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ARTICLE I - NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

- Section 1. Section 1. NAME - The name of this organization shall be the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society.
- Section 2. AREA - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the State of Montana.
- Section 3. CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION - The Montana Chapter shall conform to the Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. (hereafter referred to as The Wildlife Society).

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

- Section 1. OBJECTIVES - Consistent with the objectives of The Wildlife Society, the Chapter objectives are:
- a) To advocate the cultural (ethical, aesthetic, and practical) values of wildlife resources to the people of Montana
 - b) To promote the sound stewardship of wildlife resources;
 - c) To advance the science and art of wildlife management; and
 - d) To promote and maintain high professional standards of members.
- Section 2. IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes:
- a) To focus the aims and objectives of The Wildlife Society on wildlife problems, issues, and events in the State of Montana;
 - b) In the case of wildlife problems arising in the State of Montana, to notify The Wildlife Society and recommend action if appropriate;
 - c) To improve public understanding and support of scientific management of wildlife;
 - d) To evaluate and publicize findings of investigation of proposed or enacted actions that could affect wildlife;
 - e) To provide opportunities for better liaison between the individual members and the section and national officers;
 - f) To recognize and commend outstanding achievement in the profession; and
 - g) To provide a common meeting ground for wildlife workers.

¹ The Wildlife Society was incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER YEAR

Section 1. YEAR - The Chapter's operating and fiscal year shall begin on March 1 and extend through the last day in February. The Chapter's financial reporting follows The Wildlife Society's calendar year schedule.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. VOTING MEMBER – Voting membership in the Montana Chapter shall be available to any voting member of The Wildlife Society who resides or conducts professional activities within the organizational area of the Chapter (Article 1, Section 2). Only Chapter Voting Members may hold office in the Chapter, vote on official matters affecting The Wildlife Society, and officially represent the Chapter on business of The Wildlife Society by Board or officer appointment.

Section 2. OTHER MEMBER - Other membership in the Montana Chapter shall be available to any person who, although either not a member of The Wildlife Society and/or resides and works outside of the Chapter's organizational area (Article I, Section 2), has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter. Other members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges and responsibilities of Chapter Voting Members, including voting in Chapter elections, except those reserved for Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Section 3. CHARTER MEMBER - Voting and Other Members in good standing on the membership rolls as of January 1, 1964, shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 4. HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary Members of the Montana Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of Chapter Members, have been thus recognized for their achievements. A Chapter Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary Members who are voting members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Chapter Voting members (Article IV, Section 1). Honorary Members who are not voting members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Other Members (Article IV, Section 2). Candidates for Honorary Membership may be submitted by any Chapter member to the Executive Board, which will then submit the name(s) for voting in the Chapter newsletter or at the Annual Meeting.

Section 5. DUES - Annual dues of \$24.00 (or as determined by a majority of the membership) shall be payable in advance to the Treasurer no later than March 1. A reduced cost of half the regular annual dues may be offered to students and retired members. Members who have not paid The Wildlife Society shall lose their status as Voting Members of the Montana Chapter.

Section 6. RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chapter's Secretary, or will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid.

Section 7. REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues or resignation may be reinstated into membership in the Chapter upon payment of the current annual dues.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. **NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE** – The Board or, a three-member Nominating and Elections Committee shall solicit the names of two candidates, when possible for each of the elective positions before the annual conference; namely the President-Elect, and every other year the Secretary or Treasurer depending on which position is coming open.

CLAUSE A - All nominees must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

CLAUSE B - Prior approval shall be obtained from nominees.

CLAUSE C - The names of the nominees shall be submitted to the membership at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

CLAUSE D - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of 6 or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

CLAUSE E - Nominees for offices in the Montana Chapter must be members of The Wildlife Society in good standing and they will not be eligible for the same elective office for more than two consecutive years.

Section 2. **BALLOTING** – Electronic or written ballots shall be sent or mailed to all members by the Secretary not later than December 15. These ballots shall be returned to the Secretary by the date of the Annual Meeting and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections committee. For ballot-counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office by the membership.

CLAUSE A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their right to vote during the period of their delinquency.

CLAUSE B - A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

CLAUSE C - The candidates receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected and shall assume their duties at the close of the Annual Meeting. No one may hold more than one elective position simultaneously.

Section 3. **OFFICERS** - Officers of the Montana Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Their duties are:

CLAUSE A - **PRESIDENT** - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers, shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, the Chairs of all regular and special committees, shall preside as Chair at meetings of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating and Elections Committee. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint alternative representatives to other chapter, section, or Wildlife Society Council committees or meetings.

CLAUSE B - **PRESIDENT-ELECT** - The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of, or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform those duties assigned by the President to include the duties of Program Chair. The President-Elect shall serve until close of the Annual Meeting of the calendar year following this election and at that time shall be installed as the Chapter President for the succeeding

year. In the event the President-Elect cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President pro tempore.

CLAUSE C - SECRETARY – The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the membership files and general records of the Chapter, and shall submit membership reports at the Annual meeting. Duties also shall include the recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership roles, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting notices.

CLAUSE D - TREASURER - The treasurer shall be responsible for the financial statements, records, and files, and funds of the Chapter, and shall submit complete financial reports at the Annual Meeting. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds, and general management of the financial affairs of the Chapter in accordance with the Chapter bylaws and under guidance of the financial committee.

CLAUSE E - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be made up of the above named officers and the Past President.

CLAUSE F - PAST PRESIDENT - The Chapter Representative to the Administrative Board of the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society will be the Past President of the Chapter. The Chapter Representative shall represent and serve as liaison to the Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter area, and serve as a contact among the Section, Chapter, and members in their respective areas. The Representative will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routine Section business.

Section 4. **TERM OF OFFICE** - The term of office of the President-Elect, President, and Past President shall be for subsequent, one year terms coinciding with the Chapter's operating and fiscal year. The term of office of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be for staggered three year terms coinciding with the Chapter's operating and fiscal year. Elected officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting and take office immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Section 5. **VACANCIES** - If the office of the president is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elective office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be voting members of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. **REGULAR MEETINGS** - Regular meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

CLAUSE A - ANNUAL MEETING - A regular meeting held in January or February shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise. The Annual Meeting will include a program of formal prepared papers.

CLAUSE B - MEETING NOTICE - The members must be notified at least one month prior to annual meetings and at least 10 days prior to any special meetings.

CLAUSE C - QUORUM - A quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall consist of over fifty percent of the membership or twenty-five members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board meetings, three members of the Executive Board.

CLAUSE D - MEETING RULES - Order of business and parliamentary procedures at Chapter meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision. The order of business shall be:

- 1) Reading of the minutes, Secretary and Treasurer's reports and communications
- 2) Committee reports
- 3) Committee appointments
- 4) Unfinished business
- 5) New business
- 6) Program
- 7) Adjournment

This order of business may be modified or dispensed with at social or educational meetings.

CLAUSE E - BYLAWS - The Bylaws of this organization shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board any time, provided due notice (Article VI, Section 1B) and the purpose of the call is given.

CLAUSE A - Only those items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

CLAUSE B - All clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to special meetings.

Section 3. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS - The President may call meetings of the Executive Board as needed. The first Executive Board meeting shall be held before April and a program developed for the year.

ARTICLE VII - MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

Section 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Montana Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers and the immediate Past President.

CLAUSE A - CONDUCT - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Wildlife Society. The Executive Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting. Any action of the Executive Board may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Voting Members attending a membership meeting.

CLAUSE B - ATTENDANCE - Members may attend Executive Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2. REPORTS - Within twenty days after an election or other official action(s), the Secretary shall report such action(s) to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, the Northwest Section Representative, and the Northwest Section President. An annual report shall be forwarded to these same parties by the President. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted by the Treasurer to the Executive Director in January of each year for Federal tax reporting by The Wildlife Society office.

Section 3. Section 3. FILES - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing:

- a) Bylaws of The Wildlife Society and the Chapter;
- b) Minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board;
- c) Correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs;
- d) All committee reports;
- e) Financial statements and records; and
- f) All other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board.

A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary and Treasurer. An "Operations Manual" provided by The Wildlife Society will be maintained by the Chapter President. A written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and The Wildlife Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 4. RESOLUTIONS, POSITION STATEMENTS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - Two or more members may submit resolutions or statements to the Resolutions and Public Statements Committee (Article VIII, Section 2E) for possible consideration by the Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Executive Board and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new policy items must be approved by two-thirds of the Chapter membership voting or be made available for Montana Chapter member review and comment, and then approved by the Montana Chapter Executive Board. If approved, the resulting resolution or statement must be transmitted to The Wildlife Society, the Northwest Section or the Central Mountains & Plains Section representative to council (depending on issue relevance) and that section's President. Actions falling within previously established Montana Chapter policies may be carried out by any Montana Chapter officer upon unanimous approval of the executive board.

On issues where there are no previously established Chapter policies and that demand action on a reasonably short notice, the President, or designated representative, may present a Public Statement on behalf of the Chapter provided that:

- a) The concept of the statement be brought to the Executive Board's attention and is accepted by them prior to public issuing of the statement; and
- b) Copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after public issuing of the statement.

Furthermore, the Montana Chapter may issue statements pertaining to subjects in its locale:

- a) When the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Wildlife Society; and
- b) In the absence of existing position statements by The Wildlife Society.

SOCIETY POLICY:

The Montana Chapter will not issue statements that may be in conflict with the policy of The Wildlife Society without prior approval of the Society's Council. All statements will follow the [Subunit Policy Guidelines](#). The membership, The Wildlife Society, the section representative, and section president or presidents of the chapters within the section must receive copies of any resolution, position statement, or public statement within 15 days of such action.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. APPOINTMENTS - The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing Chairs of all regular standing committees. Committee Chairs shall complete their committees with assistance of the President. All Committee Chairs shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and Secretary before the close of each Annual Meeting.

Section 2. DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

CLAUSE A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - See Article V, Section 1.

CLAUSE B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons working or residing within the Chapter's organizational area to become members of The Wildlife Society, the Northwest Section, and the Montana Chapter. The Committee shall also recommend Honorary Membership for deserving individuals in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.

CLAUSE C - PROGRAMS - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least two months prior to the meeting date. The President-Elect shall serve as Chair of the Program Committee.

CLAUSE D - EDUCATION AND INFORMATION (PUBLICITY) - This committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic wildlife management concepts and of Chapter and Wildlife Society activity and interests.

CLAUSE E – CONSERVATION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - This committee shall:

- a) Review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Montana Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Montana Chapter;
- b) Prepare white papers on critical wildlife issues, and other issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Montana Chapter;
- c) Receive proposed position statements, resolutions, and public statements from two or more members at any time, and shall prepare, submit, and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 4.
- d) Communicate with The Wildlife Society's Director of Government Affairs to elevate local or regional issues that may have national or international significance or precedent setting.

The composition of the committee shall consist of at least three members, including a minimum of one representative from each geographic region (western and eastern regions) within the Montana Chapter, the Past-President of the Montana Chapter, and the Conservation Affairs Committee Chair (who may be one of the three preceding committee members) as appointed by the Montana Chapter President.

CLAUSE F - AWARDS - This committee shall consist of at least three members, one from each geographic region of the Chapter.

Committee members shall be eligible as award candidates and may nominate candidates for

award recipients. Committee members shall recuse themselves from voting on any award where a conflict of interest exists.

1) AWARDS: Five awards are authorized by the Chapter: a Distinguished Service Award, a Wildlife Biologist of the Year Award, a Bob Watts Wildlife Communications Award and a Wildlife Conservationist Award, and a Rising Professional Award. Each award will be a certificate or plaque presented at the Annual Meeting provided that a worthy candidate has been selected. It is not mandatory that all five awards be given every year.

2) CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS: Each award shall be given to an individual (member or non-member) who has contributed toward furthering the objectives of this Chapter. Each award will be given for contributions in wildlife management and research which incorporate one or more of the following attributes: administration; communications with the public; interagency communications; legislation; management accomplishments; scientific publications; teaching; professional leadership and progress; and others as designated by the members.

- a) Distinguished Service Award: This award will be given for cumulative past, current, and/or continuing achievements in wildlife conservation.
- b) Wildlife Biologist of the Year Award: This award will be given for achievements in wildlife conservation anytime during the five calendar years immediately preceding award presentation.
- c) Bob Watts Wildlife Communications Award: This award will be given for work done in Montana on Montana wildlife, and must be a "significant" communication. Media might include professional publications, popular wildlife articles, books, movies, and videos which have a relatively wide audience.
- d) Wildlife Conservation Award: This award will be given for achievements for wildlife conservation demonstrated by an individual, group, or organization that is based in Montana and has made outstanding contributions to the conservation of wildlife habitat or populations within Montana. These contributions may be based on past, current or continuing work.
- e) Rising Professional Award: This award will recognize emerging professional and rising leaders in the wildlife field who are drivers of professional progress in Montana. Eligible candidates will have worked in a full-time professional capacity (seasonal or year-round positions) for at least 3 years, and no more than 8 years. Employment need not be continuous. Current students are not eligible. Employment may include, but is not limited to: wildlife and habitat management or research, conservation policy or advocacy, environmental education or program development, consultation, etc.

Co-workers, supervisees, supervisors, and other professional or public associates of a candidate may sponsor award submissions. Collaborations across a candidate's employment history are encouraged.

Nominations will consist of 3 letters of sponsorship, no longer than one page each, that testify to the candidate's record of:

- Professional-caliber engagement with supervisors, co-workers, supervisees, and the public
- Pursuit of professional and personal development
- Community involvement and commitment to work-life balance
- Practice of inclusion, equality, and respect across human circumstances and identity

3) GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION: The criteria and call for nominations shall be

distributed with the October newsletter. Nominations shall include the name of the award for which the nominee is considered, a brief justification and a resume of the qualifications of the nominee. Nominations must be submitted to the Committee Chair not less than sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chair will forward copies of all nominations to other Committee members.

Nominations will not carry over from one year to the next but there shall be no limit to the number of times that an individual may be nominated.

Each member will rate each nominee. The Committee will then convene to make a final determination of the recipient for each award. The decision of the Committee will be forwarded to the President prior to the Annual Meeting. In the event of a tie between nominees, the Board shall be empowered to use discretion in breaking the tie.

CLAUSE G - SCHOLARSHIP –

a) Name: Wynn G. Freeman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Recipient: An outstanding wildlife student(s) at the University of Montana, Montana State University, or both.

Amount: A minimum of \$500.00 to be awarded each year at the Annual Meeting.

Selection: Each year the Chapter President will appoint a three-member selection committee to consist of one wildlife instructor from the University of Montana, one from Montana State University, and a member-at-large from the Chapter membership. The committee will select all scholarship recipients. The committee chairmanship will alternate every other year between the two universities.

b) Name: Western Meadowlark Scholarship Fund

Recipient: An outstanding wildlife student(s) enrolled a university/college in Montana that offers a 4-year degree in wildlife biology, ecology or similar field, other than the University of Montana or Montana State University

Amount: A minimum of \$500.00 to be awarded each year at the Annual Meeting

Selection: Each year the Chapter President will appoint a three-member selection committee to consist of 2 wildlife instructors from a 4-year wildlife university/college (excluding the main UM or MSU campuses) and a member-at-large from the Chapter membership. The committee will select all scholarship recipients.

c) Name: Dr. Richard Mackie Award (Mackie Award)

Background: Dr. Mackie was a long-time MSU professor, and a staunch advocate and supporter of all things TWS. He is the only individual in MT to serve as both the MT TWS President (1973) and National TWS President (1990-1992). This award and idea were brought forward by Dr. Mackie's widow, Barb Mackie, as an opportunity to provide financial travel assistance for a UM or MSU student chapter member(s) to partake in the annual National TWS conference. Award money is personally donated from Mrs. Mackie and is currently available annually as long as she is able.

Amount: A maximum of \$500.00 to be awarded each summer as funds allow.

Selection: Each year the Chapter President will appoint a three-member selection committee to consist of one wildlife instructor from the University of Montana, one

from Montana State University, and a member-at-large from the Chapter Membership. The committee will select all scholarship recipients. The committee chairmanship will alternate every other year between the two universities. Applications are due on July 31 and are awarded by September 1 of each year.

CLAUSE H - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - This committee shall consist of a Chair and at least two other members, serving staggered three-year terms. The Financial Management Committee shall review the financial records and supporting documents of the Treasurer at least annually. The Committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Treasurer. The Committee shall prepare an annual financial management plan for approval by the membership at the annual meeting. This plan should include status and anticipated expenses for:

- 1) Annual operating budget;
- 2) Wynn Freeman Memorial Scholarship Fund;
- 3) Bohemian Corners - Bob Watts Fund; and
- 4) Special Projects Fund.

Section 3. ACCOUNTABILITY - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board under general supervision of the President.

Section 4. TENURE - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

ARTICLE IX - FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Section 1. OPERATIONS CHECKING ACCOUNT - The Operations Checking Account is intended to facilitate the day-to-day operations of Chapter business.

CLAUSE A - SOURCE - The source of funds to the Operations Checking Account will be annual membership dues, proceeds from the annual meeting, and proceeds from any educational training workshops offered by the Chapter.

CLAUSE B - ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT - The Operations Checking Account will be used to fund newsletters (and associated fees such as postage and printing); sponsor student participation during Executive Board meetings; collect and hold funds associated with the Annual Meeting and affiliated educational training workshops; and finance any miscellaneous expenses associated with conducting Chapter business. The Financial Management Committee will audit the Treasurer's records of this account annually and may periodically recommend to the membership that surplus proceeds from the Annual Meeting or educational trainings be transferred into one of the other Chapter accounts (Article IX, Sections 2-4).

Section 2. WYNN FREEMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND - The Wynn Freeman Scholarship Fund will finance the scholarship awards given annually to one student each from Montana State University and the University of Montana.

CLAUSE A - SOURCE - Monies will be raised from tax-free donations, raffles, and/or other fund raising efforts approved by the membership. Items raffled will be awarded at the Annual Meeting. Donations, interest from CDs, returns from investments, proceeds from fund raising efforts, and funds from the Operations Checking Account (as recommended by the Financial Management Committee and approved by the membership) will be used to fund the scholarship awards.

CLAUSE B - ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT - All monies raised for the Wynn Freeman Scholarship Fund will be invested in financial instruments to include, but not limited to,

Federally-insured certificates of deposit (CD), stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc. Investments will be made according to the following criteria:

- a) agreement with The Wildlife Society's goals and objectives;
- b) protection of principal; and
- c) return on investment.

Monies in excess of the scholarships awarded will be reinvested in the Wynn Freeman Scholarship Fund. The sole use of all monies raised for the scholarship fund and interest generated by these monies will be to fund wildlife scholarships. The Financial Management Committee may periodically recommend to the membership that surplus proceeds from the Operations Checking Account be used to supplement the principal of the Wynn Freeman

Scholarship Fund. The Financial Management Committee will audit the Treasurer's records of the Wynn Freeman Scholarship Fund annually.

Section 3. BOHEMIAN CORNERS - BOB WATTS FUND - This fund is intended to finance the Bob Watts Communications Award.

CLAUSE A - SOURCE - Monies will be raised from tax free donations, raffles, and/or other fund raising efforts approved by the membership. Items raffled will be awarded at the Annual Meeting. Donations, interest from CDs, returns from investments, proceeds from fund raising efforts, and funds from the Operations Checking Account (as recommended by the Financial Management Committee and approved by the membership) will be used to fund the Bob Watts Communications award.

CLAUSE B - ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT - All monies raised for the Bohemian Corners - Bob Watts Fund will be invested in financial instruments to include, but not limited to, Federally-insured certificates of deposit (CD), stocks, bonds, mutual funds etc. Investments will be made according to the following criteria:

- a) agreement with The Wildlife Society's goals and objectives;
- b) protection of principal; and
- c) return on investment.

Monies in excess of the Bob Watts Communications Award (\$100.00) will be reinvested in the Bohemian Corners - Bob Watts Fund. The sole use of all monies raised for the Bohemian Corners - Bob Watts Fund and interest generated by these monies, will be to fund the Bob Watts Communications Award. The Financial Management Committee may periodically recommend to the membership that surplus proceeds from the Operations Checking Account be used to supplement the principal of the Bohemian Corners - Bob Watts Fund. The Financial Management Committee will audit the Treasurer's records of the Bohemian Corners - Bob Watts Fund annually.

Section 4. SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND - The Special Projects Fund is intended to support worthy projects or activities that further the purposes of the Chapter, as approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Project proposals must be available for review of the membership at the start of each annual meeting.

CLAUSE A - SOURCE - Monies will be raised from tax-free donations, raffles, and/or other fund raising efforts approved by the membership. Items raffled will be awarded at the Annual Meeting. Donations, proceeds from fund raising efforts, and surplus proceeds from the Annual Meeting and educational training workshops from the Operations Checking Account (as recommended by the Financial Management Committee and approved by the membership) will be used to finance the Special Projects Fund.

CLAUSE B - ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT - The Special Projects Fund will be used to hold

surplus proceeds from the Annual Meeting, sale of symposium proceedings, and other fund raising efforts, so that these funds may be kept separate from the general Operations Checking Account, until such time as the membership appropriates them for a special project or approves the transfer of these funds to any of the accounts outlined in Article IX.

The Special Projects Fund will be invested in Federally insured financial instruments, including checking, savings, or money market accounts, to facilitate the transfer of funds from the Operations Checking Account and the awarding of Special Project Fund monies in a timely fashion, as approved by the membership.

The Financial Management Committee will audit the Treasurer's records of the Special Projects Fund annually.

Section 5. WESTERN MEADOWLARK SCHOLARSHIP FUND – The Western Meadowlark Scholarship Fund will finance the scholarship awards given annually to one student from other 4-year universities/colleges offering a degree in wildlife biology, ecology, or a related field in Montana (not Montana State University or University of Montana).

CLAUSE A - SOURCE - Monies will be raised from tax-free donations, raffles, and/or other fund-raising efforts approved by the membership. Items raffled will be awarded at the Annual Meeting. Donations, interest from CDs, returns from investments, proceeds from fund raising efforts, and funds from the Operations Checking Account (as recommended by the Financial Management Committee and approved by the membership) will be used to fund the scholarship awards.

CLAUSE B - ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT - All monies raised for this scholarship fund will be invested in financial instruments to include, but not limited to, federally-insured certificates of deposit (CD), stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc. Investments will be made according to the following criteria:

- a) agreement with The Wildlife Society's goals and objectives;
- b) protection of principal; and
- c) return on investment.

Monies in excess of the scholarships awarded will be reinvested in the scholarship fund. The sole use of all monies raised for the scholarship fund and interest generated by these monies will be to fund wildlife scholarships. The Financial Management Committee may periodically recommend to the membership that surplus proceeds from the Operations Checking Account be used to supplement the principal of the scholarship fund. The Financial Management Committee will audit the Treasurer's records of this fund annually.

Section 6. DR. RICHARD MACKIE AWARD (MACKIE AWARD) – The Mackie Award will provide financial support for a member of the UM or MSU student chapter to attend the national TWS conference.

CLAUSE A – SOURCE – Monies are personally donated from Dr. Mackie's widow, Barb Mackie, of up to \$500 annually.

CLAUSE B – ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT – The Mackie Award money is personally donated from Mrs. Mackie and is currently available annually as long as she is able. All award money will be managed and distributed by the MT TWS Board, specifically the Treasurer.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

Section 1. DISSOLUTION - Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of The Wildlife Society with the

understanding that said assets be held for a period of not more than five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for redistribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographic area within said five-year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, The Wildlife Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as determined by the Council in accordance with Wildlife Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

- Section 1. PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members voting at any annual or special meeting if due notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1B) is provided. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot.
- Section 2. CONFORMANCE - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with The Wildlife Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.