

Summary of Substantive Changes to the SF Bay Area Chapter Bylaws

To be voted on at the TWS-WS Special Meeting on August 18, 2020; virtual voting open July 29 through August 18, 2020

Original version: February 19, 2002

Updated: July 27, 2020

ARTICLE I – NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Action taken: Updated Name and Area.

Section 1 -

2002 version:

NAME – referred to as “The Bay Area Chapter”

2020 version:

NAME – referred to as “SF Bay TWS” or “Chapter”

Section 2 –

2002 version:

AREA – includes Mendocino

2020 version:

AREA – defined as including only the counties of Marin, Sonoma, Lake, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, and San Francisco.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

Action taken: Updated Objectives and Implementation.

Section 1 – OBJECTIVES

2002 version:

- 1) to encourage high standards of professional achievement;
- 2) to develop a better liaison among individuals in The Chapter and in the Society;
- 3) to undertake an active role in preventing human induced environmental degradation;
- 4) to further public awareness of the high standards, intent, and professionalism of The Wildlife Society.

2020 version:

- 1) To develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environments upon which wildlife and humans depend;
- 2) To undertake an active role in preventing and mitigating human-induced environmental degradation;
- 3) To provide training and development opportunities for wildlife professionals, and recruit and train the next generation of wildlife professionals;
- 4) To increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values; and
- 5) To seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

Section 2 – IMPLEMENTATION

2002 version:

IMPLEMENTATION – To aid in the achievement of these objectives, the Bay Area Chapter proposes to:

- 1) Provide opportunities for members to meet and develop a sense of community both professionally and socially through meetings and special events;
- 2) evaluate proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife;
- 3) Recognize and commend outstanding achievements in wildlife biology and management;
- 4) Focus the aims and objectives of The Wildlife Society and the Western Section upon wildlife needs, problems, and events in the San Francisco Bay Area;
- 5) Encourage communication between members and non-members to promote better resource management.

2020 version:

IMPLEMENTATION – To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- 1) Provide opportunities for members to meet and develop a sense of community both professionally and socially through meetings and special events;
- 2) Provide professional development opportunities and training;
- 3) Raise public awareness regarding wildlife issues in the San Francisco Bay Area;
- 4) Respond to federal, state, and local policies that affect our profession;
- 5) Foster and support student chapters and promote diversity; and
- 6) Encourage communication between members and the public to promote better understanding of wildlife science and issues.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Action taken: Clarified language describing types of membership and voting rights of different member types. Updated dues.

2020 additions or moved text are indicated in blue and deletions in strikethrough and red font:

Section 1 –

VOTING MEMBER – Voting membership in the Bay Area Chapter shall be available to any ~~Voting Member of The Society~~ Chapter member in good standing who resides or conducts professional activities within the organizational area of the Chapter (Article I, Section 2). Only Chapter Voting Members may ~~hold office in the Chapter, vote on official matters affecting The Society, and~~ officially represent the Chapter on business of the Society by Board or officer appointment. ~~Only Chapter Voting Members who are members of The Society may hold office in the Chapter.~~ Only Chapter Voting Members who are members of The Society may hold office in the Chapter.

Section 2 –

OTHER MEMBER – Other membership in the ~~San Francisco Bay Area~~ 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), and who 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 March 2, 1966 shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 4 –

HONORARY MEMBER – Honorary Members of the ~~Bay Area~~ Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all 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 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 Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Other Members (Article IV, Section 2).~~

Section 45 –

DUES – Annual dues of \$10.00 per year or \$25.00 per 3 years shall be payable by each member for compilation by ~~to~~ the Chapter Secretary Treasurer. The membership period will commence with the date of payment. ~~Annual membership will be for the calendar year from January 1 through December 31. Members who have not paid their Wildlife Society dues shall lose their Voting Member status in the Bay Area Chapter.~~ Annual Chapter dues also may be paid to the Society's headquarters, along with Society dues and optional Section ~~and Society~~ dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter. Chapter dues may also be paid to the Section, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter.

Section 56 –

RESIGNATION – Members will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid by their membership expiration date.

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

Section 67 –

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 appropriate dues.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS

Section 1 –

EXECUTIVE BOARD – The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be composed of the elected President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, and Chapter Representative to the Western Section, as well as the appointed Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Chairpersons, Newsletter Editor, Media Director, and Historian. ~~The Newsletter Editor, Media Director, and Historian are non-voting Executive Board positions.~~

~~NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee, selected by the Executive Board (Article VII, Section 1) of the Bay Area Chapter, shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and one additional Executive Board member from the Chapter voting membership who shall be a Chapter Representative to the Western Section.~~

~~Clause A – All nominees must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).~~

~~Clause B – Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.~~

~~Clause C – The nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least two weeks prior to the fall meeting at which officers will be elected. The Nominations and Elections Committee may organize mail balloting as an alternative to holding elections at the fall meeting. The nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the date of mail balloting.~~

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

~~Clause E – A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same elective position.~~

Section 2 –

ELECTED OFFICERS – Elected Officers of the ~~Bay Area~~ Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect (who shall serve as Vice President), Immediate Past-President, and Chapter Representative to the Western Section ~~and Secretary-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, Chairpersons~~men~~ of all regular and special committees, shall preside as Chairperson 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 alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section or Society boards, committees or meetings. The President shall serve for a term of one year.

Clause B – PRESIDENT-ELECT – The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the President-Elect cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore. The President-Elect shall serve for a term of one year and succeeds to the office of President.

Clause C – IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT – The President succeeds to the office of Immediate Past President for a one-year term and shall be assigned specific duties by the President.

Clause D – CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTERN SECTION – The Chapter Representative shall represent the ~~Bay Area~~ Chapter in Western Section affairs. This person 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, Chapters, and members in their respective areas. The Chapter Representative shall serve for a term of two years.

Section 3 –

APPOINTED OFFICERS – Appointed Officers for vacant positions are appointed by the incoming President as soon as practical after taking office, and shall include Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Media Director, Historian, and Committee Chairpersons. The term of all appointed officers except the Professional Development Chairperson is two years from date of appointment by the President. The Professional Development Chairperson will serve for a term of 3 years and during their third and final year will serve along with the incoming Professional Development Chairperson. Their duties are:

Clause A – SECRETARY – The Secretary shall be responsible for the files of the Chapter, and for recording and issuance of the minutes of Chapter meetings. Duties shall also include maintenance of membership rolls, and providing minutes and other correspondence to the Media Director for sharing with members.

Clause B – ~~SECRETARY~~-TREASURER – The ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer shall be responsible for the ~~files, records,~~ and funds of the Chapter. The Treasurer shall provide financial updates at Executive Board meetings and shall submit a complete financial report ~~to the last~~ once a year at the annual Chapter meeting ~~of the person's term of office~~ during the Western Section conference. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds dues, workshop and activity registrations, and other funds, and preparing and submitting annual tax forms to the Society. ~~And recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes.~~

Clause C – NEWSLETTER EDITOR – The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the production of the Chapter Newsletter. Information included in the Newsletter is selected and edited by the Newsletter Editor with input from the Chapter Officers. The Newsletter contains summaries of Chapter business, officers’ reports, and pertinent information of interest to the membership.

Clause D – MEDIA DIRECTOR – The Media Director shall be responsible for maintaining the Bay Area Chapter website and social media.

Clause E – HISTORIAN – The Historian shall be responsible for documenting and cataloging the Bay Area Chapter’s past programs and accomplishments. Historical records shall include, but are not limited to, charter and petition, by-laws, lists of officers by year (including start and end dates of term), complete membership lists (at sequential intervals), newsletters, awards, workshop advertisements and materials, meeting minutes, photographs, and written actions such as resolutions and position statements.

Clause F – COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS – The Committee Chairpersons shall be responsible for leading the following committees:

CONSERVATION AFFAIRS – This committee reviews 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 Chapter and makes recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Bay Area Chapter. The Chairperson may ask any Chapter member to assist with reviews.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – The Professional Development Committee (PDC) shall develop workshops, conferences, and symposia on current topics or needs of wildlife professionals. This committee shall coordinate with the Section PDC to avoid redundancy with other Chapter and Section PDC offerings.

PUBLIC OUTREACH – This committee shall plan events (e.g., socials, lectures, community events) that raise the public’s awareness about the Bay Area Chapter, the wildlife profession and local wildlife. These events may be co-hosted with other organizations with similar objectives, and/or which focus their work on outreach to the local community, especially sections of the community that are under-represented in the wildlife biology field with the goal of increasing gender and ethnic diversity.

STUDENT AFFAIRS – This committee shall promote increased student involvement within the natural resources field, provide an opportunity to link and maintain connectivity with all universities and colleges in the Chapter, act as a liaison between the Chapter and Bay Area student chapters, and provide education and professional development opportunities to the student body at large.

DIVERSITY – This committee shall proactively support increased diversity within the natural resources field with respect to all forms of diversity, including gender, orientation, race, age, and economic status. The committee may work with the Section Diversity Committee to identify programs to support and encourage diversity.

~~OFFICERS – Officers of the Bay Area Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect (who shall serve as Vice President), and Secretary-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, Chairmen of all regular and special committees, shall~~

~~preside as Chairman 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 alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section or Society boards, committees or meetings.~~

~~Clause B — PRESIDENT ELECT — The President Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. 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 TREASURER — The Secretary Treasurer shall be responsible for the files, records, and funds of the Chapter, and shall submit complete financial reports to the last meeting of the person's term of office. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds, and recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes.~~

~~Clause D — EXECUTIVE BOARD — The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall consist of the above named officers, the Past President, and the Chapter Representative.~~

~~Clause E — CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTERN SECTION — The Chapter Representative shall represent the Bay Area Chapter in Western Section affairs. This person 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, Chapters, 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 officers and Board members and the Chapter Representative must be Voting Members of The Wildlife Society, serve for approximately one year, be installed at the regular meeting in January, take office immediately following this meeting, and unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next January meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.~~

~~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 elected 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.~~

~~BALLOTING — Written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary Treasurer 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. Clause A — Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period~~

~~of their delinquency. Clause B—A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots. Clause C—The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold more than one elective position simultaneously.~~

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1 –

ELECTIONS – An ad-hoc Nominations and Elections Committee of three members of the Executive Board (Article V, Section 1) of the Bay Area Chapter shall prepare, to the extent possible, a slate of two candidates for each of the elected positions, namely: President-Elect and Chapter Representative to the Western Section.

Clause A – All nominees must be Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Clause B – Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause C – The nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least two weeks prior to the Election, ~~at which officers will be elected~~ during or prior to the Bay Area Annual Chapter meeting (“Annual Meeting,” which may be held at the Section’s Annual Meeting (~~“annual Chapter meeting”~~)). The Nominations and Elections Committee may organize electronic mail (e-mail) balloting as an alternative to holding elections at the annual Chapter meeting. The nomination slate and email ballot shall be submitted to the membership two weeks prior to the induction of new officers.

Clause D – Additional nominees may be added to the slate upon the signed support of six or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause E – Electronic ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary and shall be counted by the ad-hoc Nominations and Elections Committee. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominations and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

Clause A-F – Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

~~Clause B~~ G – The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the electronic ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold more than one elected position simultaneously.

Section 2 –

APPOINTMENTS – The incoming President shall appoint vacant positions for Committee Chairpersons. The term of is two years from date of appointment by the President. Committee Chair duties are described in Article V, Section 3, Clause F.

Clause A – COMMITTEES – All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under general supervision of the President. All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing Chairpersons of all regular standing committees, and special committees such as awards and hospitality. Committee Chairpersons shall complete their committee's charges with the President's assistance. All committee Chairpersons shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Secretary before the close of each annual Chapter business meeting.

Section 4-3 –

TERM OF OFFICE – ~~The officers and Board~~ Executive Board members (Elected and Appointed) ~~and the Chapter Representative~~ must:

- Be Voting Members of the ~~Wildlife~~ Society;
- Serve for ~~approximately~~ one year for President-Elect and two years for Chapter Representative to the Section;
- Be installed at the Western Section Annual ~~regular~~ Chapter meeting ~~in January~~ or as soon as possible thereafter;
- Take office immediately following ~~this meeting~~ the Western Section Annual Chapter Meeting, and unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of their term at the Western Section Annual Meeting ~~next January~~, or at such time as their successors are elected or appointed and installed.

A member may be elected or appointed for no more than three consecutive terms in the same position.

Section 5-4 –

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 elected 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 Society.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1 –

REGULAR MEETINGS – Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

Clause A – ANNUAL MEETINGS – The regular meeting ~~in November or December~~ shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise. ~~The Annual Meeting generally takes place at the Western Section Annual Meeting in January or February of each year.~~

Clause B – MEETING NOTICE – Members must be notified at least two weeks prior to Annual and regular meetings and at least seven days prior to special meetings.

Clause C – QUORUM – The quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over 50 percent of the membership or ten members in good standing, whichever is less; ~~and for Executive Board Meetings,~~

~~three members of the Board.~~ The quorum for the regular Chapter meeting shall be no less than half of the ~~voting~~ Executive Board.

Clause D – MEETING RULES – Order of business and parliamentary procedures at Chapter meetings shall follow the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures, latest revision. ~~Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision.~~

Clause E – BYLAWS – Chapter Bylaws 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.

~~Clause E-F~~ – ATTENDANCE – Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 –

SPECIAL MEETINGS – Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (see Article VI, Section 1BC) and the purpose of the call are 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.

ARTICLE VIII – CHAPTER MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES

Section 1 –

EXECUTIVE BOARD CONDUCT – The ~~Bay Area~~ Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board (Article V, Section 1) that ~~composed of its officers, the immediate Past President, and the Chapter Representative to the Western Section~~ shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of ~~The~~ the Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting or make the Board Meeting Minutes available to the membership by posting on the Chapter website or other electronic distribution. Any action of the Board may be overridden by two-thirds of the Voting Members attending a membership meeting.

Section 2 –

FINANCE – Funds of the ~~Bay Area~~ Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board and shall be handled by the ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer. The financial records of the Bay Area Chapter shall be periodically examined by the Audit Committee (Article VIII, Section 2G).

Clause A – The ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B – Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessment, workshops projects, contributions, and special activities.

Clause C – Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank or savings and loan association.

Section 3 –

REPORTS – Within 20 days after an election or other official action(s) the Secretary-Treasurer shall report such action(s) to the Executive Director of ~~The~~ the Society, the ~~Western~~ Section Representative, and the ~~Western~~ Section President. An annual report ~~and activity time sheets~~ from the Secretary-Treasurer shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of fiscal-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be prepared by the Treasurer and submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Executive Director of the ~~The Wildlife~~ Society in January of each year for federal tax reporting by the ~~The Wildlife~~ Society office.

Section 4 –

FILES – The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of ~~the~~ The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the ~~Bay Area~~ Chapter; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs; all committee reports, financial statements and records; and 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-Treasurer. A Chapter “Operations Manual” ~~provided by The Society~~ will be maintained by the Chapter President and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained ~~and The Society will be notified of each such transfer.~~

Section 5 –

RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS – Two or more members may submit resolutions or statements to the ~~Resolutions and Public Statements Committee (Article VIII, Section 2F)~~ Chapter President for possible consideration by the ~~Chapter’s~~ Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds of the Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to ~~the~~ The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and Western Section President, if approved. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by any 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, where there are not previously established Chapter policies, the President, or designated representative, may present a public statement on behalf of the Chapter provided that:

- 1) 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
- 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after public issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the ~~Bay Area~~ Chapter may issue statements pertaining to subjects in its locale:
 - a) when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of ~~the~~ The Wildlife Society; and
 - b) in the absence of existing Society position statements by The Wildlife Society.

The ~~Bay Area~~ Chapter will not publish statements which may be in conflict with the policy of ~~the~~ The Wildlife Society without prior approval of the Society’s Council. All statements will follow the “TWS Policy Guidelines ~~for Conservation Affairs Activities~~ on Position Statements” in the Operations Manual and conform to the Society’s policy regarding ~~position statements conservation affairs (Appendix 4.421b)~~

~~of the Operations Manual~~) The Chapter membership, the Society, the ~~Western~~ Section Representative, and the ~~Western~~ Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within 15 days of such action.

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION

Section 1 –

STANDARDS TO CONTINUE – The Chapter must continue to demonstrate its viability to the Council of the Wildlife Society by meeting the following standards: a) complying with the criteria for affiliation (Article 1, Section 3), b) submitting the required reports to The Wildlife Society (Article VII, Section 3), and c) fulfilling the purposes and intent of these bylaws. The Council of The Wildlife Society may dissolve the Chapter following a 1 year grace period during which time the Chapter can come back into compliance.

Section 2 –

DISSOLUTION – The Council of The Wildlife Society may dissolve the Chapter, following a 1 year grace period during which time the Chapter can come back into compliance, if (1) it finds the Chapter is not meeting the standards established in Article IX, Section 1 and/or (2) if the Chapter fails to file required IRS reports, as set out in Article VI, Section 3, for 3 consecutive years. Upon dissolution of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its 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 maximum of five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for re-distribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five-year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as best determined by The Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1 –

PROCEDURE – These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of Chapter members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VII, Section 1B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may ~~file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2B)~~ vote electronically (Article V1, Section 1E).

Section 2 –

CONFORMANCE – No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with ~~the The~~ Wildlife Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by the Society before becoming effective.