

A PROPOSAL THAT THE IDAHO CHAPTER ASSIST IN PREPARING
VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION
WHICH WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE PUBLISHED

Justification

We all know of workers who have done good, and even exceptional work, but have never got around to writing it up for publication. This is often the result of (1) not enough time because of the press of other work, and (2) a feeling of inadequacy on the part of the investigator. The latter is particularly true of habitat managers who argue that they are not researchers. However, these fellows often record, with data or photographs, the results of a particular practice they've instigated.

Dr. Tom Scott, in his article in the October 1968 issue of the Wildlife Society News, discussed the need for this type of work to be published. Quite often, employing agencies are unable to provide time and manpower to put the material in publication form because of limited budgets. Therefore, in filling this void by providing the avenue for disseminating this information, the Chapter could make a significant contribution. This proposal would be in keeping with the objectives of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

Ways and Means

Establish a committee of Chapter members, who occupy key positions within their agencies, to select work for our attention. This committee would contact the principal investigator and offer our assistance. Upon acceptance by the investigator and his employing agency, the committee would appoint a writer and an editor to assist the investigator in preparing his material for publication.

A list of Chapter members willing to participate in this project would be developed from which the committee would select the writers and editors.

Sponsorship by the Chapter would involve:

1. Screening and selecting projects
2. Providing personnel to assist the investigator
3. Per diem (or expenses) required for consultation of assistants with the investigator.

Publication could be through any appropriate journal or other outlet, at the committee's discretion.

Authorship and acknowledgments would be determined by mutual agreement of the investigator, assistants, agency, and the committee.

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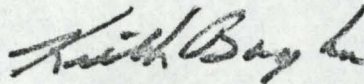
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

According to official records, paid membership in the Idaho Chapter was: 1964 - 30; 1965 - 7; 1966 - 23; 1967 - 15; and in 1968 - 51. The 1968 membership was 19 prior to the winter meeting, April 9, 1968. Fourteen additional memberships were paid at the winter meeting. The summer meeting saw four more members sign up. The Membership Committee accounted for 14 new members during the year.

The Membership Committee was formed July 10, 1968, and consisted of Walt Browne - Coeur d'Alene; Elwood Bizeau - Moscow; Stu Murrell - Lewiston; Dave Neider - McCall; Levi Mohler and Keith Bayha - Boise; Bob Autenrieth - Jerome; Dale Turnipseed - Pocatello; Frand DeShon - Idaho Falls; and Ralph Pehrson - Salmon. This committee signed up 14 members in 1968, 13 in 1969 prior to the winter meeting, and one to the parent society. In addition, over 60 changes in the potential members list were provided. This record is adequate justification for continuance of the Membership Committee.

Of interest is the distribution of the 51 members in 1968 by employing agencies: State - 59%; Federal - 23%; University affiliated (includes students) - 15%; and unknown - 4%.

Respectfully submitted,



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