

Spring 2010

I will defer to the Northeast Chapter to provide a report on the Spring 2010 meeting. The meeting was held on March 10th and 11th; the topic was *Forest Management and Recreation*; the Conference was held at the Best Western Riverfront Inn in Marinette, WI.

Spring 2011

The Southeast and Southwest Chapters will be working together to plan and host the Spring 2011 meeting. The dates have been set. The meeting is planned for March 22nd through the 24th at the Wilderness Hotel & Golf Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. The Chapters are currently discussing hosting this as a joint meeting with the Wildlife Society. The program being discussed at this time would be a joint session on the first day with a shared banquet and meet separately on the second day. TWS is proposing the following topics for the first day: The topic under discussion for the Wednesday would focus on the maturing forest landscape, with implications for forest wildlife; specifically, the decline in oak and early-successional forests and management options. The second day could potentially look at private lands, public lands, and reforestation. The planning team is meeting via phone conference on the 14th. I will report on the results of the meeting when the executive meets on the 15th.

Spring 2012

The Fox Valley and Mid-Wisconsin Chapters will be hosting the Spring 2012 meeting.

Future meetings¹

Given the current budget crisis there has been some discussion regarding the ability of employers to pay for employee's to attend continuing education and/or professional development programming. The Executive Committee made the decision at the January 2010 meeting to keep the schedule to one state meeting per year with two chapters joining in the presentation. I will be working with Brian Spencer, Education and Training Committee, to develop idea and processes to implement the proposed fall meeting idea.

No Action Item

Respectfully Submitted
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¹ I am going to keep this information in my report for the near term to insure that everyone knows / remembers the reason for going to one meeting a year and our process for addressing potential training / education opportunities.