



## FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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Dr. George Cornwell Vice President Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society University of Florida Wildlife Ecology Lab Gainesville, Florida

## Dear George:

You, of course, and many of the chapter members have heard of my accepting an offer to study Argentine waterfowl for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service starting this April. I will be taking a year to a year-and-one-half leave of absence from my present post with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and will be stationed in Santa Fe, Argentina. Thus, with serious regret I am hereby resigning my post as Florida Chapter president just as I begin to realize that this group is indeed primed for the countdown. This fate of mine is fortunate for the chapter; however, since the leadership will be placed in your more experienced and qualified hands.

While an opportunity for working in South America only strikes once in a lifetime, I hope I will get another swing at Florida Chapter duties in the not too distant future. Serving as a Charter President is the highest professional honor I can visualize in any vocation, and to be associated with the Florida Chapter as I have been and to see the enthusiasm of the 65 plus charter members, I'm convinced that this group is the most dedicated conservationist group in the Southeast. I think we are off to an excellent start, and I'm sure with concerted efforts and proper organization wildlife professionalism will be advanced in the next two or three years to heights we would have never achieved in 20 or 30 years without the chapter. Please pass out my apologies for pulling out on the first round. I wish it were possible for me to personally thank each member for his cooperation.

Best of luck, Mr. President, and I'll be back to give you some assistance in a year or so.

Sincerely.

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