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*Voting open through October 15*

## Two running for Board of Directors in this year's election

Voting for the this year's Board of Directors election is now open. This year, there are two seats available on the Board. In response to a call for candidates that went out in June, two people have stepped forward:

- **Richard "Rick" Harris.** Harris retired from the US National Park Service after a long career that included serving as an Associate Regional Director where he led one of the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance and partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers programs.
- **Terri Thomas.** She too is a USNPS retiree, having served as an ecologist at several national parks before becoming Chief of Natural Resources Management and Science at Golden Gate National Recreation Area and lastly as the Director of Conservation, Stewardship and Research at the Presidio of San Francisco.

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Society by voting in the election. You can find the ballot, along with Harris and Thomas's statements of qualifications and objectives, at:

<https://www.georgewright society.org/election>

The deadline for voting is October 15.

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## **GWS backs motions to be offered at 2020 World Conservation Congress**

Every four years the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) convenes the World Conservation Congress, the largest meeting of its kind. A major part of the meeting is the consideration of motions from members. These motions cover a large range of conservation topics. Those that are approved help shape IUCN's work over the next quadrennium. The next WCC will be held next year in Marseilles, France.

As an institutional member of IUCN, the Society often is approached by other members who are looking for co-sponsors for motions. These proposals are evaluated by the GWS Board and those deemed to be beneficial to our mission are approved for co-sponsorship.

For the 2020 Congress, GWS has agreed to co-sponsor several motions:

Proposed by the Wildlife Conservation Society:

- Ecological integrity in the CBD Post-2020 Framework

Proposed by the IUCN National Committee for France:

- Implement a representative and coherent network of well-managed and supported marine and terrestrial protected areas
  - Ensure the compatibility of human activities with conservation objectives in protected areas
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cope with climate change

- Develop a network of wilderness areas

Proposed by the Center for Large Landscape Conservation:

- Guidance for conserving and restoring ecological connectivity

Proposed by Grupo Jaragua:

- Halt biodiversity loss in the insular Caribbean

Proposed by Flora and Fauna International:

- Mainstreaming capacity development across the work of IUCN

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## GWS support helps see Frank Lloyd Wright World Heritage nomination through to success

As part of a long-standing partnership with the US National Park Service's Office of International Affairs, GWS recently helped provide financial support for the attendance of a USNPS delegate to this year's annual meeting of the World Heritage Committee.

At these meetings, national nominations of properties to the World Heritage List are debated and decided, and it is useful to have an official attendee from the nominating country present to help make the case. In this instance, the US was nominating a set of Frank Lloyd Wright-designed buildings to the List.

After consideration, the Committee approved the nomination. Now, Wright's contributions to architecture are officially recognized as being of outstanding universal value, and the buildings themselves will have the added luster of being [World Heritage Sites](#).



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