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President's Kooky Korner

Don't look now, but Christmas is almost upon us and only a few penniless weeks later (FEBRUARY 16-17) comes the 24th NORTHWEST SECTION ANNUAL CONFERENCE. It's at Boise in the heart of Idaho's Banana Belt. See elsewhere in this issue for a rundown by Program Chairman Dick Woodworth on plans and arrangements. It promises to be an outstanding meeting.

We get together as a group only once each year, so don't miss this chance to mix with your fellow professionals. Society meetings are what you make them. The Committee will provide a good program and the opportunity to participate. You have to supply the body and the interest!

PAUL DALKE, historian for the Northwest Section, has just completed an arduous task--digging back into a distant and often dim 2½ decades of NW Section activities to come up with a 22 page "History of the Northwest Section, 1948-1972." We have copies and will have them available at the February meeting. Thanks, Paul, for a Society assignment well done, as usual.

The 9th Annual Western Students Wildlife Conclave will be held in the NW Section area in early April, 1973, at Moscow, Idaho, hosted by the University of Idaho student chapter of the Wildlife Society (Steve Mealey, President). Section members associated with colleges and universities are urged to spread the word. A sneak look at the high quality of the conclave program being planned indicates that this student chapter may well be able to teach us "old pros" how to develop a meaty progressive program dialogue.

Resolutions Committee

If you have a worthy resolution which you want the Section to get behind, and haven't already submitted it to Resolutions Committee Chairman Bart O'Gara, it is too late!

As pointed out in the last Newsletter, the deadline stipulated by our present By-Laws for submission of resolutions to the committee is 90 days prior to the annual meeting. The proposed new By-Laws (see text in May 1972 Newsletter) to be voted on at the up-coming February meeting will change that procedure.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee awaits your nominations for the Northwest Section's annual EINARSEN AWARD.

Established by the Section in 1966, the Einarsen Award (a beautiful plaque) has been made four times--to Paul Dalke of Idaho, Ian Cowan of British Columbia, and Phil Schneider and Bill Wick, both of Oregon. Purpose of the award is to recognize individuals for outstanding contributions to the wildlife field.

The criteria which the Committee is instructed to use in judging candidates for the award are: resourcefulness, initiative and planning, powers of observation and interpretation, publications, and any other qualities which have furthered the goals of the profession. The candidate must reside within the NW Section area. Any members of the Section may nominate except those on the Awards Committee. Here's how you go about it.

Write a resume of your candidate's qualifications, emphasizing the above criteria. Send one copy of the resume, along with a photo of the candidate, to Awards Committee Chairman Richard Knight, College of Forestry, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843. Don't delay!! To allow time for circulation of the material and for voting by the 7-man committee prior to the February meeting, the deadline for having nominations in the hands of the Committee Chairman is December 31, 1972. How about some nominations for Washington, Alberta, Alaska, and Montana members--they have some outstanding potential candidates.

ANNUAL MEETING PLANS

Plans for the annual meeting, set for February 16 and 17, 1973, are shaping up well. Chairman Dick Woodworth reports that the program will feature a panel on land-use planning, a multi-media presentation entitled "Ecology and the Economy," and a bevy of technical papers recruited from among the best work being done within the Section.

Time is scheduled for State Chapter meetings. Chuck Sundstrom, 435 Federal Bldg.-US Courthouse, Boise, ID 83702 (phone 342-2711, ext. 2631), will arrange for meeting rooms in accordance with requests from Chapter officers.

You are urged to utilize the block of rooms reserved for Thursday and Friday nights at the Rodeway Inn (the site of the conference). The rates are:

Single occupancy	\$15.50	
Double occupancy	18.50	(\$9.25 each)
3 persons per room	21.50	(\$7.17 each)
4 persons per room	24.50	(\$6.13 each)

Room reservations should be placed through Chuck Sundstrom (address above) by February 5, 1973. Chuck will also attempt to coordinate requests of persons wishing to team up with other conference attendees to share a room and reduce expenses. Separate but equal facilities are available for females who don't relish the idea of bunking with a bunch of snoring guys.

The Rodeway Inn provides free limousine service from the airport, and is centrally located with easy access to the Inter-state Highway.

Ski buffs might wish to try night skiing at nearby Bogus Basin Saturday night, or the blue skies and deep powder on Sunday.

Boise is the cross roads to a lot of places which might make it easy for you to work our meeting in with that trip you have been planning.

Membership

Response to the opportunity to pay dues for past years and prepay dues for future years was positive and significant, with 68% of those responding paying more than one year.

Accordingly, we will continue this policy by providing up-to-date notice of the status of your dues. The numerals in the upper right corner of the address label on your newsletter indicates the fiscal year for which your dues were last paid, according to our records. The fiscal year runs from May through April 30, thus the designation 72-73 would indicate dues paid for the current year. The designation NR indicates we have no record of dues payment to the Section during the past three years and that your address was obtained from the membership list of the parent Society.



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