

George Wright Society News+Notes (Issue #2)

Campaign Preview



Deadline for nominations is July 15

Call for Candidates:

2019 GWS Board of Directors Election

Would you like to help create the future of the George Wright Society? You can by serving on the GWS Board of Directors. Working with the executive office, the Board oversees all aspects of the Society's operations. This year, two open seats on the Board are up for election. We are now accepting nominations of GWS members who would like to run for these seats. The term of office runs from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022. Nominations are open

through July 15, 2019.

Board Directors represent the interests of the membership and ensure that the mission of the GWS is carried out. A major role of Directors is to provide oversight of organizational finances and fiscal well-being, and all Directors help support the Society's financial stability either by making contributions directly or taking part in fundraising activities. Directors serve on Board committees, such as the Program, Finance, Publications, and Awards committees.

Potential candidates must be willing to travel to occasional in-person Board meetings; take part in Board conference calls, which occur several times per year; help prepare for and carry out the GWS conferences and workshops; and do other work associated with the Society. Travel costs to any required in-person Board functions are paid for by the Society; otherwise there is no remuneration.

The nomination and election procedure is as follows:

1. GWS members nominate candidates for possible inclusion on the ballot. To be eligible, both the nominator and the potential candidate must be GWS members in good standing. (At this time, current employees of the Department of the Interior are not eligible to run.) It is permissible to nominate one's self.
2. The GWS executive office will acknowledge receipt to both nominator and nominee.
3. The Nominating Committee then, in its discretion, determines the composition of the ballot from the field of potential candidates. Among the criteria the committee considers when determining which potential candidates to include on the ballot are his/her skills and experience (and how those might complement the skills and experience of current Board members), the goal of adding to and/or maintaining diversity on the Board, and the goal of maintaining a balance between various resource perspectives on the Board.
4. Once the ballot is determined, the Nominating Committee will ask candidates for a 250-word statement that will be published on the ballot.
5. The election will be held online in September and October, with results announced in November.
6. It also is possible for members to place candidates directly on the ballot through petition; for details, contact the GWS office.

To propose someone for possible candidacy, send his or her name, a brief statement of background and interests, and complete contact details to GWS Executive Director Dave Harmon at dharmon@georgewright.org.

Announcements & opportunities

Call for Abstracts: Conservation of Fragile Karst Resources. [Western Kentucky University](#), the [George Wright Society](#), and the [Mammoth Cave Area Biosphere Reserve](#) invite you to submit an abstract or workshop proposal for **Conservation of Fragile Karst Resources: A Workshop on Sustainability and Community** in Bowling Green, Kentucky, May 18-22, 2020.

The purpose of this meeting is to enhance communication and the sharing of ideas and resources between major international conservation and science programs that protect, study, or manage cave and karst resources (UNESCO MAB, WHC, GGN, IHP, IGCP #661, among others). The meeting will bring together a diverse group of managers, scientists, educators, and community partners to share successes and challenges in promoting sustainability and community involvement while protecting fragile karst ecosystems.

For information on abstract submission, please visit <https://unescokarst2020.com/call-for-abstracts/>. All abstract and proposal submissions are being administered by the George Wright Society and must be made electronically at

http://www.georgewright.org/karst_2020_abstract. Please review guidelines and instructions for authors, presenters, and session organizers before submission. **Submission deadline is November 30, 2019** with notification of acceptance by December 31, 2019. The lead Author or Organizer must be registered by January 31, 2020 for [any](#) submission to be included in the meeting program.



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