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	Director Liaison		Committee Chair
	Committee Chair		Committee Recorder

Meeting Details

Meeting Date(s) and Location(s): *List dates of all meetings held in the past year. *500 Character Limit*

Executive Summary

Information contained in this section provides an overall summary of the committee meeting including a judgment of the meeting's success compared to previous meetings. Photos or other additional documents that help convey the work of the committee in this past year should be noted in the text but added to the end of this document as an attachment to the Annual Report PDF.

**3700 Character Limit*



Director Information Items

*Information in this section should highlight the committee's progress to goals and objectives identified in the Technical Working Committee Charter, identify challenges or risks (perceived or realized) and include any other updates from Midwest state's or relative business discussed. *3600 Character Limit*



Committee Workgroups

Identify workgroups that are associated with this TWC. Provide a brief 2-3 sentence summary of work accomplished in the past year. A workgroup is a smaller team that supports the goals and objectives of the TWC and is necessary and needed to help accomplish the work. It may include additional members not in the TWC but must be lead by a member of the TWC.

**650 Character Limit*

Workgroup Name (1)

States Member Lead

Workgroup Name (2)

States Member Lead

Requests for Action

List below any accompanying documents attached to the annual report. Note: All formal requests for action by the MAFWA Board of Directors must complete the appropriate forms with approvals by MAFWA Executive Committee prior to the Annual Board Meeting. Ex. Committee Charter, Request and Risk Assessment. See page 12 of the TWC Guidelines Manual for timelines and details.

**1300 Character Limit*

Proposed Meeting Dates/Times/Location

Dates and times the TWC will meet in the upcoming year.



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Annual Report

Agenda

*Provide meeting information from the past year in the space below. If additional supporting documents are needed, please combine into a single PDF and use the space below to document what is attached. Before final submission to the MAFWA Executive Secretary. *4000 Character Limit*

Meeting Dates and Location History

Year	State	Location	Date
1977	Missouri	Fountain Grove Wildlife Area	January 17-19
1978	Wisconsin	Wyalusing State Park	January 16-17
1979	Iowa	Rathburn Fish Hatchery	January 15-18
1980	Minnesota	Whitewater State Park	January 21-24
1981	Indiana	Harrison-Crawford State Park	January 19-22
1982	Ohio	Lake Hope State Park	January 18-21
1983	Nebraska	Louisville 4-H Camp	January 17-21
1984	Kansas	Camp Aldrich	January 16-19
1985	South Dakota	Black Hills	May 7-10
1986	North Dakota	Camp-of-the-Cross	January 20-23
1987	Michigan	Kellogg Biological Station	January 27-29
1988	Illinois	Touch of Nature	February 1-4
1989	Missouri	YMCA Camp of the Ozarks	January 23-26
1990	Wisconsin	Bethel Horizons Prairie Center	January 15-18
1991	Iowa	Conservation Education Center	January 14-17
1992	Minnesota	Whitewater State Park	January 13-16
1993	Indiana	Harrison-Crawford State Park	January 11-14
1994	Ohio	Canter's Cave 4-H Park	January 30-February 2
1995	Nebraska	Mahoney State Park	January 15-18
1996	Kansas	Camp Pecusa	January 14-16
1997	South Dakota	Camp NeSoDak	August 24-27
1998	North Dakota	Camp Grafton	August 9-12
1999	Ontario	Blue Springs Scout Reserve	August 15-18
2000	Michigan	Thunder Bay Resort	August 20-23
2001	Illinois	Dixon Springs Ag. Station	August 19-22
2002	Missouri	Conception Abbey	August 18-21
2003	Wisconsin	Bethel Horizons Prairie Center	August 24-27
2004	Iowa	Conservation Education Center	August 22-25
2005	Minnesota	Eagle Bluff Envir. Learning Center	August 21-24
2006	Indiana	Camp Ransburg, BSA	August 20-23
2007	Ohio	Canter's Cave 4-H Park	August 19-22
2008	Nebraska	Fort Robinson State Park	September 14-17
2009	Kansas	Rock Springs 4-H Camp	September 14-17
2010	North Dakota	Camp Grafton	August 22-25

2011	Michigan	Ralph A. MacMullen Center	September 25-28
2012	South Dakota	Custer State Park	October 16-19
2013	Illinois	Allerton Park	August 18-21
2014	Missouri	YMCA Camp of the Ozarks	September 15-18
2015	Wisconsin	Perlstein Conference Center	September 8-11
2016	Kentucky	General Butler State Resort Park	August 22-25
2017	Iowa	Honey Creek State Park Resort	August 28-31
2018	Minnesota	Camp Ripley	August 27-30
2019	Indiana	Brown County State Park	August 12-14
2020	Ohio	Virtual	August 18
2021	Nebraska	Virtual	August 18
2022	Kansas	Rock Springs 4-H Camp	August 15-18
2023	North Dakota	Rough Riders Hotel, Medora	September 25-28
2024	Michigan	Treetops Resort, Gaylord	September 23-26
2025	Illinois	Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena, IL	September 22-25
2026	South Dakota		
2027	Ontario or Missouri		



49th Annual Midwest Deer and Turkey Study Group Meeting

September 22-25, 2025 | Galena, Illinois

Hosted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Monday, September 22

3:00-9:00

Registration

6:00-9:00

Evening Social, *Light Appetizers served*

Tuesday, September 23

7:30-8:45

Breakfast on your own, *Resort Restaurant*

8:45-9:00

Welcome and Housekeeping

9:00-10:00

Plenary: Dan Stephens, IL Learn to Hunt Program – Addressing hunter constraints through the Illinois Learn to Hunt Program

10:00-10:15

BREAK

10:15-11:00

Plenary: Craig Miller and Eric Walberg, IL Natural History Survey – Deer and turkey hunting, hunter engagement, and hunting license sales in the Midwest

11:00-12:00

Business Meeting

12:00-1:00

Lunch

1:00-4:00

Split Sessions

Deer Research-

Joe McDermott, Kentucky DFWR - Population surveys for white-tailed deer using FLIR in KY

Tyler Obermoller, MN DNR - Use of drones with thermal infrared to locate white-tailed deer neonates for capture

Tyler Obermoller, MN DNR - The role of behavioral strategies and spatial ecology in shaping predation risk for white-tailed deer fawns
 John McCoy, Ohio Division of Wildlife – Response of deer to regulation changes monitored with cameras
 Michael Egan, SIU - Carbondale – Estimating county specific deer trends in Illinois
 Craig Miller, IL Natural History Survey – Hunter knowledge of chronic wasting disease in the Midwest

Turkey Research –

Meredith Anderson, Texas A&M – Spatiotemporal variation in wild turkey exposure to neonicotinoid insecticides in the United States'
 Jeff Hoover, University of Illinois – Hen turkey nesting behavior and success
 Brent Pease, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale – Gobbling chronology in Illinois
 Zak Danks – Wild Turkey Research in Kentucky
 Zak Danks – A national standardized wild turkey brood survey: the first 6 years
 Dan Stephens, IL Learn to Hunt Program – The challenges of turkey hunter R3

4:00-4:15

BREAK

4:15-5:00

Collaboration Session

6:00-7:30

Dinner

7:30-9:00

Social

Wednesday, September 24

7:30-8:45

Breakfast on your own, Resort Restaurant

8:45-10:30

Joint Session/Round Table

Joe Caudell, Indiana DNR – Public Trust, Social License to Operate, and Wildlife Disease Management
 Engagement with hunters via social media
 NWTF – Midwest Conservation Initiative
 Chase Hardage, WiseEye Technology – WiseEye: Advancing Conservation Through Technology

10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45-12:00

Split Sessions

Deer – State Specific Topics/Concerns
 Turkey – State Specific Topics/Concerns

12:00-1:00

Lunch

1:00-3:30

Split Sessions

Deer Management-

Evan London, U of Illinois – CWD Research in IL
 Peter Schlichting, Illinois DNR – 20 years of living with CWD in Illinois
 Joe Caudell, Indiana DNR – Legalizing the sale of venison to increase deer

harvest

Ben Westfall, NDA – Topic TBD

1:00-3:30

Wild Turkey Surveys and NGO Updates-

Nate Huck, MN DNR – Minnesota Turkey Hunter Survey: Season Preferences and Crossbows

Gerriann Albers, IN DNR – Talking Turkey with Indiana Hunters: Activity and Perceptions from the Indiana Turkey Hunter Survey

National Wild Turkey Federation Midwest updates

Turkeys For Tomorrow updates

3:30-6:00

Build your own agenda:

Mountain Biking

Fishing

Hiking

Boat ride on Mississippi

Golf

6:00-7:30

Dinner

7:30-9:00

Social

Thursday, September 25

7:00-8:30

Breakfast and Adjourn

Special Thanks to our sponsors!



Midwest Deer and Turkey Study Group
Sept 23rd, 2025
Business Meeting

- **Meeting Budget/Funds**

- Funds held by NWTF
- Current balance:
 - Started with \$500 donated by NWTF in 2024
 - \$8780 from registrations
 - \$2000 from 2025 donations
 - NWTF - \$1000 total: \$500 (national) and \$500 (IL state chapter)
 - NDA - \$500
 - IL Conservation Foundation - \$500
 - \$11,280 as of 10/1/2025
- Will update group with final total when all meeting bills are paid

- **Splitting Deer and Turkey groups**

- Consensus was we would still meet together annually for the foreseeable future but would write up separate charters for the deer and wild turkey groups
- Geriann Albers and Nick Oakley will write the turkey charter
- Barb Keller and Peter Schlichting will write the deer charter

- **State Reports**

- Not required by MAFWA any longer
- Consensus was each state would still submit them to host state each year but choose their own format. Host state will compile. We will also look into a clearinghouse where they can be stored/accessed online.

- **Meeting Report**

- Will be summarized and finalized by Luke Garver and Peter Schlichting (IL DNR)

- **2026 Meeting Host**

- Luke and Peter asked South Dakota on 9/30/2025 and they agreed to host
- Had virtual meeting with Andrew Norton on 10/2/2025
- Missouri and Ontario have tentatively agreed for next two years