

FLORIDA CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

January 18, 2007

Mr. Manley Fuller
Florida Wildlife Federation
2545 Blairstone Pine Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32314-6870

Dear Manley:

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society is pleased to announce that Ms. Vanessa Oquendo is the student scholarship recipient for the 2006-2007 academic year. Vanessa is a senior at the University of Florida and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. Vanessa was selected on the basis of her financial need, extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership, professional potential, and personal goals.

We greatly appreciate the National Wildlife Federation's continued support of this scholarship. We will begin soliciting applications for the 2007-2008 academic year in August and hope you will encourage potentially deserving students to apply.

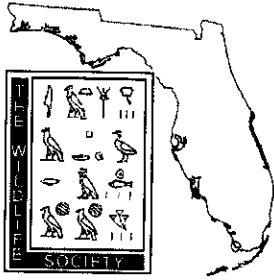
Many thanks again for your contribution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria B. Zondervan".

Maria B. Zondervan, Chair
FLTWS Scholarship Committee
975 Keller Rd.
Altamonte, FL 32714
mzondervan@sjrwmd.com
(407) 659-4872

cc: Steve Rockwood, President FLTWS



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Mr. Larry Perrin
National Wild Turkey Federation
5300 High Bridge Rd.
Quincy, FL 32351

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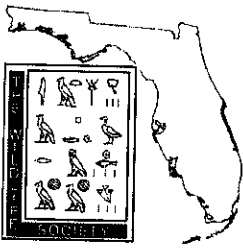
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January 18, 2007

Ms. Vanessa Oquendo
37010203 Keys Complex
Gainesville, FL 32612

Dear Vanessa:

On behalf of The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Florida Wildlife Federation, I am pleased to present you with the enclosed check for \$1000 as this year's recipient of our Scholarship for Undergraduate Students. We hope this award will help you achieve your academic goals, and we look forward to the professional contributions we are confident you will make in the future.

We would like to more formally acknowledge you at our Spring Conference, which is being held on April 11-13, 2007 at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort at Marina Cove (St. Petersburg). Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to attend so we can plan accordingly. I can be reached at (407) 832-4242 or mzondervan@sjrwmd.com.

Thank you, and congratulations!

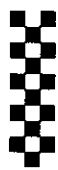
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Maria B. Zondervan
FLTWS Scholarship Committee Chair
C/O St. Johns River Water Management District
975 Keller Rd.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Enclosure

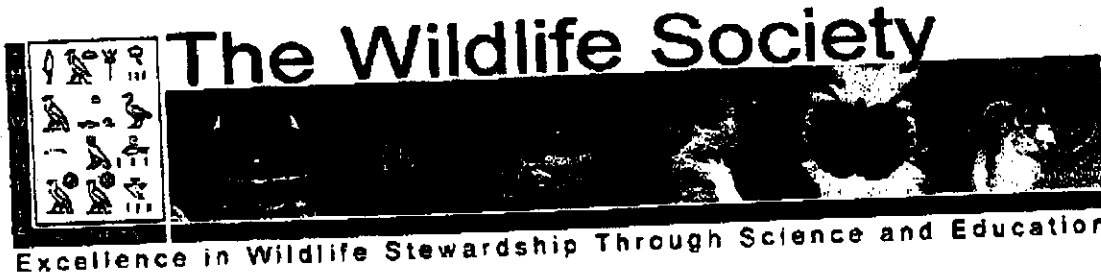
cc: Steven Rockwood, FLTWS
Larry Perrin, NWTF
Manley Fuller, FWF



Fax to Steve
Rockwood

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**PROPOSAL TO SEAFWA DIRECTORS
TO SUPPORT THE LAUNCH OF *THE WILDLIFE PROFESSIONAL*, A NEW
MAGAZINE TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

Michael Hutchins, Ph.D.
Executive Director
and
Philippa Benson, Ph.D.
Director, Publishing and Information Resources
The Wildlife Society
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The Wildlife Society (TWS) is requesting \$25,000 from SEAFWA and member state agencies to help support the launch of its new magazine, *The Wildlife Professional*. The quarterly magazine will be written in a highly readable and engaging style and will cover significant wildlife science, news, and events from across North America and around the world. It will also report on a wide variety of topics of core interest to wildlife professionals such as law and policy, health and disease, tools and technology, ethics, professional development, and education. The magazine will be distributed both in print and online, with the online version containing many additional features and resources.

The need for *The Wildlife Professional* is immense for a host of reasons, primary among them being that Wildlife Society members, like so many other professionals today, are working in a culture of information overload. Society members, such as professional wildlife managers in the field, policy makers, and academic researchers, often lack the time to study the full range of technical publications they receive that report on the science, which underpins and drives sound wildlife management. In fact, a recent survey of thousands of Society members indicated that they both wanted and needed a readable, practical, management-related source of information and news tailored to help them in their day-to-day work.

To meet this clear demand, TWS has planned a "Newsweek" style magazine to be launched in early 2007. *The Wildlife Professional* is designed to be a source of news, information, and debate on a wide variety of topics of interest to a broad range of individuals working in wildlife biology, management, conservation, and related fields (see attached Promotional Issue with sample pages and Contributor Guidelines).

As part of the effort to improve timely communication of wildlife related science and sound management practices, TWS also plans to point magazine readers to further resources available on the TWS website. For example, if the magazine had a feature article of the management of wildlife on and around golf courses, we would build a set of Web resources related to that article, such as a compilation of best practices, a sampling of golf courses that developed or used those practices, and/or an online bibliography of peer-reviewed research on which those practices have been based. Students, young professionals, and other computer-savvy professionals will find these kinds of linked resources extremely helpful in assisting them in their studies and jobs.

We believe that the launch of *The Wildlife Professional* has the potential to double or even triple the size of TWS' membership, especially in conjunction with other progressive changes presently underway at our organization. Currently, TWS represents only one-quarter of biologists working in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Geological Survey (the Service's research arm). However, that being said, a recent survey conducted by TWS, USFWS, USGS, and Cornell University indicated that TWS is the most popular professional society among federal wildlife biologists. By increasing membership of state, provincial, and federal biologists, TWS could help to promote professionalism and science-based approaches to wildlife management among those who manage our natural resources. In addition, greater numbers will expand the expertise available and strengthen the political clout of TWS's Government Affairs program.

The Wildlife Professional will, we believe, become the primary informational conduit to thousands of state, provincial, and federal wildlife professionals in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and beyond. It will also link these experts to specialists in other communities, including non-governmental conservation organizations, public advocacy groups, and other organizations dedicated to or interested in the conservation of global biodiversity. In addition, it will help TWS link on-the-ground resource managers to the best available science in a popular format that can be easily understood.

Overall Costs and Other Contributors To Date

A donation from SEAFWA and/or member state agencies would be used to support all aspects of the magazine's launch, including graphic design, editing and writing, associated website development, photo acquisition, and launch events.

The overall cost for launching *The Wildlife Professional* is estimated at \$250,000. This budget would fully cover the on-going costs of graphic design, editorial staff, electronic conversion and dissemination to support the development of Web-based information, and related production expenses. TWS has already invested substantially to develop the initial start-up of the magazine and is now actively developing a business plan to sustain the magazine into the future. We've already received some financial support for our efforts, including a \$25,000 donation from The Nature Conservancy, and \$4,500 from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts Editorial Department, where a database on Human Populations and Natural Resource Management is being developed as a public resource. While TWS has been very frugal in its startup costs, we are poignantly aware that we need additional funds to achieve the full potential impact of *The Wildlife Professional*.

We have shared our plans with wildlife professionals, as well as professional society publishers in our arena, and without exception all have expressed great excitement about the content, the print-online linking, and the other potential services that the magazine can offer. The breadth and strength of support for the publication can also be seen in the amazing Editorial Advisory Board the magazine now has; Board membership is a volunteer position, and many prominent individuals in wildlife science and management fields have signed on to help us shape and sustain the magazine. They believe, as we do, that *The Wildlife Professional* can meet the enormous need for an effective and usable communication vehicle to inform and connect all those who are responsible for the day-to-day management and care of our precious wildlife resources.

Donor Recognition Plan

TWS will work with SEAFWA to develop a donor recognition program that would meet SEAFWA's and/or state fish and wildlife agency's needs and be appropriate to the size of the gift or gifts. Many ideas could be considered, including one-year subscriptions for a limited number of SEAFWA and/or agency employees, a certificate of recognition, listing of the SEAFWA name and logo in the magazine with other significant donors, and a free ad in the magazine.

October 2, 2006

Mr. Stephen V. Rockwood
President
The Wildlife Society
3200 T.M. Goodwin Rd
Felismere, FL 32948

Re: **Capital Circle Southwest
Public Meeting: Project Kick-Off**

Dear Mr. Rockwood:

The Leon County-City of Tallahassee Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency is excited to share with you that we are beginning the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study to evaluate future improvements to Capital Circle (State Road 263) between Crawfordville Road (State Road 61) and Blountstown Highway (State Road 20), a distance of approximately 6.7 miles. The PD&E study will be conducted in accordance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Agency guidelines. The study will evaluate alternative alignments as well as the existing alignment. Several viable alternatives will be developed and evaluated in order to address the project needs while taking into account the Blueprint 2000 & Beyond "Project Definitions Report," prepared by the Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee in 1999, and the Lake Bradford Sector Plan, conducted by the Tallahassee/Leon County Planning Department.

Please join us at the first public meeting, scheduled for **October 19, 2006 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at FSU Research Foundation, 2000 Levy Avenue, Building A, Seminar Room.** A map illustrating the meeting location is enclosed. Project information will be available for review from 6:00 to 6:30 and the Study Team will make a presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. The Study Team members will be available before and after the presentation to discuss details of the project or any citizen concerns.

The purpose of the meeting is to share with citizens the project scope and schedule, and review our understanding of community concerns raised in the preliminary corridor study for Capital Circle Southwest. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for interested citizens to share their ideas and concerns.

We thank you for your interest and participation in the project and hope to see you at this public meeting as we begin the PD&E study for Capital Circle Southwest. If you have any questions, please contact either Ms. Margie Pelkey or me at the address or phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

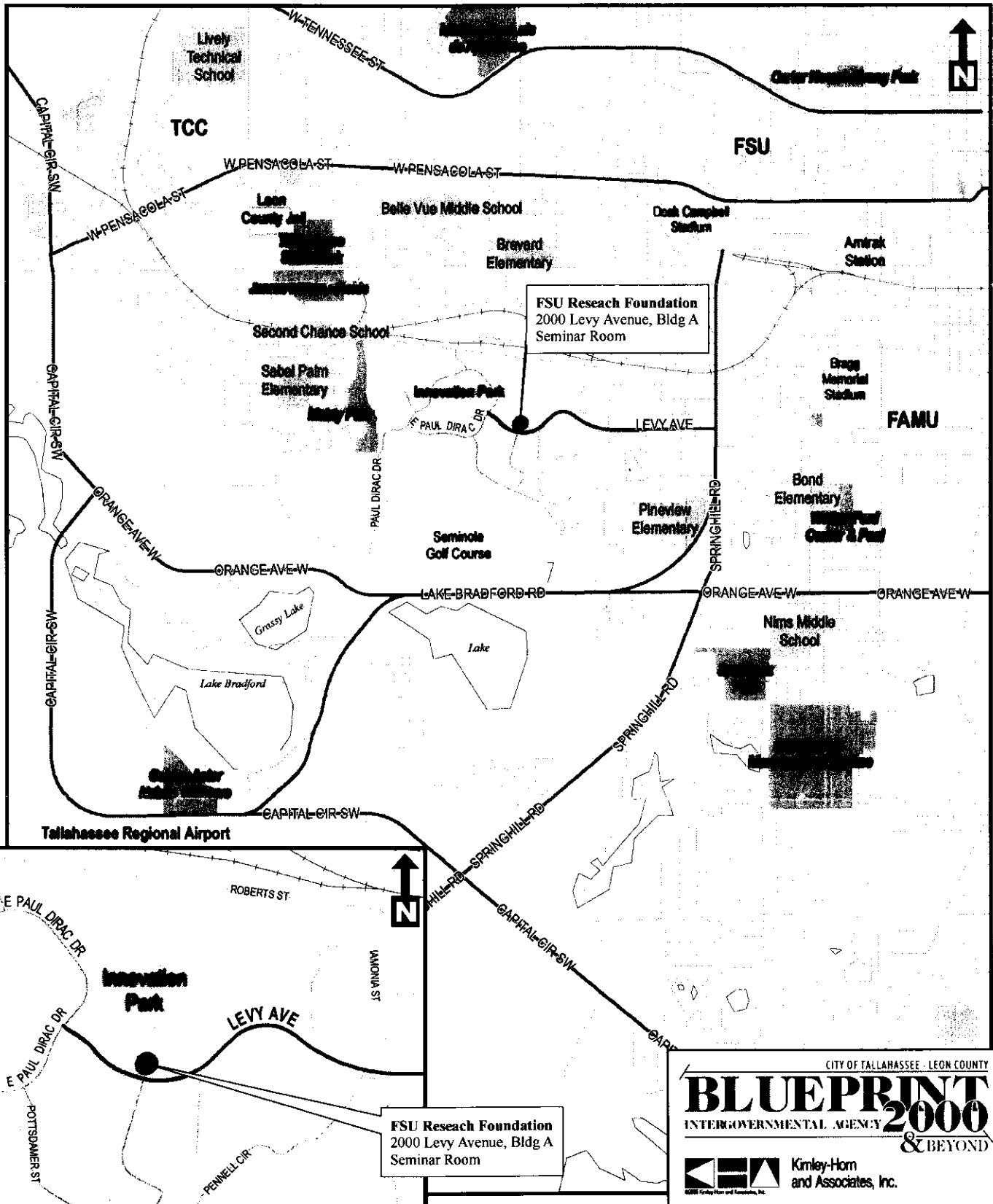

Jim Davis
Executive Director

This public meeting will be held in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any person needing special accommodations should contact Blueprint 2000 & Beyond via written request, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. TDD users may call 1-800-955-8771 or 711 via the Florida Relay Services.

Attachments: Project Study Limits; Meeting Location Map

Capital Circle Southwest PD&E Study

Kick-Off Meeting Location Map



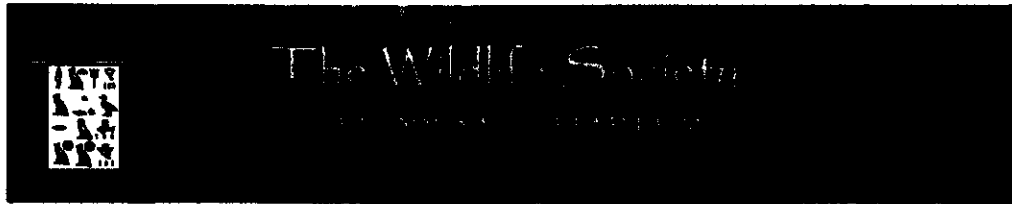
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STATE ACTION PLANS: THREE YEARS LATER MEETING



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Phone: 321-726-2862
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Other principles involved:
Chris Wynn, Chair
The Wildlife Society, Florida Chapter, Wildlife Legacy Initiative Committee
Email: Chris.Wynn@MyFWC.com
Phone: 386-758-0525

References:

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Director, Environmental Department
Glatting and Jackson, Inc.
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jexum@glatting.com

Carrie Sekerak, Biologist
Ocala National Forest, U. S. Forest Service
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The completion of the State Wildlife Action Plans in every state and territory is a historic event for wildlife conservation in the United States. These plans were designed to create a proactive and strategic vision for conserving all wildlife and vital natural areas before they become too rare and costly to protect. Approximately one year after the completion of these plans, action plan coordinators from 42 states and territories were brought together with partner agencies and organizations in August 2006 to exchange information, collaborate on products, and develop new approaches to common challenges in implementation.

However, due to the increasing pressures placed on the environment, these plans must continuously evolve and remain adaptive by nature.. Likewise, action plan coordinators need to collectively review and update their respective state plans.

As a follow up to the one year after meeting held in 2006, the Florida Chapter of the Wildlife Society is requesting assistance from Doris Duke Charitable Foundation to host a State Wildlife Action Plan symposium to be held in conjunction with The Wildlife Society's (TWS) National Conference in 2008. The Florida Chapter of TWS will host the National Conference in Miami, FL and is responsible for organizing special workshops and symposiums. The purpose of this symposium is to bring together action plan coordinators, wildlife biologists, agency administrators, academia, and wildlife researchers to exchange ideas and information and to develop new approaches to increase the effectiveness in implementing state wildlife action plans.

The proposed grant assistance will be leveraged with existing Florida Chapter TWS resources to address many of the eight funding priorities as outlined by The Wildlife Conservation Society. First and foremost, conducting the proposed symposium in conjunction with the TWS National Conference will raise the awareness and elevate the profile of State Wildlife Action plans among the anticipated 1500 individuals who typically attend the TWS National Conference. Secondly, the symposium will work towards identifying State Wildlife Action Plan components that have been successful and can serve as a demonstration model for others states to follow. Additionally, the symposium will be designed to focus on projects that integrate plan priorities with other state/federal/local and non-governmental organization (NGO) planning efforts, and apply funding resources from a multitude of conservation entities.

The total project cost is estimated at \$10,000 (\$7,500 from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and \$2,500 of in-kind services from the Florida Chapter TWS). Funds requested from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation will be used to provide a travel stipend for invited guest speakers and action plan coordinators to attend the symposium and to produce necessary educational materials generated for the symposium (i.e., symposium agenda, published abstracts, handouts, copies

The symposium and associated funding sources would be recognized within The Wildlife Society's 2008 National Conference Booklet. Results will include the improved functions of State Wildlife Action Plans thus ensuring future generations that they too, will have a chance to enjoy Nature's rich and diverse wildlife and natural places.

of power-point presentations and discussion notes, etc). The remaining \$2,500 will be generated from in-kind services provided by Florida Chapter TWS and assistance from other organizations such as the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in planning for this event. This will include preparing and submitting a formal request to TWS for conducting the symposium during the 2008 national conference, developing an agenda, similar to the "one year later meeting" found at www.teaming.com website, soliciting abstracts covering specific topics as they relate to the action plans, and moderating the symposium itself to generate effective dialogue relevant to the successes, challenges, and shortcomings of State Wildlife Action Plans.

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Bolt, Mary R. (KSC)[DYNAMAC CORP]

From: O'Meara, Tim [Tim.OMeara@MyFWC.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 8:59 AM
To: Bolt, Mary R. (KSC)[DYNAMAC CORP]
Subject: FW: Award Recommendations
Attachments: PM Herp award nomination; RE: Winter Board Meeting

From: O'Meara, Tim
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 3:45 PM
To: Rockwood, Steve
Cc: Perrin, Larry; (rmasters@ttrs.org); (Rosi.Mulholland@dep.state.fl.us); Main, Marty
Subject: Award Recommendations

The Awards Committee voted unanimously to recommend the attached nomination of Mark Bailey, Jeff Holmes, Kurt Buhlmann, and Joe Mitchell for the Paul Moler Herpetological Conservation Award. Could you please convey this recommendation to the Board?

To date I have not heard back from a majority of the Committee concerning whether we want to recommend the attached nomination of Manley Fuller for the Herb Kale Award that we received last year. By copy, I am asking the Committee to let me know in time to advise you before the January 23 winter board meeting if they want to support this nomination. I will advise you if we get a majority positive vote in time.

Also by copy, I am asking Larry if he can arrange the plaque, assuming the board approves the recommendation.

Thanks for handling the recommendation. Sorry I won't be able to make the meeting.

Timothy E. O'Meara
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FLTWS Winter 2007 Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 2007
Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Titusville, FL

Tentative Agenda

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- III. Treasurers Report.
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 - b. 2007 Student Scholarship Award
 - c. Chapter Rep. To serve on FWF exotics committee
 - d. Revised membership survey
 - e. Spring Elections
 - f. Requests for Donations (several)
 - g. North American Model of Wildlife Conservation
 - h. Items from Board Members?
- VII. Adjournment

Slide show of sponsor logo's
Donation of FLTWS merchandise to other groups/org for advertisement purposes
Shane Moohney SEAFWA speaker for talk of FLTWS Spring Conf.

Florida Meeting Planners guide to Carrie
Annual Report Notice to Steve

National requests for \$ for techno leap (see letter)

Agenda items:

- 1) UCF donation- per Carrie's forward
- 2) post card for member interest- per Brian S
- 3) bulk email for job announcement question- per Brian S.
- 4) FSECC follow-up- Brian S.

Student Scholarship award

Bill G
Chris W
Steve S.

Presented Fire for Wildlife Session

Fl. Wildlife Federation

Nominations for Herb Kulp
Paul Moler

FLTWS Summer 2006 Board Meeting
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Update Website
Committee Members

Bolt, Mary R. (KSC)[DYNAMAC CORP]

From: LMacdonald [lmacdonald@defenders.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2005 9:24 PM
To: O'Meara, Tim
Cc: LMacdonald
Subject: The Wildlife Society, Herb Kale Award, Fuller
Importance: High
Attachments: Nomination of Manley Fuller for the Herb Kale Award 11.05.doc

Tim,

I am nominating Manley Fuller for the Herb Kale award. If this email and attachment are not sufficient and a more succinct write up is needed, please let me know if a Monday submittal will be acceptable. Also, please let me know if I should seek additional endorsers.

I am attaching a document forwarded to me by David White, Regional Director of The Ocean Conservancy who formerly served as the Board Chair for the Florida Wildlife Federation.

Nominee's full name: Manley K Fuller, III
Present position: President, Florida Wildlife Federation
Address: 2545 Blairstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301
Phone number: (850) 656-7113

Nominator's name: Laurie Macdonald, Florida Director
Defenders of Wildlife, 233 Third Street N., Suite 201, St
Petersburg, FL 33701
lmacdonald@defenders.org, (727) 823-3888

Endorser's name: David White, Regional Director
The Ocean Conservancy, 449 Central Avenue, Suite 200, St
Petersburg, FL 33701
dwhite@oceanconservancy.org, (727) 895-2188

Manley Fuller has combined science, advocacy and his wonderful ability to build rapport with people of diverse perspectives to become a leader in Florida's conservation movement. Working at all levels -- from local projects, to state policy and on to national conservation programs, Manley has been instrumental in protecting the future of wildlife and the natural systems on which we all depend.

Thank you for considering Manley as a Herb Kale Award recipient,

Laurie Macdonald

-----Original Message-----

From: O'Meara, Tim [<mailto:Tim.OMeara@MyFWC.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 2:45 PM
To: LMacdonald
Cc: Rosi.Mulholland@dep.state.fl.us; rmasters@ttrs.org;
mbma@mail.ifas.ufl.edu
Subject: RE: Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society Herbert W. Kale, II
Award

Laurie

I think Manley would be a good nominee. I would appreciate it if you would write it up. Thanks.

Timothy E. O'Meara
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-----Original Message-----

From: LMacdonald [<mailto:lmacdonald@defenders.org>]
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2005 9:07 PM
To: O'Meara, Tim
Subject: RE: Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society Herbert W. Kale, II
Award

Tim

Has Manley Fuller ever received this award? Is it appropriate to nominate someone who has scientific background but works in the nonprofit sector? If Manley is a qualified recipient I would be glad to write up the nomination.

Laurie

Laurie Macdonald
Florida Director, Defenders of Wildlife
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St Petersburg, Florida 33701
727-823-3888

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lmacdonald@defenders.org

From: O'Meara, Tim [mailto:Tim.OMeara@MyFWC.com]
Sent: Fri 11/4/2005 1:09 PM
To: fltwsmembers@fltw.org
Subject: Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society Herbert W. Kale, II Award

Dear Florida Chapter of the Wildlife Society Member:

The Florida Chapter of the Wildlife Society's Awards Committee (me, Ms. Rosi Mullholland, Dr. Ron Masters, and Dr. Marty Main) is seeking nominations for the Herbert W. Kale, II Award. The Herbert W. Kale, II Award was created in 1996 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated an ability to balance effective wildlife advocacy with the practice of wildlife biology and who have made a significant contribution to the conservation of Florida's natural resources. Florida has a distinguished history as home to many outspoken environmental activists who also were renowned wildlife professionals. Herbert W. Kale, II exemplified these dual qualities during a career that spanned four decades in Florida. The person considered for this award does not have to be a member of the Florida or parent chapter of The Wildlife Society. The recipient must display an ability to effectively communicate on both a technical and popular level. The recipient must bring a multi-dimensional approach to Florida environmental and wildlife issues.

Please give some serious thought to nominating a deserving colleague for this award. Send any nominee's full name, present position, address, and phone number; the nominator's and an endorser's names, addresses, and phone numbers; and a clear and concise statement justifying the nomination (one page will suffice) by December 1 to:

Timothy E. O'Meara, Committee Chair
Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
620 S Meridian St
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600
(850-488-3831)
Tim.O'Meara@myfwc.com
<mailto:Tim.O'Meara@myfwc.com?subject=Herb%20Kale%20Award>

Nominations will be accepted each year, but an award may not be conferred annually. Nominations received by December 1 will be considered by the Awards Committee and the Executive Board of the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society during its regularly scheduled Winter Board Meeting. The Awards Committee and Executive Board, acting as the Selection Committee, may confer a maximum of one award per year,

1/23/2007

to be presented at the Spring Membership meeting. Nominations will not be carried over from one year to the next, but may be resubmitted for consideration. The recipient will receive a decorative plaque from the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Information on previous recipients can be found at:

<http://fltws.org/index.php?module=subjects&func=listpages&subid=3>
<<http://fltws.org/index.php?module=subjects&func=listpages&subid=3>>

Thank you for your help in identifying a worthy recipient for this award.

Dear Florida Chapter TWS Funding Task Force: As most of you are aware, this task force is involved with several issues including: annual fund raising for our spring conference; fund raising associated with the 2008 National TWS Conference; and providing assistance with establishment and fund raising associated with an endowment fund for the FCTWS.

Now that establishment of the endowment fund has been approved, we need to get this fund going and your comments on below "draft" endowment fund proposal would be appreciated.

The general concept is to establish an endowment fund so that the generated interest, and/or investment returns, can be used by the FCTWS in the conduct of its business, particularly as it may relate to implementation of our Strategic Plan. No timeline or targeted amount for the endowment fund has been established (although \$800,000 was given as a general estimate to fully implement the original Strategic Plan). However, some simple rules governing the fund's operation and management need to be established. In this regard, I offer some initial ideas, so that perhaps we can provide an "endowment fund proposal" for consideration by the Executive Board at their next meeting (Jan. 2007). Fortunately, several members of the Funding Task Force are also on the Executive Board.

Please review and comment on the following:

DRAFT

Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society Endowment Fund Management and Operation

- 1. Oversight of the Endowment Fund will be provided by the Treasurer. Records will be maintained differentiating the "principal account balance" from the interest and/or investment returns such that the "generated revenue," which represents useable capital, is easily denoted.**
- 2. In March of each year, the Treasurer should transfer all checking account funds in excess of \$12,000 into the Endowment Fund as "principal" funds.**
- 3. Endowment Funds should be managed and invested as appropriate and consistent with any rules associated with non-profit organizations. One possible approach would be to "invest" at least a portion of the endowment funds into a 3-year "ladder" CD program.**
- 4. Interest and/or investment returns that are generated by the endowment account would be available for FCTWS use based upon Executive Board approval. However, emphasis should be placed on growth of the endowment fund in its initial stages with reinvestment of the generated funds a high priority.**

5. The "principal" endowment funds would only be available for emergency use. The Executive Board will determine what constitutes an emergency on a case by case basis.

My idea for the above, was to keep the management of the endowment fund as simple as possible and not place too much of a burden on the Treasurer, who already has a significant work load. Perhaps the Treasurer can designate an Endowment Fund Manager that would take on these duties. However, the Bylaws should probably be changed to include endowment fund oversight as a duty of the Treasurer, but the specific aspects for its operation need not be included, particularly since these may be changing as we move forward and learn.

With respect to item 2 above, the month and checking account threshold are for discussion purposes only. It may be that May or June would be the more appropriate month as this would be after our Spring Conference, which incurs our greatest yearly expenditures. Also, the checking account threshold will need to be dynamic from the standpoint that it will obviously need to increase over time.

With regard to investment options, Steve Rockwood (after several beers at the fall meeting) agreed to explore this issue with TWS National to determine how their endowment fund is invested and what regulations or limitations exist, if any, that may be relevant to non-profit organizations.

With regard to a "ladder CD program" mentioned in item 3, this is a simple investment process where one third of your investment amount is placed in a 1-year CD, one third is placed in a 2-year CD, and one third is placed in a 3-year CD. Each year these funds change position on the ladder, thus the original 1-year CD is converted to a 3-year CD when its term is completed, and the 2 other CD's automatically move down the ladder. In that way we are never more than 1 year away from converting the CD into checking account funds (if necessary) and the funds in all the CD's remains available (with penalties) if an emergency occurs.

We also need to discuss activities to help our newly created endowment fund grow and start working for us. The 2 sources of funds are from FCTWS members (a group of folks that tend to have limited financial resources) and "outside" contacts, businesses, and organizations. With respect to our membership, I think that we can periodically (annually?) ask for endowment fund contributions and perhaps other avenues such as estate options, requests for portions of income tax returns (money that may be somewhat more available since it is outside of the normal paycheck), etc., but whatever ideas we pursue, we (i.e., the Funding Task Force) probably should be willing to participate in ourselves, at least to some extent.

With respect to outside funding avenues, we should solicit contributions from known contacts and follow-up on potential new leads. It could be that we may be successful in

getting support from a "heavy hitter", or 2, that could make a significant contribution to our fund.

I've rambled enough, but I sincerely would like your input on any and all of the items that I have discussed, plus others that I did not think of. Particularly, I would like to get your thoughts on the management aspects for the endowment fund so that we can have a draft proposal available for consideration at the next board meeting. It would therefore be beneficial if you could **provide me with your comments by December 15, 2006.**

Thanks you very much. Larry

Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Summer Board Meeting
 EMS Office, Deland, Florida
 August 15, 2006
 Draft

Attendees: Arnold Brunell, Steve Rockwood, Garry Balogh, Kristee Booth, Dale Gawlik, Eric Tillman, Jay Exum, Vanessa Oquendo, Brian Scheick, Jim Schortemeyer

Absent: Steve Stiegler

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	President Steve Rockwood called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.	
Reading of the Winter Board Meeting Minutes	Garry motioned to approve the minutes with a few minor changes, Jay seconded, and the motion passed.	Approved
Report of Treasurer	Steve S. was not present to give the report but Steve R. provided us with a monthly account balance since the Winter Board Meeting. January: \$16,353; February: \$16,195; March: \$20,217; April: \$23,163; May: \$22,891; June: \$21,736; July: \$21,736 Arnold wants to see breakdown of registration fees, sponsorships, donations, etc. separately to compare. Arnold thought we had >150 people register for the spring conference which was about 50 more than we planned.	Steve S. to provide Membership Chair w/ new member info. Steve S. to provide a breakdown of Spring Conf income.
Report of Committees	Steve R. reported that he asked the committees for an update of issues to raise with the Board. A few committees did have something to report.	
Audit	No Report	
Awards	No Report	
Budget/Funding Task Force	Larry was not present but see V. Old Business c.	
Certification	Brian said there was no activity to report.	
Program	No Report	
Conservation	Steve R. reported that he and Becky have been busy writing letters and statements. He has copies of the letters and the responses to some of the letters. Kristee asked for copies of all of them for the official file.	Steve R. to provide Kristee with copies of all letters and responses for the file.
Membership	Kristee reported the Committee Chair, Kristina Sorensen , will need to be replaced since she will be leaving the state soon. Kristina said she needed the Spring Conference registrants' new member information that Steve S. has. Question was asked if we give automatic membership with conference registration still. Arnold answered no; they are charged \$10 extra for membership. Membership usually peaks due to conferences. Jay motioned that if and when Kristina vacates her position Brian Scheick will become committee chair; Arnold seconded and the motion passed. Brian accepted the position and will see Kristina to go over the duties and database.	Steve S. to give the new membership info to the Chair. Brian will get with Kristina to learn what the chair does and the database.
Education	No Report	
Information	Steve R. reported that the Chair, Hugh , will retire next year and has asked to be	Find new

	replaced at that time. Steve R. and Hugh have been working on Partnering for Wildlife Initiatives and implementing CWCS. Steve R. will let Hugh discuss the Chair position with Leslie. (Update since the meeting: Leslie has left the state to pursue a Masters Degree in Wisconsin, therefore we need a newsletter editor replacement immediately.)	newsletter editor asap. Find new Information Chair.
Scholarship	No Report	
Nomination	Steve R. reported that Larry wants replaced on this committee. Jay suggested John Humphrey as a replacement. Steve R. suggested Paul Moler as a replacement. They will be asked to consider the position.	Steve R. will discuss the position with the nominees.
Web	No Report	
Student Chapter Report	Vanessa reported that she is editing the vice president's folder for the new v.p.; it mostly contains Beast Feast info. The student chapter is hosting a booth at the "Welcome to UF Day." She explained they want to get a hands-on project on campus this year. The road clean-up is still on-going. The Beast Feast was a huge success and will occur at the same time and place in 2007. They are still looking for mentors. They also want to do more public service projects such as help with the river clean-up. 6-10 students are interested in attending the Fall Business Meeting. Arnold asked if the students had any ideas for the future Spring Conference. Vanessa stated that the students liked the time to interact with the professionals and ask them questions. The Spring Conference Poster Session was a success. The students liked the more informal and social aspects for talking with people and presenting. He reported that students would now be charged a "student fee" for future conferences/meetings.	
OLD BUSINESS		
Strategic Plan	Jay led the discussion on the committees' changes to the Strategic Plan developed at the 2005 Fall Business Meeting. Some of the changes are the following: Conservation Committee wants quick and easy access to the membership survey, a button on the website that links the committee's email directly on conservation issues, membership and conservation committees to work on the membership survey, and change wording of regional conservation committee if it is within the Strategic Plan. Information Committee Chair mostly wanted to add action items and not make actual changes to the Plan; change newsletter editor to Information Chair, delete some specific entries that are now handled automatically and electronically. Funding Committee wants to consider use of the website for funding and donations. They also want the Plan updated to show the status of items. How do we accomplish this? Dale and Arnold thought to put the status of items in an Appendix. Steve R. thought this could be accomplished every 2 years in a Summary Report when the Strategic Blueprint is update. Steve R. decided that in the Fall the President-Elect or Past-President will evaluate the status of the Actions of the Strategic Plan, prepare a report of the findings and present it at the Fall Business Meeting. This would be separate from the 2 year review. At the 2006 Fall Business Meeting, Jay will present the Strategic Plan update and status report of findings.	Jay will present the Strategic Plan update and status report of findings at the Fall Business Meeting.
FLTWS Workshops	Steve R. introduced Jim Schortemeyer (an OPS employee with FWC whose job is to provide training) to discuss holding a prescribed fire burning class. Jim has developed a course called Prescribed Fires for Wildlife. Steve R., Larry, and Jim, as Chapter members, have taught the 2.5 day course that includes field activities. There is a Basic Prescribed Fire class that can be taken but is not a pre-requisite for this class. There is an inter-agency course as well that is week-long and provides certification. He has partnered FWC with Division of Forestry, Hillsborough Community College and others to sponsor the class. FWC is co-sponsoring training April 17-19, 2007. The vendor contract will be between FLTWS and the Corbette Youth Camp (where it will be held). Registration will	Arnold to look into the logistics of using the website for registration and the timing of the Spring Conference. Steve R. will

	<p>be completed through TWS website. The issue of liability was raised by Arnold. Maybe we should get Executive Board Insurance. Eric asked how often the class will be offered. Jim said it would be offered yearly or every 2 years. Brian asked if the locations are the same for every class. Jim said he has used 3 locations and likes moving them around. Steve R. asked Arnold to look into the logistics of using the website for registration and the timing of the Spring Conference. Arnold motioned that the Board approve co-sponsoring the workshop pending Steve R.'s approval after discussion with the website gurus and the logistics have been worked out. Dale seconded, further discussion ensued and then the motion passed.</p> <p>TWS will co-sponsor a workshop on amphibians with the Society of Wetland Scientists October 5-6, 2006 in Palatka at the SJRWMD office. The information is on our website. Jay asked what our sponsorship mean? Steve R. said nothing in this case. We are advertising on our website but no expenses will be incurred. Expenses were not as high as once expected, so no cost to us.</p>	<p>discuss logistics, etc. with the website gurus and Arnold and if ok, will approve the workshop.</p>
TWS 2008 National Conference Planning	<p>Steve R. said that since Carrie was not present we would not discuss this but that the Fall Business Meeting would focus on the 2008 National Conference Planning.</p>	
Funding Task Force Update	<p>Steve R. reported that Larry wants the entire committee to have a lunch or breakfast meeting to work through at the Fall Business Meeting. Brian S. asked why TWS is not on the annual state charitable campaign (FSECC) list. Arnold had looked into it. We'd have to work with DMS to get onto the list but it is not a bad idea to pursue. Arnold said we need to speak with National about sponsorships and other ideas that may be outside of National's boundaries for the 2008 Conference. Jay asked if those who are going to Alaska need to do anything to prepare for it and the 2008. Steve R. said that Carrie mentioned some things and that they should brainstorm before going and while there. Steve R., Jay, Carrie, Maria Zondervan, John Humphrey, and possibly Kristee will be attending the National Conference in Alaska.</p>	<p>Brian will talk to DMS to see what needs to be done to get on the FSECC list.</p>
Update on part-time Executive Director	<p>Steve R. reported that he had talked with Frank <u>Monobano</u> back in the spring and that he said he could do some lobbying and work for us in Tallahassee at a reduced rate and some pro-bono work as well. Frank was not in attendance today. Steve R. and <u>Hugh</u> met with the Florida Wildlife Federation. They have thousands of members. <u>Manly</u> Fuller is their Executive Director with 3-4 staff positions. They lobby in Tallahassee heavily- related to conservation issues. For \$100 FLTWS can join the Federation as an affiliate. Steve R. spoke with Frank about joining the Federation. Frank thought it would be a good idea and that they would do a good job for us. Steve R. asked the Board to approve joining the Federation at the \$100 affiliate level. Arnold questioned if there would be any issues with the National Chapter due to any stance that the Federation might take. Jay motioned to pursue affiliate status in the FWF for the next year and assess its effectiveness and appropriateness 1 year from now; Kristee seconded; and the motion passed.</p>	<p>Steve R. will do what's necessary to have FLTWS join the FWF asap.</p>
NEW BUSINESS		
Position Statement on Exotics	<p>After reviewing the position statement, Arnold questioned that we did not address the policy-makers enough, discussion ensued. Jay motioned to accept the final draft of the statement and present it to the Chapter at the Fall Business Meeting for approval pending another review of the National statement; Arnold seconded; the motion passed.</p>	<p>Steve R. will check the National statement.</p>
Proposed Committee on Implementing CWCS	<p>Steve R. discussed the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies and Florida Wildlife Legacy Initiative. Steve R. wants to create a committee on how to address how TWS can be a part of it. Teaming with Wildlife is building coalition support to get more funds. TWS can work with them for funding and with the FWC to address strategies for the Legacy Plan. Steve R. suggested having 3-4</p>	<p>Steve R. will contact James Gragg, Kevin Kemp and Deb Hanson to see</p>

	TWS members to work with the Coalition and the Legacy Plan. James Gragg, Kevin Kemp, and Deb Hanson are Legacy biologists who can comprise the committee. Steve R. will contact them to see if they will be on the committee; the Board approved.	if they will be on the committee.
Fall Business Meeting	Arnold reported that not many hotel rooms have been reserved for the Fall Meeting. He will send out a Fall Meeting reminder. Tentative meeting agenda is the following: Wednesday: Business meeting and social; Thursday: AM-Strategic Blueprint and 2008 Conference, Afternoon-Conference Committee meetings, tours, etc., Evening- Restaurants; Friday: Workshop.	Arnold will send out a meeting reminder.
Other Board Items	<p>Steve R. asked the Board to consider sponsoring the National Conference in Alaska. The Board did and voted not to sponsor/donate to the conference.</p> <p>Arnold wanted to discuss the benefits to past Herb Kale Award winners. He suggested that TWS pay for their registration and/or banquet dinner at subsequent conferences so they will still come and interact with conference attendees. They already receive a lifetime membership. Steve R. suggested only paying for the banquet dinner or two if the spouse attends.</p> <p>Workshop, plenary and keynote speakers are often negotiated on a case by case basis. Steve R. says they usually pay their own way, but if we have to foot the bill we could add the cost to the registration fee. Arnold reported that we have paid for rooms for some speakers and did not charge them the registration fee.</p>	
Meeting adjourned	Arnold motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dale seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.	