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It's Election Time

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Elmer Norberg willingly took on the task of chairman of the Nominating and Elections Committee and did a great job of lining up qualified professionals to run for Chapter offices for the 1978-79 biennium. Please vote for 1 individual for each of the three positions and send the ballot to: Sam McNeill (Secretary-Treasurer), 1540 Warner Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho, 83501. Our bylaws are quite specific about only counting ballots that are received from members who are paid up for 1978, and are postmarked no later than December 10, 1977. So right now while you're thinking about it, make your choices on the ballot, and send it to Sam with your \$1.00 dues for 1978. See next page for names of members already paid for 1978.

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President: / Dean Carrier, Wildlife Biologist, Panhandle National Forest, Coeur d'Alene.
Lanny Wilson, Wildlife Biologist, Bureau of Land Management, Boise.
Vice-President: // Bill Burbridge, Wildlife Biologist, Boise National Forest, Boise.
/ / <u>Lloyd Oldenburg</u> , Game Research Supervisor, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise.
Secretary-Treasurer: / Joe Lint, Wildlife Biologist, Bureau of Land Management, Coeur d'Alene.
Jim Nee, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boise.
Signed:
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Paid-Up Members

According to our records, the following members have already paid for 1978: Loren Anderson, Walt Bodie, Ross Bentz, Paul Dalke, Bill Hickey, Karl Holte, Marty Luther, Scott McLean, Bill Meiners, Bill Mullins, Stu Murrell, Don Nicholson, Bruce Penske, Tom Phillips and Gary Power.

Idaho Chapter and NW Section TWS Dues

If you're a member of our parent organization, you recently received a dues renewal notice on which you have the opportunity to pay Wildlife Society dues at all levels at one time. However, an omission was made on the form for Northwest Section dues. Chuck Meslow, our NW Section representative, asked me to pass the word on that everyone is encouraged to include the NW Section dues of \$3.00 on this form. Just indicate \$3.00 for the NW Section in the appropriate place and include it in the total amount paid. If you paid your Idaho Chapter dues for 1978 this way, just check the right box on the ballot so we'll know you're paid up.

Annual Meeting

Steve Peterson informs me that the annual meeting is set for Tuesday, January 24, at the Student Union Building in Moscow. Put this date on your calendar now as you won't want to miss the program on "improving communication" that Steve's got lined up. More on that in the next newsletter.

Sell Your Wares at Annual Meeting

Last year several people displayed and sold prints of wildlife sketches at our meeting in Boise, and it was a nice addition to our annual event. In an attempt to make the show even bigger this year, a salesperson will be provided to watch over, and sell for you, anything you may wish to put a price on. However, we ask that your merchandise be related to our wild heritage in some shape or fashion. Some examples would include: paintings, sketches, sculpture, photos, craft items made from antlers, rawhide, etc. If you would like to participate, please correspond with President Tom Leege, Box 398, Kamiah, Idaho, 83536, for approval of your sales items and for further instructions.

Award Time

Awards Chairman Jim Peek is waiting for nominations for an outstanding Idaho wildlifer to receive our Chapter's award at the January meeting. I realize that last year's recipient, Maurice Hornocker, is a tough act to follow, but don't let that keep you from making a nomination. Most Idaho wildlifers have jobs less glamorous, but none-theless, important to the wildlife resource, whether it be management, enforcement, information-education, research or whatever. So jot down a paragraph about a person you think has done a good steady job over the years, glamorous or not, and send your nomination to Dr. Peek, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, 83843.

American Motors Award

Nominations are now being accepted for 1978 American Motors Conservation Awards. Chapter members Rod Drewien and Elwood Bizeau were recipients of the 10 awards given to professionals throughout the nation last year. Each award consists of \$500.00 and an engraved bronze plaque. Send nominations by November 30, 1977, to: American Motors Conservation Award Committee, 27777 Franklin Road, Southfield, Michigan, 48034.

Resolutions and Position Statements

On September 20, 1977, your officers sent a position statement regarding the Gospel Hump Area in north-central Idaho to Senator Frank Church to be included in the official hearing record. The statement is too long to be included here, but if you would like a copy, write to your secretary-treasurer.

Your Executive Board met in Lewiston on November 1, 1977, and passed resolutions that:

- 1. recommends that all Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) lands be retained for their present uses and that no INEL lands be converted to irrigated agricultural uses; and
- 2. the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Boise District Office of the Bureau of Land Management undertake a habitat evaluation for, and subsequent transplant of, blue grouse into Western Owyhee County.

Complete copies of these resolutions can be obtained from the secretary-treasurer.

If you would like to submit a resolution or position statement to be considered by the membership at the annual meeting, please send to Resolutions Chairman Dean Carrier, Route 1, Box 249E, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 83814, by January 1, 1978.

Your officers are:

President: Tom Leege, Box 398, Kamiah, Idaho 83536

Vice-President: Jerry Thiessen, P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707

Secretary-Treasurer: Sam McNeill, 1540 Warner Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho 83501