

**MINUTES**  
**MID-COAST CHAPTER, TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Mid-Coast Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist™, Inc. General Membership Meeting met hybrid remote and in-person at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at the Bay Education Center located at 121 Seabreeze Dr, Rockport, TX 78382.

**Program**

Dr. Dara Orbach, Assistant Professor, Marine Biology at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, presented *Kinky Copulations of Marine Mammals*, which offered intriguing insight into the relationships and behaviors of marine mammals.

**Business Meeting**

The business meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. by President Steve Ferguson. Secretary Ele Chew recorded the minutes. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M. for 2 hours CB: Chapter Business plus individual travel time. The AT marine mammal presentation was 1.25 hr., spanning from 10:00 A.M.-11:15 A.M.

**Meeting Attendance**

There was a total of 56 attendees, of which three were guests. Fifty-three members in good standing, of which eight participated by Zoom, were in attendance. Nine officers and directors formed a quorum.

**Secretary's Report by Ele Chew**

The Mid-Coast Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist™, Inc. General Membership Meeting met hybrid remote and in-person at 10:07 A.M. on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at The Nueces Delta Preserve, which is located at 3410 US-77 N Odem, TX 78370.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Steve Ferguson. Secretary Ele Chew recorded the minutes. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. for 2.5 hours CB: Chapter Business plus individual travel time. The AT CBBEP presentation was 0.5 hr., and the AT outing was 1 hr., spanning from 12:45-2:15 P.M.

Twenty-eight members in good standing, of which four participated by Zoom, were in attendance. Nine officers and directors formed a quorum.

**Program**

At 12:45 P.M., Lauren Piorkowski, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, presented The Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program (CBBEP), a nonprofit formed in 1999 to support a thriving bay system in the Texas Coastal Bend. Covering 75 miles of coastline across 12 counties, CBBEP focuses on

conservation and offers various volunteer opportunities, including educational initiatives at the Nueces Delta Preserve.

The minutes were posted on the chapter website on December 17, 2024.

Bill Burge moved to approve the minutes as posted; Ray Kirkwood seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Treasurer's Report by Julie Hejducek**

**Mid-Coast Texas Master Naturalist Inc.  
Treasurer's Report as of: 01/31/2025  
General Meeting 02/08/2025  
Bay Education Center, 121 Seabreeze Dr, Rockport, TX 78382**

Beginning bank balances checking as of 01/01	\$36,183.14
Plus CD	13,173.81
Plus MM	7,041.70
<u>Total beginning cash as of 01/01</u>	<u>\$56,398.65</u>

Checking account balance as of 01/01	\$36,183.14
Plus cleared items	487.08
Less outstanding items	618.57
Operating bank balance as of 01/31	<u>\$36,051.65</u>

CD account balance as of 01/01	\$13,173.81
Plus interest	-0-
CD bank balance as of 01/31	<u>\$13,173.81</u>

*\*Note: Interest credited to the account at the end of its 4-month term in April.*

MM account balance as of 01/01	\$7,041.70
Plus interest	8.97
MM bank balance as of 01/31	<u>\$7,050.67</u>

Ending balances checking as of 01/31	\$36,051.65
Plus CD as of 01/31	13,173.81
Plus MM as of 01/31	7,050.67
<u>Total cash as of 01/31</u>	<u>\$56,276.13</u>

*Three bank reconciliations completed 02/01  
Quicken Backup completed 02/01*

Total YTD Revenue as of 01/31	\$1,569.61
Less YTD Total Expenses as of 01/31	1,692.13
Net Loss as of 01/31	<u>\$ 122.52</u>

Budget process for 2025 was finalized and approved at the January 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting. Financial Audit was completed on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Results were presented at the January 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting with no findings.

Tax updates: 1) Estimated Sales Tax was paid in December to align with actual 2024 sales. Sales tax was filed on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Going forward, the estimated Sales Tax will be paid by the end of the year and filed in the next year, 2) IRS Form 990 e-postcard was submitted 01/25/2025 as required by the IRS to maintain tax-exempt status, 3) For the first time a 1099K was received from Square. This is due to new IRS rulings, and represents credit card transactions only. This does not affect tax status since the Chapter is well under the \$50,000 threshold.

Tax Free Business Accounts: The Chapter has Walmart, Amazon, Office Depot, and Rockport Mail Center tax-free accounts. Walmart, Amazon, and Office Depot are available online. When using Rockport Mail Center, please mention MCTMN to take advantage of tax-free status.

Beginning in 2025, Quicken can be used to balance the monthly budget. It will automatically pull through from the financials and is the master record. The Excel budget is manually updated will be double checked against Quicken.

Payments update: 1) In January, Square was used to pay for initial training fees. The Square fee associated with training is \$4.65, which was netted out of the \$150 fee. Therefore, \$140.35 was collected. There is a line item in Square to handle initial training fees, 2) A successful Zelle test was run on 01/16 and can be used to send payments. To find the Zelle account, use the [treasurer.mctmn@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.mctmn@gmail.com)

### **Board of Director Reports:**

- [President's Report](#) — Review of 2024, celebrate MCTMN 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary through community outreach and county/community projects, strengthen relationships, develop fundraising, leadership and administrative opportunities and challenges
- [Vice-President's Report](#) — Updates on the next Board of Directors and General Meetings in 2025, Chapter Leadership Pin, Review of Oyster Symposium, Texas Mid-Coast Bird Festival
- [Treasurer's Report](#) — Budget Actuals 01/2025 updated 02/18/2025
- [Membership & VMS Reports](#)
  - Membership Report
  - VMS Update
- [Advanced Training Director](#) — Nothing to report.
- [Initial Training Report](#) — Update of IT progress.

- [Projects Report](#) — Pollinators for Texas Project Applications , 2024 VMS entry Service Performed descriptions
- [Communications Report](#) — Publicity, outreach, newsletter, social media, historian, website
  - [Plant Sale Report](#)
- [Technology Report](#) — No report
- [Past President Report](#)— No report
- [Class Representative Report](#)— Class of 2024 status
- [Chapter Advisor Report](#) —No report
- [Awards](#)

## **New Business**

### **Introduction of 2025 Officers**

President-Steve Ferguson

Vice President-Brigid Berger

Secretary-Ele Chew

Treasurer-Julie Hejducek

Membership Director-Kimberly Ballard

VMS Administrator-Cindy Hielscher

Initial Training Director- Jeremy Miller and Kate Greer Miller

Advanced Training Director- Debbie Kucera

Projects Director-Greg Simmons

Communications Director-D'Ann Williams

Technology Director Open

Past President-Bob Cunningham

Class Representative-Chelsea Watson

Chapter Advisors-Amy Nowlin & Trey Barron

## **Adjournment**

Steve Marwitz moved to adjourn, and Ray Kirkwood seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

VMS: Chapter Business: TMN Adm. Rep Hours=2 hrs. plus travel time

Respectfully submitted,

Ele Chew

Mid-Coast Chapter Secretary

## REPORTS AND AUXILIARY MATERIAL TO THE MINUTES

### President's Report by Steve Ferguson

#### It Was A Very Good Year – A Review of 2024

- Leadership and board changes
- Implementation of newly revised and adopted Chapter governing documents.
- Class of '24 was and is terrific!
- Plant Sale exceeded all expectations!
- Continued to excel and expand our Outreach initiatives
- To help ensure our Chapter's financial stability and sustainability, we
  - created and funded a Contingency Reserve
  - established *ad hoc* fundraising committee
- Donated to Fulton Learning Center in support of the Junior Naturalist Program
- Created and hosted our first ever Oyster Symposium

#### What's Ahead? - 2025 Should Be "A Big, Beautiful Year!"

- MCTMN celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary through community Outreach and local county/community Projects and perhaps one big chapter-wide celebration in an easily accessible location
  - D'Ann Williams and Greg Simmons celebration leaders
  - Bring our chapter members together to demonstrate who are, to the people who live there by serving their local county/community and its natural resources
- Strengthen our relationships with local entities and natural resources partners
- Develop and our own fundraising abilities so that we can create the idea and plan, generate the energy, and fund our own projects
- Leadership and Administrative Opportunities and Challenges
  - Rollout and implement the new VMS system
  - Identify 2026 leadership needs and begin identifying and preparing new leaders
    - Secretary
    - Webmaster – immediate need
  - State TMN asks that Chapters review and update governing documents every three years after adoption. (MCTMN - adopted in 2023, scheduled for review/update in 2026). Use 2025 to start identifying potential changes.
- Strengthen engagement, participation, and sense of purpose within our Chapter.
  - Working together on projects
  - Inviting new members to participate
  - Supporting each other
  - Having fun together as we accomplish things as a team

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## Vice President's Report by Brigid Berger

MCTMN Chapter Meeting  
February 8, 2024

### Vice President's Report

Submitted by Brigid Berger

The next **BOD meeting** will be **Saturday, April 12, 2025**, Aransas County AgriLife Building

The next **Chapter Meeting** will be **Saturday, May10, 2025**. Location & AT program TBD but we are working on a program and location in Victoria. Targeting a topic and possible volunteer service project with Keep Victoria Beautiful, and the Gulf of Mexico Trust's (Jay & Chrissy Kleberg) Trash Free Gulf program.

**Chapter Leadership Pin:** I would like to remind chapter members of the CLP. All members in good standing are eligible to receive the award which recognizes leadership service toward the operations, growth, and improvements of the chapter. Nomination forms are available on the chapter website in the "For Members" section and I have brought paper copies for anyone interested.



**Oyster Symposium** Thursday, November 14, 1 pm – 5 pm, Rockport Art Center

The purpose of the symposium was to provide an educational forum featuring the oyster as an animal, critical habitat, agricultural crop, and delicacy. Registration was \$20. Sold out – 110 attendees. Featured 11 speakers from 9 organizations and 4 business. The symposium was followed by an Oyster Tasting of farm-raised oysters from 4 Texas Bays and was conducted by Chapter Advisor, Amy Nowlin, Matagorda AgriLife Marine Agent. The tasting fee was \$20, limited to 50 which also sold out. While not a fundraiser due to the generosity of the sponsors and donations of oysters by from the oyster companies, expenses were exceeded by over \$3000.

The symposium could not have happened without the efforts of the following chapter members. Planning Committee: Debbie Minns, D'Ann Williams, Julie Hejducek, Tracey Bennet; Event photographer Ele Chew; Event Support: Allan Berger, Charla Ingalls, Roger Ingalls, Maureen Crocker, Greg Simmons, Sally Scroggs.

**Texas Mid-Coast Birding Festival**, May 1 – 5, 2025, Port Lavaca will feature birding tours at multiple locations throughout Calhoun and Matagorda County and several Mid-Coast Chapter members as birding guides including Bob Friedrichs, Janet Price, Robyn Savage, Allan Berger, and Brigid Berger. For more information and to register: [www.TexasMidCoastBirdingFestival.com](http://www.TexasMidCoastBirdingFestival.com)



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# Treasurer's Report by Julie Hejducek

Budget Actuals 02/18/25 updated

## 2025 MCTMN BUDGET

CATEGORY	2025 BUDGET EXPLANATION	2025 BUDGET	ACTUALS as of 01/2025	\$ Difference
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Revenue</b>			
Member Dues	Annual dues (\$15/person average x 100 paying members)	1,500	540	960
Initial Training Fees	Initial training (20 @\$150 FOR 2025 class)	2,515	715	1,800
Gross Plant sale	Hummerbird	14,500		14,500
Book Sales	Book Sales to ANWR	600		600
Badge Replacement	Cost to replace lost badge	50		50
Interest Income	Interest income from checking .15% (\$25), money market 1.51% (\$75), and CD 3.25% (\$400)	500	14	486
Misc Other (Donations)	Unsolicited donations less than \$250	3,000	301	2,699
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>22,665</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>21,095</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Expenses</b>			
President Expenses	25th Celebration, supplies, misc( moved to Outreach)			
VP Expenses	Supplies & other expenses incurred by VP, MS products \$36, misc	250	3	247
VP Expenses for Meetings - Capital Exp	No capitol expected			
Storage Rental	Kool storage, \$93/month	1,200	93	1,107
Shed Purchase		0		
Shed Rental		0		
Secretary's Supplies	Paper, ink, postage, other supplies	100		100
Treasurer's Supplies	Ink \$65, MS products \$36, storage container \$10, paper \$10, misc	200	3	197
Treasurer - Capital Expense	No capitol expected			
Historian and scrapbook	Toner, Paper, Scrapbook pages, Storage, etc.	100		100
Project Director Expenses	Pollinator garden \$3000, Unforeseen \$500	3,500		3,500
Project Expense - Monarch Tagging Project	Monarch tagging kits,nets and habitat			
Project Expense - Outreach costs associated with 25th Anniversary	Misc anniversary costs not associated with Hooks Game	1,000		1,000
Membership	Plaques (2 cases @\$171 ea) - \$342 name badges - \$13*25=\$325	667		667
Communications - Website & Technical	Website domain name \$15, SR hosting \$290 & improvements \$270; Wufoo online data support \$350; Zoom license \$150, Quickbooks \$540, Cloud storage \$240, Transitioning \$300	2,330	185	2,145
Communications - Online Newsletter, Signups & Facebook Ads	Const Contact 10x\$12=\$120 Boosted FB ads 10x\$12=\$120 \$306 plus General Marketing Signup Genius \$211, Boosted FB add for HummerFest \$200 Misc 100	920		920
Communications - General Marketing	Plant Sale Yard signs - 100, Misc. Other: Thank you card stationary \$100	200		200
Communications - Public Outreach - Hooks Game & Misc.	Hooks Game Stickers - \$530, Chapter Brochure \$260, Winter Texan Day, Misc. Events	1,240		1,240
Communications - Outreach - Capital Expense	<i>Will concentrate on 25th anniversary / Hooks Game</i>			
PO Box Rental	Post Office box rental - Fulton 12 months @ \$150	150	150	0
Discretionary	\$150 annual donatioin to TMN, \$200 non standard honorarium	350		350
Square Expense / Bank Expense	Misc expense from Square transactions and bank fees	50	5	45
<b>Total Administrative</b>		<b>12,257</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>11,818</b>
<b>Advanced Training</b>	Instructor/speaker fees	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Training - Initial</b>				
Boat / Touch Tank Fees	RV Katy for Bay and Barrier Island Ecology	850		850
Books - Purchased	19 Statewide Cirriculum (TAMU Press, \$665), 19 My Brush Country Backyard, \$456	1,300	420	880

CATEGORY	2025 BUDGET EXPLANATION	2025 BUDGET	ACTUALS as of 01/2025	\$ Difference
Instructor Fees	Honoraria or expense reimbursements (1 X \$250 assumed)	250		250
Venue	Fees	75		75
Contingency Fund	Other expenses (15% contingency)	0		0
Supplies & expenses	Note pads, printing, binders, badges, etc.	700	713	13
Scholarship	Earmark for potential 2025 class applicants (2@\$90)	180	120	60
Misc	Ambassador/training committee pizza meeting	150		150
<b>Total Initial Training</b>		<b>3,505</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>2,252</b>
<b>Plant Sale</b>				
HummerBird Fee	For outside space	150		150
Plants	Plants purchased	4,250		4,250
Sales Tax	Tax for sales other than 2 "free days".	200		200
Fees - Square	2.9% transaction fee for credit cards (60.0% of sales)	252		252
POS Square Expense	One month of hot spot	55		55
POS Hardware/Software - Capital Expense	Square purchase			
Plant Sale Educational Materials/Eqpt		500		500
Supplies & Misc expenses	\$50 labels/square, \$250 misc includes Square refill paper \$15	295		295
Equipment Upgrades - Capital Expense	No trays expected			
<b>Total Plant Sale</b>		<b>5,702</b>		<b>5,702</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>21,464</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>19,772</b>
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME (YE)</b>		<b>1,201</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1,324</b>
<b>TOTAL PLANT SALE NET INCOME (YE)</b>		<b>8,798</b>		<b>8,798</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENSE</b>				
<b>OYSTER SYMPOSIUM</b>				
<b>Oyster Symposium Revenue</b>				
Oyster Symposium Donations/Grants	Sponsorships			
Oyster Symposium Registration	Registration fees			
<b>Total Oyster Symposium Revenue</b>				
<b>Oyster Symposium Expense</b>				
Venue	Rockport Conference Center			
Oysters / Shuckers	Oysters \$300, Shuckers \$100			
Security	Sherriff			
Communications	Advertising \$100, Sponsor table and signage \$100, Website and social media \$200			
Fees - PayPal and Square	Registration fees and discounts			
Gifts	Speaker gifts and give aways			
Miscellaneous - Food, Paper Supplies	Food and refreshments \$900, Paper Supplies \$157			
<b>Total Oyster Symposium Expense</b>				
<b>TOTAL OYSTER SYMPOSIUM NET INCOME</b>				

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## **Membership Report by Kim Ballard**

For 2024 year-end, 50 volunteer opportunities were presented to the Chapter, with 119 members eligible to report. Of those, 101 (85%) reported 14,654.25 service hours, for a value of \$373,451; members also reported 1582.75 hours of advanced training. Additionally, 67 formerly certified members re-certified, which is 57% of eligible membership.

January, 2025 has started out strong. Including the new Initial Training class, which is full, there are 138 members eligible to report hours. So far 79 members have reported 1143 service hours from 30 opportunities presented, valued at \$27,922. January advanced training currently totals 71 hours.

Ninety-eight members are current with 2025 dues.

President Steve Ferguson has asked for a review of Membership protocols. As a result, a membership committee will be confirmed to review current operating procedures, and recommendations for any updates and/or changes will be presented to the Board at the April 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Finally, one application has been received for 2026 Initial Training.

## **VMS Data Manager Report by Cindy Hielscher**

The VMS Data Manager Report by Cindy Hielscher for January 11, 2025. The VMS Upgrade is continuing but the next steps have not been communicated recently. VMS Training has been restarted for those who need it on the current version of VMS.

The Initial Training Class for 2025 used the new onboarding process which seemed to go smoothly. Volunteer hours reporting is not expected to be too different from the user experience of today. In the future, another planned change will include allowing volunteers to select opportunities instead of the VMS Administrator being required to do that for them. However, the timing of that change is currently not available.

TPWD will collect volunteer hours information from VMS on January 31, 2025, for the full 2024 year across Chapters. New recertification pins, the Common Roadrunner, for 2025 will become available soon.

## January 2025 Hourskeeper Report

### Chapter Service & Training in January 2025

Volunteer Service	Advanced Training	# Members Reporting	# Different Opportunities	Value at \$23 per hour
1,143	71	79	30	\$27,922

### Service & Training 2025 Year-to-Date Total

Volunteer Service	Advanced Training	# Members Reporting	# Different Opportunities	Value at \$23 per hour
1,143	71	79	30	\$27,922

### Cumulative—Chapter Inception in 2000 to Present

Volunteer Service	Advanced Training	All-time # Members Reporting	# Different Opportunities	Value at \$23 per hour
255,851.25	26,659.25	367	73	\$6,497,741.50

As of January 31st, the Mid-Coast Chapter had 138 members eligible to report hours including the Initial Training class that began on January 18<sup>th</sup>. 79 members have reported hours earned in 2025—57% of the total eligible. An updated roster will be sent to the membership in February. If you need an updated roster before then, please email [hourskeeper@midcoast-tmn.org](mailto:hourskeeper@midcoast-tmn.org). The website will be updated soon with the January 2025 numbers presented above.

**Class of 2025**—The Initial Training and Membership Directors finalized our Class of 2025. There are currently 20 trainees and Orientation was completed on January 18, 2025. As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, the class has reported 18.5 volunteer service hours, 16 AT hours, and 127 Initial Training hours.

**Class of 2024**—As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, the 17 class members have reported 1,378.75 volunteer service hours and 382.50 AT hours. The next step in becoming a Certified TMN Chapter member will be attaining 40 volunteer hours and 8 advanced training hours as soon as possible. Eleven members have achieved this goal and are listed on page 2. In addition, seven members have achieved Recertification by adding 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 more hours of AT to their total for the year (80 hours of volunteer service plus 16 hours of AT in total).

**Recertification 2025**— A new pin, the Common Roadrunner, has been introduced for 2025 recertifications. Our first 2025 Recertification is listed on page 2.

**Recertification 2024**—Sixty-seven chapter members recertified for 2024 and earned the Diamondback Rattlesnake pin. Seven of these members are from our new Class of 2024. See the list of 2024 pin recipients through December on pages 2 - 3.

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### Advanced Training Report by Debbie Kucera

No report.

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## **Initial Training Directors Report by Jeremy Miller & Kate Geer-Miller**

- 2025 Initial Training started January 18 at the Agrilife office in Rockport, 892 Airport Rd, Rockport, TX, 78382
  - Full class of 20
  - Thank you to all the chapter members who participated in the training and potluck to make it a great success
- Next session is Upland Ecology on February 20 & 22

## **2025 Initial Training Schedule**

- Orientation - January 25
- Geology and Ecoregions - February 6
- Upland Ecology - February 20 & 22
- Archaeology - March 1
- Mid-coast Ecology - March 20 & 22
- Interpreting Nature - April 3 & 5
- Riverine and Riparian Ecology - April 17 & 19
- The World Is Your Oyster - May 15 & 17
  - Palacios Marine Agriculture Research (PMAR)
- Bay and Barrier Island Ecology - May 29 & 31
- Native Plants and Graduation - June 5 & 7

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**Projects Director Report by Greg Simmons**

- Pollinators for Texas Project grant submitted for \$3000.
  - Joint project between TMN and HEB
  - MCTMN notified of full grant award
  - Donna Bailey is project lead
  - Pollinator garden leads are Donna Bailey (Port Lavaca), Janet McCrea (Coletto Creek), Vicky Wilson (Rockport Post Office), Bobby Garner (ANWR), Brigid Berger (Port O’Connor Elementary School), Margie Wilkins (Matagorda Historical Society Park)
  - Other contributors are Maureen Crocker, D’Ann Williams, Sally Scroggs and Greg Simmons
  - Planning meeting due to discuss grant allocation and reimbursement of expenses, VMS entry, grant reporting requirements, volunteering inclusivity, etc.
  
- Working on 2024 VMS entry Service Performed descriptions
  - Goal is to develop a list of topically and geographically diverse project listing to encourage MCTMN participation
  - Include MCTMN contact information for interested chapter members
  - Cumbersome process in Excel
  - Comparatively easy to sort by Opportunity Title

<b>Opportunity Title</b>	<b>Volunteer Name</b>	<b>TMN Hours</b>	
FR: ANWR research	4 Volunteers	23.00	
FR: Aquatic Life	1 Volunteer	0.50	
FR: Bird Populations	34 Volunteers	1,307.25	
FR: Insect Life	6 Volunteers	29.00	
FR: Other Partners	19 Volunteers	320.00	
FR: TPWD	4 Volunteers	83.50	
FR: Water Quality	6 Volunteers	74.25	
FR: WWF research	1 Volunteer	22.00	
		<b>1,859.50</b>	<b>18% of volunteer total</b>

Birds	
3,039.00	WRC
502.50	ICF
379.50	CBC
183.00	Public Outreach
155.75	MCBS
153.25	MAPS
139.75	Misc
34.50	Hummers
31.00	AMOY
26.00	Rookery
4,644.25	Total

45% of Chapter Total

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**Communications Directors Report by D'Ann Williams**



**Communication Committee Report – February ‘25**

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Administration | Historian | Newsletter | Outreach | Publicity | Website  
 Committee's oversight areas as per our Bylaws

# Administration | Historian | Newsletter Outreach | Publicity | Website

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- **Admin:**

- We have a New Dropbox Account!
- We have a TMN Branding Guide to follow
- We have Chapter Templates, as well.

*Contact me if you need access to these - It's in our Dropbox!*

- **Historian:**

- *Need someone to scan and upload our history/ documents onto Dropbox?*

- **Outreach - Chapter Initiated**

- June 8th - Hooks Minor League Baseball Game 7:00 p.m.
  - *Anyone want to join in the planning??*
- Sept – Plant Sale Outreach Booth

- **Outreach – Partners Events**

- Will Team up with partners at their events with chapter members like Monarch Madness at Fennessey Ranch, ANWR Fall Celebration, etc.
- *Join our Outreach Team!*

# Administration | Historian | Newsletter Outreach | Publicity | Website

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- **Newsletter – Help! We need articles by Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>!**

- Letter from the President
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo
- Oyster Symposium
- Introduce New Class 2025 with a blurb on what they do to join
- ????

- **Publicity**

- Will advertise as needed for Chapter events
- *Please like both our Facebook “Page” and “Group”*

- **Website**

- Thank you to Ray and Kris for all you've done!
- *Team Help Needed! Anyone?*

# Speaking of Chapter Outreach

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- Winter Texan Celebration in January - We reached and reported –

**1149 People!!**



**Our Chapter Brochure was very well received for day trip ideas!!**  
I had a person contact us to place 2 of their sites on our brochure list

Thank you to Vickie Wilson and Cindy Baker for helping me man the booth!!



# 25 Anniversary Logo

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### **Plant Sale Manager Report by Debbie Minns**

We are looking for someone to take over as Plant Manager for a three-year commitment as we face new challenges ahead.

Propagation needs to begin soon, as it is the most effective way to keep expenses down. We will develop a strategic plan outlining what will be grown, how it will be presented, and the overall appearance. Our chapter covers eight counties, each with unique habitats, and we aim to share the expertise of our specialists with the public.

The implementation of shared plant watering duties proved to be a great success, allowing members to take vacations without worry.

A link will be added to the Mid-Coast TMN website and our Facebook page.

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### **Past President Report by Bob Cunningham**

No report

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### **Class Representative Report by Chelsea Watson**

For the class of 2024, we have 17 members. Of these, 11 have completed their certification, and 7 have recertified. We are particularly proud of Jim Shirley and Kendall for successfully taking care of their certification. Our goal now is to encourage the rest of our class members to complete their required hours and to assist them in finding suitable opportunities that fit their schedules. There are numerous upcoming opportunities that you can share with those who need a little extra help, especially for those who may not be able to participate in person. Again, you have many great ideas for activities that can be done at home, allowing individuals to still earn their credits. We want to keep track of these opportunities and share them with the appropriate members.

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### **Chapter Advisor by Amy Nowlin**

Nothing to report.

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## **Meeting Attendance**

Laura Anderson (Zoom), Chris Anderson (Zoom), Kim Ballard, Carla Belaire, Allan Berger, Brigid Berger (Vice President), Shelby Bessette, James Black (Zoom), Bill Burges, Jim Case, Ele Chew (Secretary), Denise Crane, Gary Crane, CeCe Fitzgerald (Zoom) , Linda Daley, Kim Draper (Zoom), Steve Ferguson (President), Debra Fisher, Sandra Garcia, Debbie Griffith, Melissa Guthrie, Julie Hejducek (Treasurer), Mike Hejducek, Patrick Henley, Cindy Hielscher (Hourskeeper, VMS Administrator), Beth Hudson, Dale Hughling (Zoom), Gail Hughling (Zoom), Charla Ingalls, Jarrett Kernern, Kendal Keyes, Kris Kirkwood, Ray Kirkwood, Catherine Koenig (Zoom), Barbara Mathis (Zoom), Clare Matranga, Marco Matranga, Lauren Martin, Janet McCrea, Jeremy Miller (IT Director), Debra Minns, Gregory Nelson, Janet Price, Nicole Reagan (Zoom) Debbi Roskey (Zoom), Jesscia Rubble, Karen Lee Rystad, Liz Smith, Steve Stanley, Kim Stanley, Marlyn Stewart (Zoom) Linda Swickheimer, Deborah Troup, Amy Nowlin (Chapter Advisor Zoom), Sally Scroggs, Greg Simmons (Projects Director), Chelsea Watson (Class Representative), and D'Ann Williams (Communications Director), and Vickie Wilson.

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## Awards

### Milestone Awards Earned during 2025

(Bold names new since last month's report)

- *Bronze 250-Hour Milestone Pin*—**Kathryn Greer-Miller**
- *Silver 500-Hour Milestone Pin*—
- *Gold 1000-Hour Milestone Pin*—**D'Ann Williams**
- *Polished Silver 2500-Hour Milestone Pin*—
- *Gold w/ruby 4,000-Hour Milestone Pin & President's award*—
- *Gold w/diamond 5,000-Hour Milestone Pin & lifetime membership/no dues award*—
- *Gold w/emerald 10,000-Hour award*—
- *15,000 Hour award*—

### Milestone Awards Earned during 2024

(Bold names new since last month's report)

- *Bronze 250-Hour Milestone Pin*—Debbie Kucera, Jeremy Miller, Janette Sims, Steve Ferguson, Janet James, Cindy Hielscher, Maureen Crocker, Melissa Guthrie
- *Silver 500-Hour Milestone Pin*—Denise Crane, Steve Simmons, Mike Hejducek, Janet McCrea, Carla Belaire, Steve Ferguson, Debbie Minns
- *Gold 1000-Hour Milestone Pin*—Bob Cunningham
- *Polished Silver 2500-Hour Milestone Pin*—Ernie Schertz, **Bill Burge**
- *Gold w/ruby 4,000-Hour Milestone Pin & President's award*—
- *Gold w/diamond 5,000-Hour Milestone Pin & lifetime membership/no dues award*— Linda Shirey
- *Gold w/emerald 10,000-Hour award*— Brigid Berger

### 2025 Recertifications (Common Roadrunner pin)

\*1<sup>st</sup> to recertify, †Class of 2025 recertifications, Members in bold certified since last month)

**1Bill Burge**

### Class of 2024 Initial Certifications

(Members in bold certified since last month's report)

Jim Case	Bradley Jones	Linda Daley
Chelsea Watson	Bobbi Rankin	Cynthia Baker
Kimberly Ballard	Mary Wilkins	<b>James Black</b>
<b>Kendal Keyes</b>	<b>Shirley Richardson</b>	

### 2024 Recertifications (Diamondback Rattlesnake pin)

\*1<sup>st</sup> to recertify, †Class of 2024 recertifications, Members in bold certified since last month)

Chris Andersen	Allan Berger	David Clark	Debra Dahms-
Laura Andersen	*Brigid Berger	Kayla Clark	Nelson
†Cynthia Baker	Shelby Bessette	Denise Crane	†Linda Daley
Kimberly Ballard	*Bill Burge	Gary Crane	Steve Ferguson
Carla Belaire	†Jim Case	Maureen Crocker	Bob Friedrichs
Karen Benson	Ele Chew	Bob Cunningham	Bobby Garner

Kathryn Greer-  
Miller  
Judy Goodner  
Debbie Griffith  
Melissa Guthrie  
\*Patrick Hartigan  
Julie Hejducek  
Mike Hejducek  
Cindy Hielscher  
Dale Hughling  
Charla Ingalls  
†Bradley Jones  
Catherine Koenig

Ray Kirkwood  
Kris Kirkwood  
Wilfred Korth  
Debbie Kucera  
**Dee Mahaffey**  
Steve Marwitz  
\*Barbara Mathis  
Janet McCrea  
Martha McLeod  
Debbie Minns  
Jeremy Miller  
Amy Nowlin

Janet Price  
†Bobbi Rankin  
Debbi Roskey  
KarenLee Rystad  
Robyn Savage  
Ernie Schertz  
Sally Scroggs  
\*Linda Shirey  
Greg Simmons  
Steve Simmons  
Janette Sims  
Liz Smith

Marilyn Stewart  
Scott Swanson  
Linda Swickheimer  
Jamie von Dohlen  
Gary Ward  
†Chelsea Watson  
D'Ann Williams  
Vickie Wilson

### **2024 TPWD Water Awards**

Marueen Crocker, Catherine Koenig, D'Ann Williams

If you have not received your above award(s), they will be available at the MCTMN Chapter - BOD meeting in April and the Chapter meeting in May. If you cannot attend, you may designate someone else attending the meeting to pick them up for you or they will be held for the next Chapter meeting.

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