grant Fund.

A big thank you to Martz's for once again hosting the shoot and to White Flyer Targets '18, which is supplying all the birds for the day.

Head to our website (www.paoutdoorwriters.com) for more information and for a link to register. Contact the POWA office (info@paoutdoorwriters.com) if you can help in any way – wither volunteering April 23 or donating to the bucket raffles.



PENNSYLVANIA OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIATION
SPORTING CLAYS & WOBBLE TRAP SHOOT

to benefit the Kermit Henning Youth Education Grant Program

Saturday, April 23
8:30 am – 3 pm



Joint POWA-Whitetails Unlimited banquet planned for July 30

Whitetails Unlimited '19 and Clyde DeHart Jr. are taking the "supporting" in supporting member one step further this year and have offered POWA a unique fundraising opportunity to bolster the Kermit Henning Youth Education Grant Fund.



the board with this generous offer – coordinate with WTU on a fundraising banquet, supply committee support and volunteer help the weekend of the banquet and share 50/50 in the funds raised.

The 2022 banquet is slated for Saturday, July 30 at the Schaefferstown (Lebanon County) Volunteer Fire Company banquet hall.

We are looking to our members to make this evening a success – and there are several ways you can help.

We need 4-8 volunteers at the banquet. You are no doubt familiar with the format – not unlike an NWTF or DU fundraiser – with the games and auctions. We'll be

there to help staff the game tables.

We also need 4-5 people to help set up on Friday afternoon. If you can't attend on Saturday, this is a great way to participate!

We will be selling tickets ahead of the banquet. Do you have a sportsmen's club or organization, friends or family, looking to help the POWA/Youth Education cause? Reserve a table!

As communicators, you're in a great position to help us get the word out. Your column, blog, podcast, social media post – all reach a great audience ready for a fun night of fundraising. Give the banquet a mention when you can.

Reach out to the POWA office (info@paoutdoorwriters.com) or 570-886-1609 with questions or for more information.

Dardevle by Eppinger offers loaner tackle boxes, discounts

Dardevle by Eppinger, makers of the original world famous Dardevle spoon, offers writers traveling on assignment a loaner tackle box program where we will send you a tackle pack loaded with the appropriate lures for the location or region you will be fishing and writing about.

All you need to do is contact John Cleveland, marketing director, and he will set up your custom tackle pack and ship it to



you. We ask in return that our products are featured in some way in the publications that you are writing for, and require a copy of the finished story when it is published.

When the project is completed we ask that you return the box minus any tackle you wish to keep for further adventures.

We also offer writers a 50% discount off factory retail pricing on any purchase done directly with our factory. For more information please contact John directly at our factory in Dearborn, Mich. Email: John@Dardevle.com; Website: www.Dardevle.com; Phone: 313-582-3205.

Pre-conference event recognizes Hunters Sharing the the Harvest

POWA members traveling to Tioga County for the 2022 conference are invited to a media event on Wednesday, May 18 at the Towanda Gun Club as supporting member Hunters Sharing the Harvest '94 accepts \$20,000 in funding from the federal Bradford County American Rescue Act allocation.

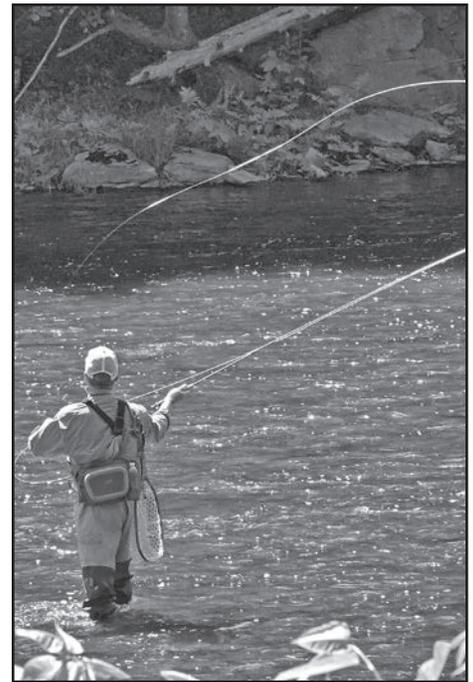
The media event gets under way at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow.

Expected speakers include HSH Executive Director Randy Ferguson, with an update on the 2021 season, the Bradford

County Commissioners and other local HSH partners, including Bradford County HSH representative (and POWA member) Roger Kingsley '16.

Directions to the Towanda Gun Club: located on PA Rt. 187; 2.6 miles south of the Rt. 6 & 187 intersection at Wysox, Pa.

More information will be sent to all POWA members as soon as it becomes available. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to John Plowman, jwp@sharedeer.org by May 10.



Linda Slager '16 Photo

Conference attendees have the choice of any number of high-quality streams when deciding where to cast a line, including the famed Pine Creek.

2022 Anniversary Members

This year, we celebrate and recognize almost three dozen members reaching milestone anniversaries.

5 years of membership: Dave Barus, Jeff Buchheit, Braden Eisenhower, John Hayes, Kyle Hey, Craig Morgan, and JoAnne Zidock.

10 years: Bob Ford, Marshall Nych and Karen Wolf

20 years: Jerry Bush and Ron Steffe

25 years: Bob Frye Jr., Bb Sopchick and Bob Entler Jr.

35 years: Tim Flanigan, Harry Guyer, Jr., Chris Henderson, Karl Power and Charlotte Sprenkle

45 years: Tom Austin

50 years: Alex Zidock

Sporting Members:

5 years: Camp Compass, the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau and Traditions Media LLC

10 years: Happy Valley Adventure Bureau and the Pennsylvania Forest Coalition

15 years: Pennsylvania Campground Owners Association, Wildlife For Everyone Endowment Foundation and Wildlife Leadership Academy

20 years: Bowhunter Magazine and Fish & Hunt Maryland

Conference

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meeting (and our hospitality suite!).

The Excellence in Craft Awards banquet is in nearby Manser Hall.

Hickory Hall is one of Mansfield's newest dorms with suite-style rooms, private baths and open congregate areas to sit and visit. And, with classes over for the semester, we are the only group in the building for the weekend. There are choices in room style; you'll find all that information on the registration form, as well as information on how to reserve your room. Some members may be looking for more traditional housing. Links for properties are included in our Conference 2022 email. (The rate per person per night at Mansfield is \$40. We have not secured any special group rates at nearby hotels.)

Given the excellent fishing and hunting in the area, as well as the many conservation-based activities, the committee has opted to add another day of activities (Thursday), rather than make you choose between so many things. Accommodations and meals are "on-your-own" if you're coming in Wednesday for those Thursday activities. We'll provide information on

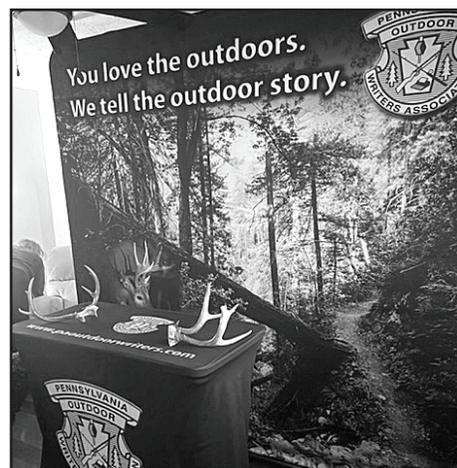
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Auction

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"I want to also give a special thank you to our non-member helpers: Doug Leiby, Jack and Sandy Stoy, Sherrie Shatzer, and Marti Mace, a friend who came from Texas to spend the entire nine days helping with the auction. It was Marti who got our two African safaris and the Florida gator/hog hunt – the three highest sales items of the auction."

Making its debut in Harrisburg was the new POWA show booth. With thanks to President Jeff Woleslagle '10 and Brad Isles '05 for their input and help with the design, we were able to purchase two very portable backdrops and tables. Unfortunately, the Allegheny Outdoor, Sport & Travel Show in Monroeville was cancelled



POWA's new show booth.

and we couldn't staff booth there, but we'll have the booth at our annual conference, where it will serve as a registration table and photo booth for members looking to save and share memories of Tioga County.

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both. Conference Chair Knaus is hosting an on-your-own Wednesday evening get-together, please contact him for information on that (dmknaus@ptd.net).

Our activities are as varied as the opportunities in Tioga County. Each day, you can choose from turkey hunting, trout fishing (for both stocked and wild/native fish), and a guided canoe float/fish on Upper Pine Creek. Day specific activities (see the registration form), include: birding and wildlife photography at The Muck (SGL 313), lake/pond fishing at Mill Cove Environment/Education Center and a CCC Camp Interpretive Hike on the Pine Creek Gorge Rail Trail. (Turkey hunters, please note: firearms check-in will be held at the Doane Center Police Department – they cannot be kept in the dorm. Complete information will be provided for those registering for turkey hunting.)

For guests and spouses, we'll also have a great list of "things to do," as you travel throughout Tioga County. You'll find that in your registration package and there will be links in emails we'll be getting out ahead of the conference

Check-in begins Thursday at noon at Hickory Hall. Our traditional "on-your-own" dinner is set for Wellsboro House Restaurant and Brewery Thursday night where we can re-connect after another year.

Friday night's BBQ is scheduled for the beautiful Mill Cove Environmental Area and Education Center, just outside Mansfield. We'll have the opportunity to relax and enjoy nature and networking at this beautiful facility throughout the afternoon.

After Saturday's breakfast, delivered to the dorm and sponsored by Wildlife for Everyone Foundation '07, we'll start the Saturday's craft improvement and newsmaker sessions. They've been expanded and there are two tracks available. You can mix and match as you're interested.

Our newsmakers include Pa. Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director Tim Schaeffer; DCNR's new director of outdoor recreation, Nathan Reigner; Hills Creek State Park naturalist Jim Mucci with a presentation on bobcats and the PGC's Denise Mitchelltree speaking on The Muck (SGL 313)

On the craft improvement side, we've got sessions on "How to Break In & Break



Linda Stager '16 Photo

Conference attendees also have the opportunity to chase after strutting toms.

Out: Creating a Niche and a Platform," "How to Write Full-Time Through Blogs and Self-Publishing," and an editor's panel where you can connect with both POWA members and editors of state and regional publications with a wide, "non-consumptive" audience.

Saturday's lunch, sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation '09 and Traditions Media LLC '17, is also delivered to the dorm. We'll then have a chance to meet with our attending supporting members and then hold our annual General Membership meeting.

The weekend finale is our Excellence in Craft Awards banquet, sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation '88, at Manser Hall on the Mansfield campus.

In addition to recognizing over two dozen pieces, we'll continue our new tradition of welcoming "anniversary" members to the conference. This year, there are 22 individuals and 10 supporting members celebrating anniversaries. We've also got some new members to welcome!

It promises to be a great weekend of re-connecting with old friend, meeting new ones, enjoying the great outdoors what the Northern Tier has to offer, getting some story ideas and, maybe, taking home one of our EIC awards.

So save the dates and get your registration in by May 5 to enjoy the Early Bird rate.

Tentative Itinerary

2022 POWA

Spring Conference

May 18 – 22, 2022

(Any changes will be posted at conference registration.)

Wednesday, May 18

Members arrive for Thursday activities. On-your-own accommodations with list provided for area availability.

Optional evening meal at the Wellsboro House (contact Don Knaus for details, dmknaus@ptd.net).

Thursday, May 19

Pre-conference activities Thursday morning and afternoon.

Noon – 5 p.m. Check-in, Hickory Hall, Mansfield University

6 p.m. – Dinner on-your-own, Wellsboro House

Following dinner: Hospitality suite, Hickory Hall, Mansfield University

Friday, May 20

Morning activities.

Lunch on-your-own (listing provided).

2 p.m. – Mill Cove Environmental Education Center open for activities, relaxing

6 p.m. – BBQ dinner

Following dinner: Hospitality suite, Hickory Hall, Mansfield University

Saturday, May 21

(All activities at Mansfield University.)

7-8 a.m. – Breakfast, Hickory Hall (co-sponsored by Wildlife for Everyone Foundation)

8 a.m.-12 p.m. – POWA craft improvement sessions, Hickory Hall

12 p.m. – Lunch, Hickory Hall (co-sponsored by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Traditions Media)

1 p.m. – Supporting Member Breakout, Hickory Hall

2:30 p.m. – POWA membership meeting, Hickory Hall

5 p.m. – Reception, Manser Hall
POWAEIC Awards banquet, Manser Hall (sponsored by National Shooting Sports Foundation)

Following dinner: Hospitality suite, Hickory Hall, Mansfield University

Sunday, May 22

Depart

POWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022
May 18-22, 2022; MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY, MANSFIELD, PA
PLEASE COMPLETE EACH SECTION

Name _____ Phone _____ () Member?
 Supporting Member, Company Name _____ () First POWA conference
 Guest/Spouse Name _____

<u>Registration</u>	<i>Cost x</i>	<i># persons = Total Fee</i>
Early Bird by May 6, \$40.00 each	\$40.00 (+\$3 credit card fee if applicable) x	_____ = \$ _____
After May 6, \$50.00 each	\$50.00 (+\$3 credit card fee if applicable) x	_____ = \$ _____

ALL ATTENDEES PAY REGISTRATION FEES, including guests/spouses traveling with members

Meals *For meals that are sponsored, there is no charge (N/C) for registered POWA members and guests of POWA. Non-registered guests must pay for meal (cost in parentheses) Please include numbers for all in attendance for our planning purposes.*

	<i># persons</i>
Wednesday On-Your-Own Dinner, Wellsboro House (contact Don Knaus for information)	_____ = self pay
Thursday On-Your-Own Dinner, Wellsboro House	_____ = self pay
Friday Dinner	_____ = N/C (\$22)
Saturday Breakfast, (co-sponsored by Wildlife for Everyone Foundation)	_____ = N/C (\$12)
Saturday Lunch (co-sponsored by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation & Traditions Media)	_____ = N/C (\$13)
Saturday Awards Banquet (sponsored by National Shooting Sports Foundation)	_____ = N/C (\$24)

**If you have special dietary needs, please include a brief note stating your needs.*

TOTAL MEAL FEES \$ _____

Activities

All activities with participation limits will be first-come, first-served (with a paid registration). Guests/spouses are welcome to join in the activities, however for those with participation limits, active members will be given first consideration. There is a refundable \$20 fee required for each activity. The fee will be returned following participation. Fee will be forfeited if registrant is a no-show Other on-your-own activities may be available, and will be included in conference emails and the registration packet.

Thursday

- Turkey hunting (guides provided if requested) _____
- Trout Fishing on Pine Creek (directions provided, guide if requested) _____
- Brook Trout Fishing (guides provided if requested; bring your own gear) _____
- Guided Canoe Float and Trout Fishing, Upper Pine Creek 7 a.m.-12 p.m. (max 3 participants) _____
- Birding and Wildlife Photography at The Muck (SGL 313) – 1-4 p.m. (max 5 participants) _____

Friday

- Turkey hunting (guides provided if requested) _____
- Trout Fishing on Pine Creek (directions provided, guide if requested) _____
- Brook Trout Fishing (guides provided if requested; bring your own gear) _____
- Lake/Pond/Trout Stream Fishing at Mill Cove Environment/Education Center (5 canoes and 8 kayaks available) _____
- CCC Camp Interpretive Hike on the Pine Creek Gorge Rail Trail (9 a.m.) _____
- Guided Canoe Float and Trout Fishing, Upper Pine Creek 7 a.m.-12 p.m. (max 3 participants) _____

See other side for lodging details

Lodging Details at Hickory Hall, Mansfield University

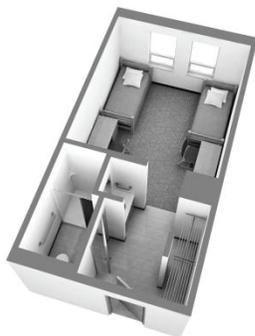
The POWA Conference will be headquartered on the fourth floor of Hickory Hall on the Mansfield University campus. There are four different units available. The cost per person per night is the same for each unit -- \$40 per person per night. There are limited numbers of each unit on the fourth floor; we can, however, move to similar units on other floors once the fourth floor is full. Hickory Hall is fully handicapped accessible with an elevator.

The rooms include beds, dressers and desks, as well as other amenities such as individual bathrooms in each suite, individually controlled air conditioning and heating, microfridge units, and high-speed wired and wireless internet connectivity. The rate stated is for either single or double occupancy, as well as linens. The linen package includes a fitted sheet, a blanket, a pillow and pillowcase, and two towels.

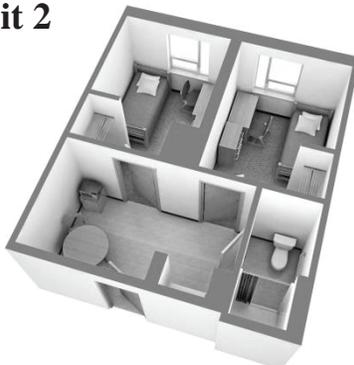
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Visit the Mansfield University website to register: (<https://ssl.mansfield.edu/cll/hickory-housing.cfm>). (If possible, please use the website to register; if you have difficulty or any questions, please call Student Living & Community Programs office at (570) 662-4932. You can also call the Student Living office with questions.

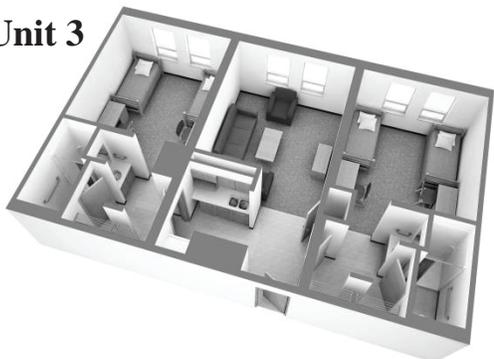
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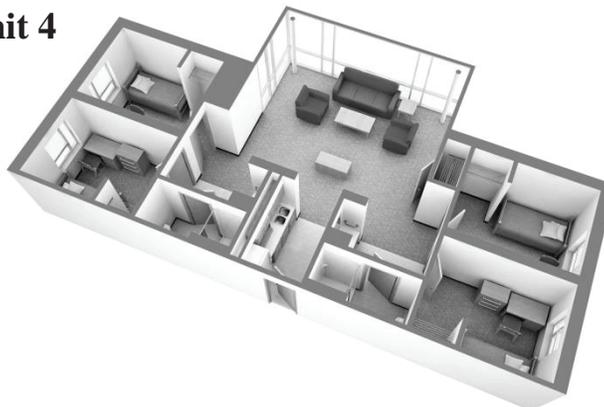
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CONFERENCE TOTAL: (registrations + meals + activitiy fees) Enclose full amount/no partial payment = \$ _____

Make check payable to POWA

Credit Card (\$3surcharge will be included) # _____

Exp. Date _____ **Security Number** _____ **Card Zip code** _____

Send form and check or credit card information to: Paula Piatt, POWA, PO Box 885, Sayre, PA 18840

PLEASE NOTE: LODGING RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE SEPARATELY

Craft Improvement

How to get even more from a POWA conference

By Mark Nale
Craft Improvement

There are many ways to benefit from a POWA conference. Seminars on photography and writing are always educational. “Newsmaker” speakers provide story content or at least a future contact person. Friday’s in-the-field activities give members a chance to see new areas and/or try new things. All of these activities are also opportunities to get to know your fellow members who have knowledge, skills or experiences that might be valuable to you.

There is yet another way to benefit from attendance and that is the focus of this piece. When I need to travel several hours across the state to and from a conference, I make it a point to research points of interest – places that I could stop along the way, if possible. These might be trout streams that I have never fished, a game lands or state forest, a hiking trail, a good birding area, something historical, or scenic. All-the-while I am thinking about how I might be able to use these conference-trip extras in a future article, blog or column.

Our 2021 conference was in West Middlesex, near the Ohio border and about two-and-a-half hours of driving from my home. I did not participate in any of the scheduled Friday morning activities, but instead set out Friday morning with the goal of visiting several state parks that were new to me. I did the same on the return trip the following Sunday, and that included a stop at a rails-to-trails that I had never visited.

I visited Yellow Creek, McConnells Mill and Moraine state parks – spending hours at each. Be sure to grab a copy of the park’s brochure, for they are always helpful. While enjoying these previously unfamiliar parks, I read and took photos of informational signs, walked several miles of trails and attempted to capture the “essence” of each park with photos.

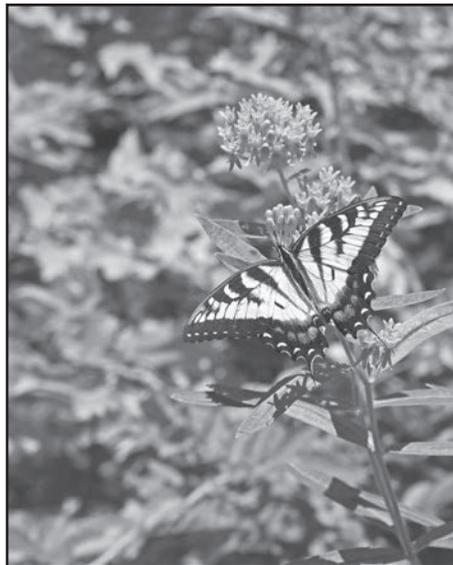
Take photos of as many of a park’s scenic offerings as possible – at McConnells Mill, it was the mill dam, a covered bridge

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Mark Nale '89 Photos

Above, Dragonfly Pond at Yellow Creek State Park. Below left is a Tiger Swallowtail butterfly spotted along a trail at Moraine State Park. Below right the pretty but poisonous Amanita muscaria mushroom at McConnells Mill State Park. At bottom is the scenic Slippery Rock Creek, also at McConnells Mill State Park.



Craft Improvement

Eliminate weak speech and wimpy writing

By Timothy Flanigan
Craft Improvement

Perhaps it's just a pet peeve, or maybe I'm just too critical, but weak speech offends my ear. Why do high ranking politicians and public speakers use such feeble phrases as: "I would like to thank the" – "I wish to thank all those who" – "I hope to express my most sincere" – "I'd like to" – "I want to convey my deepest" "Just wanted to say" – "It is my most sincere desire to express" – and on and on?

If you would like to – hope to – wish to – want to – desire to, or otherwise plan to express something such as "Thank You," do it. Say it positively – without ambiguity. Say "Thank You" boldly and sincerely.

In a group of thank-you notes received from an elementary school class, one message read: "Mr. Flanigan, I would like to thank you for teaching us about bluebirds." Another student wrote, "Mr. Flanigan, Thank You for teaching us about bluebirds." Which note actually said Thank You?

The wimpy phrases of I would like to – want to – wish to – hope to, etc., convey insincerity and reluctance. These limp speech hedgings of sincerity and directness are pervasive in our public discourse.

A local radio minister uses weak speech so habitually that his sermons are studies in insincerity. Each broadcast is closed with a similarly insincere, non-invitation; "We would like to invite you to visit our church some Sunday." That "would like to" engenders a "but," and the mental question – why don't you? When will you?

Next Valentine's Day, try this test of wimpy speech habits. While dining with the love of your life in a romantic setting, reach across the table, clasping his or her hands in yours, look them directly in the eyes, and say, "Honey, I would like to tell you that I love you." Their eyes will betray the instinctively-perceived "but"

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and scenery while walking the Alpha Pass Trail. At Yellow Creek, it was shots of the lake and an accessible fishing pond. I also took photos of butterflies, wildflowers, mushrooms, the trails and birds. I ended up with some "keepers" that will definitely find their way into publication in support of future writing.

As I learned from a conference seminar put on by Linda and Bob Steiner years ago, take photos of scenic elements without people, but also with people enjoying them. Don't be shy about asking people to pose for you – most are happy to. Get their names and addresses if you show their faces in your photos.

This might sound silly, but be sure to take photos of the park signs. I have sold at least 10 such photos over past years. If something newsworthy happens at a particular park or state forest, it would seldom pay to drive there just to take a photo. However, if you already have those



Mark Nale '89 Photo

It's always good practice to take pictures of the park sign. You never know when something newsworthy may happen.

photos, it is a blessing.

When you are considering this year's conference, and what might be a long drive for you, think about how many new places that you could visit along the way – destinations that could provide the basis for future articles, blogs or columns. What new photo opportunities might you encounter? Enjoy the conference, but also enjoy and take advantage of your travel there and back. Opportunities are where you find them.

Treasurer's Report

By John Allen, POWA Treasurer / Expenditures as of January 31, 2022

Income Accounts	Budget 21-22	Actual	% of Budget
Active Members' Dues	7,620	6,820	90
Supporting Members' Dues	6,800	5,200	76
Merchandise Sales	20	6	30
Craft Award Income	5,000	390	8
General Contribution	100	616	-
Spr. Conference (Mercer) Net	2,730	1,380	-
Spr. Conference (Wellsboro) Net	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,270	\$14,412	85%
Expense Accounts	Budget 20-21	Actual	% of Budget
Executive Dir. Stipend	10,800	4,475	41
Pow Wow (Print/Edit)	3,300	1,092	33
Member Awards	4,200	-	-
Membership Directory	850	-	-
Plaque Expenses	1,000	86	9
Office Expenses	500	361	72
General Postage	575	373	65
Insurance	545	-	-
Credit Card Fees	50	22	44
Professional Fees	100	-	-
Marketing	-	2,970	-
Website Expenses	50	191	382
Miscellaneous	100	-	-
Travel	200	35	18
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,270	\$3,391	43%
Net Income	0	\$1,479	

Cash Accounts as of January 31, 2022: General Fund, \$63,460; Youth Education Fund, \$2,961; Scholarship Fund, \$47,618; Jacquelin Knight CD, \$14,436; Emergency Fund, \$9,193. Total Cash Accounts: \$137,668.

NWTF honors Hindman with service award

POWA member Tom “Tom Cat” Hindman ’20, received national recognition from the National Wild Turkey Federation as a recipient of a Roger M. Latham Sportsman Wild Turkey Service Award for his dedication to the NWTF mission.

“As someone who was privileged to meet Roger Latham and avidly read his papers, this award is especially meaningful to me,” said Hindman, a member of the Pennsylvania Allegheny Plateau Chapter.

“Teaching and communicating the values of turkey hunting and conservation is important to me because these values translate into many facets of our everyday life. Boots on the ground, whether it is conservation or teaching hunting, are crucial to ensuring our natural resources and perpetuating our hunting heritage.”

Hindman received one of five Roger M. Latham Sportsman Wild Turkey Service

awards presented at the 46th annual NWTF Convention and Sport Show, sponsored by Mossy Oak.

Hindman was unable to attend and had a close friend accept the award on his behalf.

Hindman’s contributions to the NWTF include hosting turkey hunting clinics for over 20 years, communicating the important connection between turkey hunting and natural resource conservation and how they are applicable in many other areas of our daily lives.

After two decades of teaching turkey hunting clinics, Hindman still develops new and innovative ways of teaching audiences of different ages and backgrounds, all while staying current with regulations and inviting captivating guest speakers on a range of topics.



Contributed Photo

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2021/22 POWA Committees

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Awards	Brad Isles	Gerald Putt
Constitution & Bylaws and Duties Manual...	Caleb Ritenour	Grey Barrier
Craft Improvement.....	Ben Moyer	Ralph Martone
Duties Manual.....	Caleb Ritenour	Brian Kightlinger
Editorial Review	Terry Brady	Brian Kightlinger
Ethics.....	Mark Nale	Gerald Putt
Finance/Budget	John Allen	Linda Stager
Financial Auditing.....	Kyle Hey	Linda Stager
Historical Archives.....	Harry Guyer	Linda Stager
Media (Technology/Website/Publicity).....	Brad Isles	Brian Kightlinger
Membership Audit	Marshall Nych	Marshall Nych
Membership Development.....	Caleb Ritenour	Grey Barrier
Member Screening.....	Doyle Dietz	Grey Barrier
Nominating	Tyler Frantz	Marshall Nych
Outdoor Education	Dennis Scharadin	Ralph Martone
Outdoor Press Outings	Steve Piatt	Gerald Putt
Past Presidents Council.....	Marshall Nych	Marshall Nych
Scholarship.....	Jeff Woleslagle	John Allen
Sports Shows.....	Dennis Scharadin	Ralph Martone
Supporting Member Recruitment	Bob Ford	Jerry Bush
Supporting Member Screening	Don Knaus	Grey Barrier
Ways and Means	Kyle Hey	Jerry Bush

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of insincerity.

Want to revitalize and empower your communication skills? Eliminate weak, ambiguous, and superfluous words. Say IT with simple clarity? If you love her, tell her, “**I love you!**” Express your love, gratitude, wishes, congratulations, etc., directly – without hedging. Congratulate, console, sympathize, invite, and thank your listeners and readers with sincerity, conviction, and courage. Don’t wimp out with an “*I would like to*” or “*I want to.*”

Thank You!

Correction

The Craft Improvement article “The Vertical Pronoun” published in the Fall 2021 *PowWow* was incorrectly attributed to Timothy Flanigan ’87. Its creator, Tom Carney, editor of *The Upland Almanac*, granted permission for its use.



Market News

Pennsylvania Outdoor News '19 – Editor Jeff Mulhollem will consider any Pennsylvania-specific story, and especially news stories. PON is not accepting first-person tales or anything related to businesses such as call-makers, guides or events such as outdoor shows or youth field days. Please send queries and not finished stories.

Crossbow Magazine is looking for speculative manuscripts detailing successful crossbow hunts (primarily deer). Contact Todd R. Bromley at tbrom@live.com for writer's guidelines. Learn more at www.crossbowmagazine.com.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation '09 – Bugle magazine, the flagship publication of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is calling for stories on elk and elk hunting. To learn more about RMEF, submission guidelines and writing tips for Bugle, visit the RMEF website, www.rmef.org and click on Bugle Magazine under the Our World tab. Unless otherwise noted, word counts range from 1,000 to 3,000 words. Deadlines are rolling unless specified.

The Drake magazine wants its fishing stories to be educational and entertaining, not instructional. They don't publish "how-to, where-to" pieces. Check out one of the back issues if you have questions. Good writing is paramount. If you want it published, write it well. Think literary and tell a story. Write about your dog. Make the editors laugh. As for photography, please be creative. No "grip and grins." Editors are also looking for artwork, cartoons, illustrations, etc. All payments are negotiable. Send submissions to: The Drake Magazine, PO Box 11546, Denver, CO 80211, info@drakemag.com. Visit www.drakemag.com.

Gray's Sporting Journal accepts digital submissions only, editorial and photography, and no longer accepts manuscripts via regular mail. No story queries, please. Direct photo queries to our art director, Wayne Knight (wayne.knight@morris.com), and state "gray's photography" in the subject line.

Manuscript length depends on subject.

If you need 12,000 words to tell the tale, then do so. But if you can tell the story in 3,000 or even 1,500 words, then be kind to yourself, your readers, and the editors. Many manuscripts that are well written but just too long are rejected. And manuscript length has nothing to do with pay. To get a feel for what Gray's publishes, review several back issues.

Gray's is published seven times a year, including four themed issues. Because 90 percent of readers are bird hunters, 85 percent are fly-fishers, and 67 percent hunt big game, Gray's is always looking for good upland-bird-hunting, fly-fishing, and big-game manuscripts for these issues and throughout the year. Other subjects of interest include: waterfowl, turkeys, small game, unusual quarry (feral hogs, etc.), sporting adventures in exciting locales, foreign and domestic, and yarns – tall tales or true.

Poetry – Gray's usually publishes one poem per issue, with the exception of the Expeditions and Guides Annual. Tastes in poetry are sufficiently eclectic to consider practically anything, though poems shorter than 1,000 words are preferred.

Features and Yarns – Features may be fact or fiction, hunting or fishing, long or short but no shorter than 1,500 words. Yarns are just that—campfire tales, fact or fiction, and should run from 750 to 1,500 words.

Expeditions – These are travel pieces, pure and simple, and can be to places as exotic as Mongolia or as down-home as Missouri. Take readers hunting or fishing someplace interesting and bring the place to life; the story and the writing are at least as important as where you go and what you caught or shot. Expeditions articles run between 2,500 and 3,000 words; along with a short sidebar detailing the specifics of getting there. Expeditions pieces without quality photographic support accompanied by clearly descriptive captions for each image are not published.

Visit www.grayssportingjournal.com/submissions for information.

Northern Woodlands' audience consists of stewardship-minded people with an interest in all aspects of the forests of the Northeast. Articles and columns

range in scope, and may include subjects such as woodlot management, wildlife species, scat, chainsaw maintenance, woodworking, and reflections on natural landscapes. Editors like to surprise readers with stories they won't find anywhere else. Submissions from writers with varying backgrounds are welcomed, but all should be familiar with the magazine, its contents and audience before pitching. Editors do accept unsolicited manuscripts but strongly prefer receiving a pitch first. Send a short email to pitch@northernwoodlands.org to introduce yourself and briefly summarize the topic you are interested in covering. Please submit clips (no more than three) if you have them. Editors will email you back if interested. Book reviews, features, poems and photographs may be accepted. Visit www.northernwoodlands.org.

Since 1925, **Fur-Fish-Game** has been highly acclaimed as the magazine for practical outdoorsmen. Articles are written to instruct and entertain, by real life, everyday outdoorsmen who hunt, trap and fish year-round. Fur-Fish-Game covers a wider variety of outdoor pursuits than any other magazine. It is the only national outdoor magazine that still publishes a new issue each and every month of the year. Query 2878 East Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43209.

Strung Magazine is a quarterly print magazine with international distribution throughout North America and beyond. Strung is dedicated to mindful outdoor living with a focus on responsible fly fishing, hunting, adventure sports, yoga, conservation and food/drink. While the majority of the content comes from established, experienced writers and photographers, submissions from all interested parties is welcome. Submissions for both print features and online-only blog/social media content are acceptable. Compensation depends on quality/quantity of the submission and type of licensing allowed. All submissions should be sent to editor@StrungMag.com; Dr. Joseph Ballarini, publisher, Strung Magazine, www.strungmag.com.

Meeting Minutes

POWABoard of Directors Meeting

January 24, 2021
Zoom Teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Chairman Tyler Frantz.

Present: Paula Piatt, Executive Director; Tyler Frantz, Chairman; Marshall Nych, President; John Allen, Treasurer; Kyle Hey; Jeff Wolesslagle; Ben Moyer; Ralph Martone; Steve Sorensen, Secretary. Absent: Mark Demko, Randy Ferguson. Absent, excused: Jerry Bush, Doyle Dietz, Ralph Scherder, Linda Stager.

* *Motion* to approve Minutes of the Sept. 27, 2020 meeting by B. Moyer. Approved, as amended to add the ED's email address for members to request a copy of the minutes (and reports). We will do this going forward.

Executive Director's Report: (P.Piatt) As submitted and available in the Google Drive packet (or from ppiatt@paoutdoorwriters.com).

Highlights:

- Membership renewal continues with about 35 individual and 45 supporting outstanding.
- Will Johns Scholarship Information has gone to the schools, with minor changes this year.
- Work continues on the 2021 POWA conference (our 70th anniversary) in Mercer County.
- With the cancellation of the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, we lost our fundraiser for the Kermit Henning Youth Education Grant Program. We are planning a fundraiser shoot to replace that revenue.

Correspondence: (P.Piatt) As submitted; letters were received from Alex Zidock, Bob Clark, the Northern Appalachia Review (P.J. Piccirillo), and the 2020 annual report from the Wildlife Leadership Academy. Paula included a complete record of her correspondence in the Google Drive packet.

President's Report: (T. Frantz/M. Nych) As submitted and available in the Google Drive packet (or from Paul via email).

Highlights:

- Along with this year's challenges, POWA has accomplished some membership milestones (including our first Podcast member) and proved the dedication of our membership.
- Our 2021 conference venue is displaying the utmost flexibility and understanding.
- The 2nd annual POWA Youth Writing Contest was opened up for art and photography in addition to writing. More than 120 children K-6 entered.

* *Motion* to adopt the Officers' Reports by J. Wolesslagle. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: (J. Allen) As submitted and available in the Google Drive packet (or from

Paul via email).

Highlights:

- Reporting at December 31, 2020 (four months into the fiscal year ending August 31).
- Annual revenues are \$6,891 (31% of budget)
- Expenses are \$1,940 behind budget.
- Cash Accounts (scholarship, education, emergency, and other accounts hold \$138,271.

* *Motion* to adopt the Treasurer's Report by R. Martone. Approved.

CONFERENCES

2021 Mercer County: (M. Nych): Potential date change. Radisson hotel in Mercer County is very flexible in light of the COVID pandemic, offering July 29, or Sept. 9 weekends as possible alternatives to our original May 13 schedule.

* *Motion* to reschedule our conference to July 29 weekend by B. Moyer. Approved.

2022 Conference: Possible date in May or July.

* *Motion* to hold 2022 conference in Tioga County and consider a July date by B. Moyer. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All reports are posted in Board Packet. (Available from Paula by email.)

Awards: As posted.

Constitution and By-Laws: As posted.

Craft Improvement: As posted.

Duties Manual: As posted.

Editorial Review: As posted.

Ethics: As posted.

Finance-Auditing: As posted.

Finance-Budget: As posted.

Historical Archives: As posted.

Media/Tech/Website: As posted.

Member Screening: As posted.

Membership Audit: As posted.

Membership Development: As posted.

Nominating: As posted.

Outdoor Education: As posted.

Outdoor Press Outings: As posted.

Past Presidents' Council: As posted.

Scholarship: As posted.

Sport Shows: As posted.

Supporting Member Representation: As posted.

Supporting Member Screening: As posted.

Supporting Membership Recruitment: As posted.

Ways and Means: As posted.

* *Motion* to accept committee reports as posted by B. Moyer. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Constitution & By-Laws changes: (Scherder) Still working on the question of whether we can align membership renewals of supporting members and regular members.

Duties Manual Changes: (Scherder)

Will Johns Scholarship: (Allen/Wolesslagle): Looking into possible changes in programs.

Campfire Elders Criteria: (Moyer) Committee members C. Ritenour and B. Moyer recommend (1.) that members who have been members for 30 years be eligible for this recognition, (2.) that we entrust members to nominate themselves, (3.) that we issue an invitation to members for nominations, (4.) and that we be prepared to begin this at the next conference.

* *Motion* to adopt the above by B. Moyer. Approved.

We need to get an article in *PowWow* so we can get these people in by next conference. Currently we have about 58 people eligible with 30 years of membership.

Toyota Scholarship: (Wolesslagle) The Toyota Scholarship will be used to invite students (juniors and seniors) to conference. A letter will go out inviting applicants to apply for the \$1,000 scholarship (divided by two or three people) and saying our conference is planned for July.

Final Review/Approval of Membership Audit Materials: (Moyer) B. Moyer reports that the audit committee has finished its work.

* *Motion* to approve the revised membership audit criteria as submitted by the audit committee in its report. Approved.

Final Review/Approval of Campfire Elder Program: Addressed above.

Internal Financial Audit Request: (Piatt) P. Piatt is scheduling a date with the committee to get this done before the end of the fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Conference Date: Changed as noted above.

2022 Conference Site Selection: (P. Piatt) As noted above.

Fundraising Shoot at Martz's Game Farm: (Scharadin/Martone) The date will be April 11, 2021. Dennis is working with Harold Daub. John Kline also helping. More help is needed and a call for help will go out in the s newsletter.

PowWow Editor Succession Plan: (Committee Request/Moyer) (See committee report) We need to create a plan to transfer the job to the ED in the event the editor becomes either unable or unwilling to continue. (This is not to suggest we currently have a problem, as B. Isles is happy to continue.)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Printed PowWow: B. Moyer mentioned that he likes the printed copy of PowWow, but if we can save money he would be willing to get it digitally.

Youth Writing Contest: M. Nych updated the youth writing contest; will be updated in *PowWow*.

COVID Response: Several board members praised the way POWA officers and others have handled the COVID issues to reschedule, adapt, work things out as needed, and save the organization money.

* *Motion* to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. by B. Moyer.

Wildlife for Everyone Foundation announces scholarship winners

Four students recently received the annual scholarship awarded by Wildlife for Everyone Foundation to students demonstrating outstanding scholarship and commitment to the conservation of wildlife and natural resources.

Rebecca Burlingame (Bloomsburg University of PA) is a junior majoring in Ecology and Conservation Field Biology with a spatial analysis and GIS minor. She interned at Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Stroudsburg, where she cared for a variety of wildlife and avian species. The goal of her field research is to assess the habitat of tree swallows using their nest feathers. Burlingame plans to use her scholarship money to ensure the tree swallow study continues by funding nesting box repair and other materials. Her future ambition is to work for a government agency on conservation and research efforts.

Cameala Freed (Millersville University of PA) is a senior majoring in Environmental Biology. Freed has researched the impacts of invasive species on threatened and endangered species in the United States and

will present her findings at the Council of Undergraduate Research in April. Freed intends to use her scholarship funds to support research costs and subsidize conference registration fees. Her career goal is to work in a conservation capacity for a non-profit organization such as Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay or Lancaster Conservancy.

Katie Gundermann (Penn State University – University Park) is pursuing a M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. She received a B.S. in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from the University of Delaware. Gundermann has a variety of field experiences working under the auspices of universities and state and federal natural resource-related agencies to conduct research on hoofed mammals. Her thesis assesses the relationship of elk movement in response to changes in reproductive status, forest structure and hunting pressures in Pennsylvania. She is a Graduate Research Assistant in the Quantitative Wildlife Ecology Lab at PSU. Gundermann plans to use her scholarship money to help cover travel costs to the 2022 National Wildlife Society

conference where she will present the results of her thesis. Gundermann aspires to work as a quantitative ecologist for a federal agency such as the U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Arun Regmi (Penn State University – University Park) is a 3rd year Ph.D. student in Forest Resources in the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management. He received a M.S. in Forestry from Mississippi State University and a B.S. in Natural Resources–Forestry from Tribhuvan University in Nepal. Regmi’s research is investigating hunters’ behavior and perception of deer population and management in Pennsylvania. He has published many papers and delivered presentations focused on prescribed fire and optimizing value of pine sawtimber. Regmi intends to use the scholarship money to support his travel to the Wildlife Society’s annual conference where he will present his research findings. His goal is to become a professor of forest management and economics.

For more information, visit www.wildlifeforeveryone.org.



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