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Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies



TREASURER'S REPORT 2005/2006 (FY 2006) Transactions (As of June 30, 2006)

Cash on Hand beginning July 1, 2005		\$ 55,748.21
Receipts		
Annual Dues (FY 2006)	\$ 4,500.00	
Affiliate Annual Dues (FY 2006)	\$ 1,050.00	
Special Assessment Dues (FY 2006)	\$19,500.00	
Ohio Conference Income	\$10,245.00	
South Dakota Public/Private Lands Mtg Inc	\$ 5,555.00	
South Dakota Annual Meeting Conference Inc	\$20,575.00	
Steve Barry Reimbursement	\$ 242.65	
Ollie Torgerson Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 12.80	
Doris Duke Grant for Ollie's Salary	\$ 3,000.00	
Interest Checking/Savings/CD's	<u>\$ 2,553.30</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 67,233.75
Total Available Assets		\$122,981.96
Disbursements		
Ohio Conference Expenses	\$23,547.79	
SD Public/Private Lands Mtg Expenses	\$ 5,265.59	
SD Annual Meeting Conference Expenses	\$ 2,069.83	
Carolyn Caldwell CITES Travel Expenses	\$ 170.29	
Coordinator Salary	\$33,099.00	
Coordinator Expenses	\$ 5,196.60	
Hampton & Hampton (file 990)	\$ 313.76	
Website Development (Chris Durrill)	\$ 814.28	
Recording Secretary Expenses	\$ 929.84	
The Trophy Shop	\$ 1,659.11	
WMI Farm Bill Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
Transfer from Savings to Money Market	\$20,000.00	
IRS Fees & State of KS Fees	\$ 845.00	
Bank Charges (check blanks & service chrg)	<u>\$ 13.26</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 94,924.35
Cash on Hand, June 30, 2006		\$ 28,057.61
Accounting of Assets, June 30, 2006		
Cash in general ckg acct #128791	\$ 3,088.08	
Cash in conf. ckg acct #169633	\$19,577.70	
Cash in savings account #917567 (Jaschek)	\$ 5,391.83	
Cash on Hand, June 30, 2006		\$ 28,057.61

Investments as of June 30, 2005 (CDs and Merrill Lynch)**\$159,534.44 + \$46,437.17 (Jaschek invested \$209,534.44)****\$205,971.61**

Cash in CD accounts (Jaschek)	\$ 0.00	cashed Aug, Feb & Mar
Merrill Lynch Investment (Jaschek)	\$ 0.00	cashed Sept
Money Market Account	\$ 20,027.54	
Equities Account	\$ 2,320.00	
Bond Account	\$147,327.85	
Mutual Fund Account	<u>\$ 51,711.19</u>	
Total Assets		\$221,386.58

Investments as of June 30, 2006**\$221,386.58****Bond and Mutual Fund Account Explanations**

8/17 cashed CD 07 & CD 08 and transferred \$75,000 to money market	\$ 75,000.00
8/23 transferred \$20,000 from savings account to money market	\$ 20,000.00
9/06 cashed Merrill Lynch \$46,907.82 rolled \$50,067.07 into mutual fund difference of \$3,159.25 came from money market account	\$ 46,907.82
02/14 cashed CD 09 & CD 10 and transferred \$75,000 to money market	\$ 75,000.00
03/27 cashed CD 11 (\$9,534.44) - penalty(205.09) + int.(19.12) = \$9,348.47 transferred to money market (CD had rolled over)	<u>\$ 9,348.47</u>

Total amount Invested as of 6/30/06**\$226,256.29****Value of Investments as of 06/30/06****\$221,386.58**

*All monies went into money market and were transferred to bonds, equities,
and mutual funds with a balance remaining in the money market*

**INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT
MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES**

The following will serve as investment guidelines for assets in the Anton Walter Jaschek Fund (Fund) of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Association).

INVESTMENT POLICY

The principle of the fund is to remain invested for life. The interest/dividends are to be reinvested or used at the discretion of the Association board of directors to fund projects deemed acceptable by the board. At no time are the funds to be invested in highly volatile or risky investment vehicles.

ALLOCATION

The funds shall be allocated approximately 75% in fixed income investments such as CD's, Bonds, or High Quality preferred stocks. The interest from these investments shall be used to fund current projects. The remaining 25% shall be invested in a well balanced portfolio of mutual funds geared toward consistent growth with some income possibilities. The investment allocation will be reviewed at least semi-annually, and at such other times as the chairman of the investment committee may deem necessary. At any time should this allocation become out of balance, the chairman of the investment committee may request that the accounts be rebalanced to reflect the 75/25 allocation.

INVESTMENT CRITERIA

The fixed income portion of the investment shall be invested in any bond with an investment grade of B or higher. Short-term fluctuations in the economy will have impacts on the quality ratings of bonds. Should an investment grade fall below B level at anytime, the chairman of the investment committee shall have responsibility and authority, in consultation with the current investment advisor, to decide if it should be replaced with a higher quality investment. It will be the discretion of the chairman of the investment committee, in consultation with the investment advisor, to make changes in the day-to-day investment of fixed income investments.

The mutual fund portion of the investment shall be invested for continued growth of assets. Only funds with consistent growth and income shall be used. Special attention shall be paid to dividend rates and expense rates. The portfolio shall remain invested in moderately aggressive, widely diversified funds. Dividends and asset growth will be reinvested unless the Association board of directors elects to use them to fund selected projects or Association operating expenses.

Adopted by the Association Board of Directors on this date:_____

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
SUMMER MEETING, JULY 9-12, 2006
SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION

SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES REGARDING
THE NORTHERN BOBWHITE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA) recognizes and appreciates the productive leadership provided by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) and its Southeast Quail Study Group (SEQSG) in launching the national movement to restore the Northern Bobwhite Quail across its range through the development and successful early implementation of the *Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI)* [Initiative];

WHEREAS, the MAFWA states pledge to actively support and promote the continued advancement of this Initiative by engaging as partners in the process to revise, expand, and upgrade the NBCI;

WHEREAS, the MAFWA states offer to make available technical staff, data, and support services, as needed and practical, to aid the SEQSG in developing an improved and even more effective second edition of the NBCI;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the unique logistical challenges of working at regional and national levels to restore resident game birds, the MAFWA also stands ready to ally with the SEAFWA and other partners to seek ways to continue "raising the game" for implementation of the NBCI;

WHEREAS, as a first step to this end, MAFWA states will strive for greater staff participation in the SEQSG annual meeting and related processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the MAFWA at its annual meeting in Spearfish, South Dakota, on July 12, 2006, foresees and suggests the need to work with the SEAFWA and other partners to begin charting a long-term course for the nation that fosters greater collaborative conservation of priority resident game birds across state and regional boundaries.

Doug Hansen, President
Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

SUMMER MEETING, JULY 9-12, 2006
SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA

Resolution of Transfer

Whereas, the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA) ((formerly Association of Midwest Fish and Game Commissioners and also formerly Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Commissioners)) has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service since 1965 as an unincorporated, IRC 501(c)(6) tax-exempt organization; and

Whereas, the MAFWA has changed to a corporate form of organization as a not-for-profit corporation organized under Kansas law and has obtained a new IRC 501(c)(6) tax-exempt determination from the Internal Revenue Service; and

Whereas, under its new, corporate form of organization, the MAFWA will not be required to alter substantially its operating procedures; and

Whereas, the MAFWA desires to transfer and assign to the new corporation effective August 19, 2005, all assets and contractual benefits and all liabilities and contractual obligations of the unincorporated association;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the MAFWA meeting in Spearfish, South Dakota, on July 12, 2006,

1. That effective August 19, 2005, all assets of the unincorporated association known as the Midwest Association of Wildlife Agencies including, without limitation, cash on hand and in banks, checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposits, treasury bills, investments, office furniture, fixtures and equipment, and books and records, are hereby transferred to, and from the above date shall be the property of and owned by the MAFWA a not-for-profit corporation organized under the law of the State of Kansas, with offices at the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 512 SE 25th Avenue, Pratt, KS 67124-8174;
2. That effective August 19, 2005, the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the corporation, shall assume all liabilities and all current contractual arrangements theretofore made by the unincorporated association, the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, as promisor, and shall succeed to all current contractual arrangements of which the unincorporated association, the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is promisee.

Doug Hansen, President
Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

SUMMER MEETING, JULY 9-12, 2006
SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF THE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

WHEREAS, effective enforcement of conservation laws and regulations is critical in providing for the conservation, protection, and equitable use of fish and wildlife resources, and;

WHEREAS, the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recognizes the Wildlife Violator Compact as a significant tool to be utilized by fish and wildlife agencies to discourage the unlawful taking of our states' fish and wildlife resources, and;

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Violator Compact is recognized as instrumental in assisting in the protection of every states' fish and wildlife resources, by discouraging interstate violator movement by reciprocal suspension of license privileges of wildlife criminals, and;

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Violator Compact is recognized as enhancing the efficiency of wildlife enforcement officers by allowing for the issuance of citations to nonresidents, rather than arrest, and;

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Violator Compact has been joined by the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that greatest success of this fish and wildlife protection is predicated on full participation in all aspects of the Wildlife Violator Compact by all fifty states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at its annual meeting in Spearfish, South Dakota, on July 12, 2006, supports and encourages membership and participation in the Wildlife Violator Compact by all 50 states.

Doug Hansen, President
Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

SUMMER MEETING, JULY 9-12, 2006
SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION

APPRECIATION TO SOUTH DAKOTA FOR HOSTING

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Division of South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks has so efficiently and enthusiastically organized and conducted the 2006 summer meeting of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies;

WHEREAS, Wildlife Director Doug Hansen and his staff - who actually did most of the work - have worked together with local and national conservation organization partners making all the state representatives and guests feel welcome;

WHEREAS, the member states of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies wish to express their gratitude for all of the collaborative efforts of the South Dakota Wildlife Division;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at its annual meeting in Spearfish, South Dakota, on July 12, 2006, acknowledges the hard work and hospitality of Director Hansen and his staff, and hereby passes this resolution in a showing of great appreciation.

Doug Hansen, President
Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

Memorandum

TO: Sheila Kemmis, Recording Secretary
FROM: Jeff Ver Steeg and Dave Risley, Bylaws Committee
DATE: 8 June 2006
SUBJECT: Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Attached is a copy of proposed amendments to our current Constitution and Bylaws. Please distribute this to our membership at least 30 days prior to our meeting in July. The key changes are as follows:

1. Provides for the designation of a voting proxy
2. Establishes a “contributing” membership status
3. Determines when and where the both Association and the Conservation Enhancement Fund were incorporated
4. Has each official technical working group automatically sunset after 3 years (on a staggered basis) unless reinstated. (these on an arbitrary 3-year schedule, generally having 2 expire each year, starting 3 years from this summer)
5. Adds information about the incorporation of the Association (when and where) and the tax status of the Conservation Enhancement Fund
6. Creates a Board of Directors for the Conser. Enhanc. Fund (= Executive Committee plus one other member appointed by the President)
7. Makes the Secretary/Treasurer a permanent member of the Investments Committee
8. Clarifies the role of the "nominating" role of the Nominating/Awards Committee (eliminated the “nominating” part)
9. Clarifies the confusion between electing/nominating officers vs. following a rotation. (removed mention of “elected” – now says “selected”)

Please note that in the attachment, additions are identified by underscoring while deletions are denoted by strikeouts. We’ve tried to highlight all of them in yellow as well.

As always, thank you for your assistance.

cc: Ollie Torgerson, Association Coordinator

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS



MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH & WILDLIFE AGENCIES

JULY, 2006⁵

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH & WILDLIFE AGENCIES

PREAMBLE

The name of this organization shall be the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Association). The Association shall be organized and operated as a non-profit professional association as described in 501(c)(6) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code with the purpose of promoting the protection, preservation, restoration and management of fish and wildlife resources. The Conservation Enhancement Fund shall be organized and operated as a non-profit charitable organization as described in 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The Association and the Conservation Enhancement Fund were incorporated in the State of Kansas on August 19, 2005.

The objectives of the Association shall be:

- (a) to protect the right of jurisdiction of the Midwestern states over their wildlife resources on public and private lands;
- (b) to scrutinize carefully state and federal wildlife legislation and regulations and to offer support or opposition to legislative proposals or federal regulations in accordance with the best interests of the Midwestern states;
- (c) to serve as a clearinghouse for the exchange of ideas concerning wildlife and fisheries management, research techniques, wildlife law enforcement, hunting and outdoor safety, and information and education;
- (d) and to encourage and assist sportsmen's and conservationists' organizations so that the fullest measure of cooperation may be secured from our citizenry in the protection, preservation, restoration and management of our fish and wildlife resources.

The Association met for the first time on October 28, 1934 in Des Moines, Iowa. At that time the group was known as the Association of Midwest Fish and Game Commissioners. The Association first received its non-profit status in 1968. The Association's name was changed to the Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Commissioners in 1972, to the Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies in 1977, and to the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in 2001.

ARTICLE I

OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be the duly authorized voting representative of their member state or province and shall be selected ~~nominated from the members of the states and provinces~~ on an alphabetical rotation basis, with the Vice-President

being from the state or province next in order of rotation. The term of office shall commence thirty (30) days following adjournment of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' (IAFWA) fall meeting and conclude thirty (30) days following adjournment of the succeeding fall IAFWA meeting. The Vice-President shall automatically succeed to President if he/she remains eligible. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by members and serve until replaced.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers, and one representative from each state and province except those represented by the elected officers. Such state or provincial Board member shall be the chief executive officer of the fish and wildlife agency of his/her state or province, or his/her designee. A Board member may, by written notification to the President, designate a voting proxy from the Board member's state or province. However, Executive Committee members may not designate a proxy for the conduct of Executive Committee business.

A R T I C L E I I

OTHER ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

Section 1. The Association shall also establish the position of "Coordinator." An Association member agency may provide an individual to serve in this capacity or the Association may contract with a member agency or an individual to fill the position. This is a nonvoting position.

Section 2. The Association may establish the position of "Recording Secretary." This is a nonvoting position.

A R T I C L E I I I

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be by states and provinces and representation of each state and province at meetings shall be by its duly authorized representative or representatives.

Section 2. The area of membership in the Association shall be the states of Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, and the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario and such additional states and provinces as may request membership and be elected by majority vote of the member states and provinces in annual meeting.

Section 3. Membership in the Association of an individual shall terminate upon the expiration of the member's term of office as a state fish and wildlife administrator.

Section 4. Persons who cannot qualify for regular membership in the Association may be elected Honorary Members by unanimous vote of members.

Section 5. Other professional organizations may be granted affiliate membership in the Association based upon demonstration that the Constitution and Bylaws of said organizations meet the basic standards of the Association. Application for affiliate membership shall be forwarded to the President at least 90 days prior to a regular meeting of the Association and shall include a current Constitution and Bylaws and a letter stating the organization's justification for affiliate membership. Affiliate membership shall be voted on by the voting representatives and must attain a majority vote of a quorum. Affiliated membership dues shall be \$75.00 per year; however, this fee may be waived by a majority vote of a quorum. The fee is automatically waived for affiliated conservation agencies or organizations that provide annual financial resources to support the Association through the following sponsorships: Major Sponsor (\$5,000 or more); Gold Sponsor (\$3,000-4,999); Silver Sponsor (\$2,000-2,999); Bronze Sponsor (\$1,000-1,999); and Sponsor (\$500-999).

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS and OTHER POSITIONS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint all special committees, preside at meetings of the Board of Directors, and perform such other duties as are naturally incumbent upon the office. Copies of the annual proceedings shall be forwarded to each member in good standing, with the cost of preparation and handling to be paid out of Association funds. All other copies are for distribution at the discretion of the host state or province.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the latter's absence, and specific duties may be assigned as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a record of all transactions of the meetings of the Association, as well as meetings of the Board of Directors, shall notify members of the time and place of meetings and perform such other duties as are naturally incumbent upon the office. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the Association and draw all warrants for the payment of claims properly presented. He/she shall bill the members and collect the annual dues. It is the intent of the Association that the costs of the annual meetings and related business functions, not to exceed \$2,500.00, may be paid by the Association.

Section 4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be custodian of all permanent files and other assets of the Association.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the Association.

Section 6. The Coordinator shall perform the following services:

- (1) Function as the official “Coordinator” for the Association carrying out liaison services by keeping in communication via e-mail, mailings, phone contact and personal visits with member Directors, or their designated representatives, to enhance the viability of the Association.
- (2) Work to obtain direct involvement and commitment of member Directors and affiliate leaders to build strength in the Association as a leading force in the Midwest on behalf of fish and wildlife issues.
- (3) Assist the Executive Vice-President of the **International** Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in coordinating actions and communications relevant to the Midwest Association.
- (4) Respond to inquiries for information regarding the Association and to routine correspondence.
- (5) Develop and maintain a web site for the Association.
- (6) Carry out directives of the President and/or Executive Committee of the Association.
- (7) Provide such other services as may be mutually agreed upon by both parties.

Section 7. The Recording Secretary shall perform the following services:

- (1) Record and publish the annual proceedings of the Association.
- (2) Assist with the scheduling of meetings and conference calls and to record minutes as appropriate.
- (3) Assist other officers with correspondence, recording keeping and tax reporting.
- (4) Other duties as assigned by the President or the Secretary/Treasurer

A R T I C L E V

MEETINGS

One regular meeting shall be held annually. The meeting will be held in and hosted by the state or province in which the outgoing President has administrative responsibility, or in such other locations designated by the Association. When necessary, special meetings may be called by the President. Members shall be given 180 days notice of regular annual meetings and special meetings may be called on ten days notice.

A R T I C L E VI

VOTING

Voting shall be by states and provinces, as units. Each state and province shall have one vote. All voting shall be by voice vote, except that a request by any member state or province for a secret ballot shall be honored. Any matters of Association business requiring action in the interim between meetings may be handled by the Executive Committee, by majority vote.

A R T I C L E VII

DUES

Annual Dues shall be \$300.00 per member state and \$100 per province, payable in advance, at, or before each annual meeting; provided, that annual dues may be suspended for any given year by a majority vote of a quorum.

A R T I C L E VIII

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall be July 1 through June 30.

A R T I C L E IX

QUORUM

A simple majority of all member states and provinces in good standing constitute a quorum.

A R T I C L E X

AMENDMENT

The Constitution and Bylaws (Bylaws) of the Association may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of a quorum; provided, however, a written copy of such proposed

amendment shall have been received by the President and the Secretary/Treasurer and sent to members at least thirty days before the regular annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. Proposed Bylaws amendments should be presented to, or generated by, the Bylaws Committee and reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to submitting to voting members of the Association for their consideration. With approval of the Vice-President, the President may call for voting by mail (including electronic mail) in lieu of a meeting. In this event, the thirty day notice shall still apply, the date of opening ballots shall be previously announced, notice sent to each member within forty-eight hours of vote tabulation by the Secretary/Treasurer, and all ballots shall be kept for one year following the vote.

ARTICLE XI

TYPES OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS

Section 1. There shall be three kinds of committees: Standing, President's Ad Hoc, and Technical Working.

Section 2. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the incoming President within thirty (30) days after assuming office, they shall serve during the period intervening between annual meetings and at such meetings, or until the purpose of each such committee has been accomplished and it has been discharged by the President.

- A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of six members of the Association: The President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, immediate Past President, and two other members to be appointed by the President with specific consideration for geographical balance. Any state or province represented on the Executive Committee by more than one individual shall be restricted to a single vote on this committee. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its business meetings, make recommendations to the Association as necessary and shall perform such other duties as may be specified in these bylaws. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the Board of Directors and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President as necessary. The Executive Committee may also act via conference call or by mail (including electronic mail).
- B. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three members: The Vice President of the Association, who shall act as chairman, and two other members to be appointed by the President.
- C. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of three members, one of which shall be designated as Chairman by the President. Copies of proposed resolutions should be received by the President and the Secretary/Treasurer and sent to members for their consideration at least thirty days before the regular annual meeting. Courtesy

resolutions and resolutions of a last minute nature may be recommended to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. Furthermore, proposed resolutions for which an urgent need arises between annual meetings may be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration via mail (including electronic mail), provided members are given a thirty-day notice. Members shall be notified of the vote outcome by the Secretary/Treasurer within forty-eight hours of vote tabulation.

- D. The ~~Nominating~~ Awards Committee shall be composed of five members, one of which shall be designated as Chairman by the President.
- E. The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of at least one member, designated by the President. The Bylaws Committee shall recommend Bylaws changes to the Executive Committee for consideration.
- F. The Investments Committee shall be composed of three members, one of which shall be the Secretary/Treasurer. The President shall designate one of the members as Chairman one of which shall be designated as Chairman by the President. The purpose of the committee is to review investments, including the Jaschek portfolio, and make recommendations to the Association per the investment policy statement.
- G. The Conservation Enhancement Fund shall be overseen by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Executive Committee plus one additional Association member appointed by the President. The purpose of the Fund shall be to support those activities of the Association which maintain and enhance the capability of all member states and provinces to develop and implement comprehensive fish and wildlife programs for game, nongame, endangered species and their habitats.

Section 3. Ad Hoc Committees may be established as deemed necessary by the President of the Association and shall serve until the purpose of each such committee has been accomplished and it has been discharged by the President.

Section 4. The Association may establish Technical Working Committees as deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Association. Upon establishment, these committees shall adhere to the following:

- A. Within one year from establishment, each committee shall submit to the Association for approval a Mission Statement, a list of specific responsibilities, and a description of operating procedures that will become part of the official minutes of the Association.
- B. All Technical Working Committees shall submit a written report electronically to the President and the Recording Secretary 30 days in advance of the annual meeting of the Association and may choose to conduct necessary committee business during

the period between annual meetings as per their approved operating procedures.

- C. Each Technical Working Committee shall be automatically abolished by the first of August every three years unless reinstated by the Association. As the end of the third year approaches, the Association shall assess the merits of reinstating the Working Committee.
- D. Resolutions from Technical Working Committees for Association action shall be submitted to the Chair of the Resolutions Committee.

The Association recognizes the following Technical Working Committees (year of first automatic abolishment in parentheses):

Legal Committee (2008)
National Conservation Need (NCN) Committee (2008)
Midwest Pheasant Study Group (2009)
Midwest Private Lands Wildlife Management Group (2009)
Midwest Public Lands Technical Working Committee (2010)
Midwest Wildlife and Fish Health Committee (2010)
Midwest Deer and Turkey Study Group (2011)
Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers (2011)
Midwest Furbearer Group (2012)

A R T I C L E X I I

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

Adopted 1936
Amended 1942
Amended 1944
Amended 1949
Amended 1954
Amended 1960
Amended 1964
Amended 1969
Amended 1971
Amended 1972
Amended 1975
Amended 1976
Amended 1977
Amended 1978
Amended 1980
Amended 1987
Amended 1993

Amended 1995
Amended 1996
Amended 2000
Amended 2001
Amended July 16, 2003
Amended July 13, 2004
Amended July 13, 2005
Amended July XX, 2006

**See Photos in PowerPoint Presentation:
“Photos 2006 Annual Meeting”
(Page 275 in Hard Copy Proceedings)**

or

On MAFWA website as Attachment to Proceedings

www.mafwa.iafwa.org

