

# NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



*"The Voice of Resource Law Enforcement"*



## **2016 NAWEOA OFFICER OF THE YEAR Cpl. Casey Jones, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division**

Vice-President Shawn Farrell (left) presenting the Officer of the Year Plaque to Cpl. Casey Jones,  
Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources,  
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## The President's Report

By Lew Huddelston



Well, Vermont 2016 is in our rear view mirror. I hope everyone had a great time. Kudos again goes out to Greg, Jenna, Bobby and all the Vermont officers that had a hand in putting on a great conference. I didn't get a chance to see as much of Vermont as I would have liked but what I did see confirmed it to be a special area. I think I'm going to have to put it on my bucket list to see the New England states in the fall on a Harley.

Now, on to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Canada. I know Scott Haney; the conference liaison for the board is planning a

trip soon to go to Sault Ste. Marie to get the specifics ironed out as to hotel, torch run, as well as a number of other items. After that it will be on the Executive Board in conjunction with a number of local Ontario officers getting the finer details together for 2017. Hopefully the NAWEOA members for eastern part of North American will again turn out in force. There will be a few years absence from the east coast after 2017. It looks like we are headed to the middle part of the United States for the next couple years. It appears it's on to Cheyenne Wyoming in 2018 and Oklahoma City Oklahoma in 2019. We have two associations that are going to be in a position to completely host the 2018 and 2019 conferences. I know the conference liaison and the executive board will be very happy ☺

## The Vice President's Report

By Shawn Farrell



Another season has passed as we head into the fall season. I would like to thank the Vermont Officers for hosting this years conference and also to all of those people who helped with the conference. It appears as though everyone enjoyed their time in Burlington. Thanks go out again to Scott Haney for his dedication and hard work with setting up future conference sites. Next years conference will be moving north of the border. Saskatoon was the last Canadian host. The beautiful city of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario will play host to the 2017 summer conference from July 17-21.

The Ontario Conservation Officers Association as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources will assist in hosting the conference. I am sure it will top notch.

I would encourage all members to visit the NAWEOA website and check out the awards section. Check the criteria for each award and if you feel that a fellow Officer is eligible, please take the time to submit. I also look after the Fallen Officer Fund so if anybody has questions regarding this fund please contact me. My email is [shawn.farrell@gnb.ca](mailto:shawn.farrell@gnb.ca). I hope everybody has a safe and productive fall season. Take care and stay safe.

Shawn Farrell  
Vice-president  
NAWEOA

## The Past President's Report

By Dave Webster



Well it is that time of year again, the nights are getting cooler, greens are giving way to yellows and reds and the busy hunting season is upon us! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive board and the Ver-

mont Officers who organized and hosted us in Burlington Vermont this past summer. It was a tremendous amount of work completed by a small number of people that made this year's conference such a success.

The past few years have not always been easy and even a bit stress full as we navigated putting on summer conferences without host jurisdictions but we pulled together and made it happen, now we see associations stepping forward

## The Past President's Report (continued)

By Dave Webster

wanting to host again and hopefully that will continue into the future. We as an executive have done our best to stream line operations and look for new ways of doing business as efficiently and productively as possible. Remember, the executive represents the membership and the membership is the association! Please feel free to forward ideas or suggestion on how we can all work together to make NAWEOA better.

I have been on the board for close to ten years now and have seen many changes to the executive, the association and its membership but the one thing that remains constant is the hard working dedicated folks who continue to step up and support this association by joining the executive board. It is always a good thing to inject new points of

view and fresh ideas into an organization such as ours. As I prepare to attend my last conference as a member of the executive next year in Ontario I am confident in the knowledge that we are in good hands moving forward and NAWEOA will continue to thrive and get stronger.

I look forward to having the conference back in Canada next summer and hope to see you all in Sault St Marie Ontario 2017!

Take care and be safe so you can get home to those that matter most.

Please feel free to contact me any time at [dave.w.webster@gov.bc.ca](mailto:dave.w.webster@gov.bc.ca)

## NAWEOA Fallen Officer Fund Contribution By NAWEOA VP / FOF Administrator Shawn Farrell

Long-time NAWEOA member and strong supporter Randy Nelson made a very generous contribution to the NAWEOA Fallen Officer Fund at this year's conference in Vermont. Nelson is a retired Fisheries Officer and has spent a career dedicated to protecting BC's waters and fish population. Randy has become the most decorated Fishery Officer in the history of BC, having received multiple awards, such as the international Pogue-Elms Award and the Queen's Jubilee Medal, over the course of his thirty-five-year career working throughout the BC coast and interior. The book titled "*Poachers, Polluters and Politics: A Fishery Officer's Career*" shows his passion for his work and draws the reader into the exciting world of protecting wildlife and prosecuting bad guys. When Randy first published the book he indicated that the profits would be donated to the Fallen Officer Fund. He never dreamed that the sales would reach what they did. Randy made a donation of \$6000 to the fund. NAWEOA and the Fallen Officer Fund thank Randy for his continued support and contribution.



L to R: NAWEOA President Lew Huddleston, Retired Fisheries Officer Randy Nelson and NAWEOA Vice President / FOF Administrator Shawn Farrell

**Join us, July 18th through the 21st 2017, for the  
Annual NAWEOA Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada**  
**Hosted by the The North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers' Association Board, with  
the support of the Ontario Conservation Officers' Association and the  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry**  
**Find more information on pages 27—30.**

## Region 1 Director Brock Lockhart

First off, I wish to thank the NAWEOA Region 1 members for providing me the opportunity to represent them on the NAWEOA director team. I am honored to fill the position and will commit my best participation in this role to those I represent. As well, I would like to thank my predecessor Lori Backen for her hard work in the past and wish to congratulate her on those new duties in her new role moving forward. All the best!

My participation in NAWEOA began in 2011 when we hosted the conference in Saskatoon Saskatchewan. That was a fantastic experience for many of us who were new to the agency to take part in. Since 2011 I have been able to attend two other NAWEOA conferences, those being Reno and Columbia. All three events resulted in the creation and cementation of lifelong friendships that I otherwise would never have been exposed to. The networking opportunities combined with the presentations and training sessions truly make our conferences worthy of attendance whenever possible!

Prior to becoming involved with NAWEOA, I was very active in our provincial officers association and continue to be so today. In 2008 I was elected as our seasonal officer representative on that board and remained in that role until I was offered a full time Conservation Officer position. At that time in 2011, I acquired the role of vice president and shortly thereafter was elected as president of the Saskatchewan Association of Conservation Officers. Currently I am the past president and am slowly but surely becoming

less involved in the day to day operations of the association. It is my intent to take over the position of secretary when our current secretary decides to resign from that role.

A brief description of my working history is as follows. In 2006 I worked one summer in Seven Sisters, MB as a seasonal officer. Following college graduation in 2007, I was offered a seasonal officer position in La Ronge, Saskatchewan. For me this was a dream job and a fantastic opportunity to be able to work in northern Saskatchewan, which is my home province. In the fall of 2008 I was trained as a full time officer and remained working in La Ronge until 2011. During August of that year I transferred to the northern reserve community of Pelican Narrows where I remained until they closed that office and I was transferred to Creighton...which is where I continue to work from today.

In closing I once again want to thank the NAWEOA Region 1 membership for this opportunity, as well as the NAWEOA board for accepting me in my new role. I look forward to being part of and to working with the team!

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## 2016 NAWEOA Business Meetings & Elections

By Jeff Jones  
Director Region 5

The NAWEOA board met on Sunday, the day before the conference for the traditional executive business meeting. The board was welcomed by President Lew Huddleston and was presented a thank-you from the Knarr family for the contribution to scholarship fund that has been established. Each officer and director gave their updates. The board congratulated Region 1 Director Lori Backen for her service on the board and promotion. Region 2 Director Kurt Henry expressed to the board the contributions that Dave Grant has made to the game warden museum. The board awarded Dave with an honorary lifetime membership to NAWEOA.

Our Executive support group presented their reports. Our new Webmaster/Newsletter Editor Mike Reader aka "Luke Skywalker" will be in training with our "Master Yoda" aka Rob Brandenburg to take over the reins. Conference Liai-

son Scott Haney updated the board on the 2017 NAWEOA Conference planning. With Ottawa, Ontario being cost prohibitive, Scott presented an alternative location of Sault St. Marie, Ontario. Sault St. Marie has been very accommodating in hosting the conference. With grants available and with reasonable hotels the board moved the go to Sault St. Marie. The dates proposed are July 17-22, 2017 with going back to the traditional conference dates of a Saturday banquet. Scott will be having conference calls and attempting to make contact with Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to let them know of the board's decision.

With 2017's plans put in motion, future conferences were discussed. Maryland had expressed interest into hosting the 2018 conference. The board discussed the contract process that has been taking place with Maryland. Mary-

## 2016 NAWEOA Business Meetings & Elections (continued)

By Jeff Jones  
Director Region 5

land was given to the end of the Friday's business meeting to present a signed contract. Oklahoma and Wyoming both expressed interest in 2019 to host a NAWEOA Conference. Scott informed the board that he is on board to plan 2017 conference but to start looking for his replacement.

International Game Warden Editor Todd Vandivert presented to the board an update on IGW. Todd told the board he has added 3 new sections including agency profile, recipe and a humor section. Todd is looking for agencies that have not recently contributed to IGW. He is looking for articles that are not time sensitive or topics on awards or deaths that are not in the line of duty. Todd expressed that he is willing to edit the articles content so don't worry about a writing style.

Tom Caifa presented the board with a museum and torch run update. The main fund raising event for the museum is the torch run. The profit for the torch run has been in the \$4000 range. The torch run needs to bring in \$6000 to \$7000 range. The board moved to increase the fee to \$30 and \$90 for a family of 4 or more.

President Huddleston updated the board on the continuing discussion with Cabela's for support to NAWEOA. Cabela's has a grant though the Cabela's Outdoor Fund that Region Director Kevin Clayton will work on applying for. The organization's nonprofit status will also be looked into for the grant. NAWEOA is looking to become a 501C3 nonprofit organization.

The fallen officer plaque needs to be updated as there not any room for new names. Vice President Shawn Farrell will look to Northern Trophy for a new plaque. This will hold 86 names and the presently full plaque will be placed in the museum for display. With a long day of business completed, the board adjourned to finish up with the executive board meeting on Friday.

Our first of two general business meetings started at 10:00 am on Tuesday. Todd Vandivert gave an IGW update to the general membership. Todd again requested articles. Todd's report echoed the report to the executive board.

Secretary/Treasurer Steve Beltran presented to the general membership the budget. The budget deficit is lower than the past years which is very good news. Steve reported that not all the group dues were in. The general membership moved to pass the resented budget.

This year's election was for the Canadian Directors seats. This year the 3 regional directors are running unopposed. Kurt Henry from MB is the current director in Region 2. Roger Selesse from NB is the current director in Region 3. Brock Lockhart from SK was nominated to replace Lori Backen in Region 1.

The final item of business for the day was the US Officer Exchange presentation. Dave Youngquist from WI went to the Yukon and gave a very detailed presentation on his visit. It was obvious that Dave had a once in a lifetime experience.

Thursday continued the general business meeting. Mike Reeder was introduced to the membership as the newsletter editor and webmaster for NAWEOA. He is the newsletter editor for his association and webmaster for NE states association.

The general membership was given an update on the 2017 conference by Conference Liaison Scott Haney. Representatives from Oklahoma gave a brief presentation to the membership on hosting in 2019 in downtown Oklahoma City. Wyoming representative gave the general membership a pitch for 2018 or 2019. Wyoming is looking to host the conference at Little America hotel near Cheyenne.

Region 6 Director Jason Blaylock presented to the general membership the pending relationship with American Income Life and an accidental death and dismemberment insurance. This is a no charge to membership. It is necessary to have the jurisdiction rosters up to date for American Life to give each member the information package identifying beneficiary.

The meeting ended with a request to have an audit of the financial books. A vote was taken and an audit was approved. The board will select an auditor to complete this request.

Friday the board met for their final executive board meeting for the year. Scott Haney and President Huddleston told the board that at the close of the general meeting, Maryland had not submitted a signed contract. The board went into discussion over the matter and moved to give Wyoming the opportunity the host the 2018 NAWEOA Conference.

The board took the opportunity to work on NAWEOA's vision and mission statement. The board came up with three vision statements: Unified Natural Resource Protection, Unified Global Natural Resource Enforcement and Protection and Unified International Natural Resource Enforcement and Protection. The board will continue to work on this task so there is one consistent vision and mission to strive for.

## 2016 NAWEOA Warden Skills

By Mike Reeder

This year saw the return of the game warden skill games. As in the past, they truly tested the abilities of the game wardens that participated. The stations gave participants a chance to use everyday game warden skills with a twist. They had officers snaring boat bumpers, tranquilizing deer with a paintball gun, and rescuing a dummy with a canoe. The final “skill” for the day was the famous Northeast

moose antler toss. Many tried to go for the best distance, but for many, it was the first time trying to heave a moose antler. Throughout the day several other stations were provided to give the kids a chance at fly-fishing and shooting archery and even a K-9 demonstration was provided. In the end everyone had a great time and a lot of laughs.



## 2016 NAWEOA 5K Torch Run

### By Rob Brandenburg

Over 200 officers and family members gathered at the NAWEOA Conference in Columbia Vermont for this year's Torch Run. The run honors fallen officers and benefits the Game Warden Museum. The weather was perfect. Runners and walkers all enjoyed the UVM trail. The Vermont Game Warden Association did a great job with course logistics and there were lots of smiles at the finish line.

We all returned to the hotel where we enjoyed a BBQ hamburger and hotdog meal and the award ceremony.

A total of \$7400.00 was raised for the Museum this year. A big thanks to the Vermont Wardens and all of the other volunteers that make this possible.



#### Winners

Overall; Chris McCabe 22.26

Mens;

1. Chris McCabe
2. Dennis Shumway
3. Sean Spense

Women;

1. Kim Eckhart
2. Fay Fujrch
3. Kim Huntington

Youth;

1. Rocky Finnegan
2. Derek Finnegan
3. Jeremy Beltran

Over 50;

1. Greg Eckhart
2. Ray Dierking
3. Ken Snowden

Walkers;

1. Bob Verberkmoes
2. Roger Selesse
3. Dave Palmer



## 2016 NAWEOA Officer of the Year Award

### Cpl. Casey Jones, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

By Shawn Farrell



It is truly an honor to be able to present the NAWEOA Officer of the year award this year in Burlington, Vermont. NAWEOA President Lew Huddleston told me earlier this year that it was something that he would never forget while he was in the VP position. After making the call and spending time with this years recipient I can certainly see why.

Each year we receive several nominations from across North America for Officer of the Year. I would like to thank the nominating committee for reading each nomination and coming up with a recipient. It is not an easy undertaking. The selection of just one individual out of a number of deserving candidates is difficult for our selection committee. However, the honor of being nominated by a peer is, in essence, the real reward.

The recipient of this years award was Georgia Conservation Ranger Cpl. Casey Jones. Cpl Jones was nominated by Academy Director Captain Wade Law, Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement.

The following is a brief summary of Cpl. Jones nomination.

"I am pleased to nominate Corporal Casey Jones for the 2016 NAWEOA Officer of the Year Award. Cpl. Jones has exhibited exceptional performance as a Conservation Ranger and has distinguished himself among his peers. His hard work and dedication make him an excellent candidate for consideration as the recipient of NAWEOA's most prestigious award. With the public trust that he has been able to build through the years he has developed a rapport with the community that has led to numerous tips and complaints on violations that would be difficult to detect without inside information. His investigative skills, determination, and dedication to follow through have resulted in the arrests of multiple serious wildlife violators.

Cpl. Jones is a well-rounded Conservation Ranger whose dedication and desire to give his best in all aspects of his job, are a credit to him and his agency. In addition to his law enforcement efforts he has excelled in other areas, as well. He puts a priority on public outreach, community involvement, teamwork, and organizational commitment.

Cpl. Jones had two very in depth, complex, and time consuming investigations that are the highlight of his activity over the past year. The first began two years ago with very vague complaints of suspects harvesting ginseng out of season. The complaints gave no specific information as to who was involved or when it was occurring. Cpl Jones worked diligently with fellow Officers over this time and through various arrests and searches Cpl Casey was able to make arrests. In the end there were four suspects arrested on 12 charges, including seven counts of harvesting ginseng out of season, three counts of harvesting ginseng on private property without written permission, one count of violation of US Forest Service rules on a WMA, and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. More than 500 illegally harvested ginseng plants were confiscated; only a small portion of what was believed to have actually been harvested.

The second in depth investigation began in October with a complaint of someone hunting on property without permission. The complaint stated that they had located a baited stand on their hunting club, which they leased from a local judge, and believed that it belonged to someone living on the adjacent property. Cpl. Jones searched the area and located the baited stand, a trail camera, and an ATV trail that led to a suspect's residence. Again through Cpl Jones worked diligently with fellow Officers over this time and through various interviews and searches Cpl Casey was able to make arrests. The investigation determined that the main suspect had committed 43 wildlife violations in Georgia and additional violations that were turned over to Tennessee authorities for investigation. Of the 43 documented violations, the main suspect was cited for 14 of them, including five counts of hunting without permission, two counts of unlawful enticement of game, two counts of hunting deer over bait, two counts of hunting deer out of season, one count of hunting turkey out of season, one count of possession of illegally taken wildlife, and one count of failure to record deer harvest record. His spouse was cited for one count of hunting turkeys over bait. Nine illegally taken buck deer and one illegally taken turkey were confiscated.

In addition to his outstanding law enforcement achievements, Cpl. Jones spent a substantial amount of time with his community outreach. In the past 12 months he has conducted 63 Information and Education programs. He recorded four Public Service Announcements (PSA) at a local radio station and submitted numerous articles to the local newspapers

He has been very active in his local school system.

- presented 28 boating safety programs to middle school students.

- provided Gladden and Bagley Middle Schools with deer antlers to the Ag teachers for their FFA Wildlife competition.

- He attended two of Woodlawn Elementary "Archery in the Schools" tournaments and has met with a Murray County High School teacher to answer questions about starting up a bass fishing club.

- He met with a Gladden Middle School teacher about becoming a hunter education (H/E) instructor and teaching H/E in the school

- represented DNR LED at the North Murray High School Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Cpl. Jones instructed 10 H/E courses and certified 217 students.

He observed and evaluated one new volunteer H/E instructor and has assisted with instructing one Boating Education course where 11 students were certified.

His public outreach is more than just education programs. He had hundreds of pounds of confiscated deer and bear meat donated to a local Hunters for the Hungry program. Several of these animals he personally field dressed, because the deer cooler was already closed by the time he arrived with the animal.

Over the past year he participated in 12 Search and Rescues (S&R), seven on land and five on water. Over 104 hours were logged assisting with those S&R's.

Cpl. Jones has volunteered for several important collateral duty positions within the LED that include POST instructor, DNR Firearms Instructor, Assistant CAT Team Leader and a Side Scan Sonar Operator. He repeatedly responds to in-progress calls on his off days, and rescheduled his off days to meet the department's needs. He is always willing to do anything that is asked of him and do it with a smile on his face.

Cpl. Jones prides himself on being a team player. He is always available to assist others. He has a great working relationship with not only the other rangers in the region, but with other divisions as well. He works closely with State Park and Game Management Divisions. Cpl Jones spent several days assisting Game Management with a wheel chair hunt on Carters Lake WMA. Cpl Jones also assists Local Law Enforcement Agencies, US Forest Service and the Georgia State Patrol in enforcement efforts, with patrols, road checks, serving warrants and answering complaints.

During Cpl. Jones' distinguished career, he has received several accolades for his outstanding achievements. The following is a list of those awards:

#### **Agency Awards**

- 2009, 2010, 2015, 2016, Region 1 Investigative Ranger of the Year
- 2010, 2015, Region 1 Ranger of the Year
- 2012, Region 1 Boating Officer of the Year
- 2015, State Ranger of the Year
- 2015, Safari Club International Investigative Ranger of the Year
- 2016, State Investigative Ranger of the Year

#### **Citizen Awards and Recognition**

- 2014, Safari Club International Northwest Georgia Officer of the Year
- 2010, 2011, Safari Club International Youth Program of the Year

Cpl. Jones' performance as a Conservation Ranger is a testament to his abilities, dedication and the personal pride that he takes in his profession. His accomplishments and achievements are commendable and speaks well of Cpl. Jones and the Agency he represents.

# 2016 NAWEOA AWARDS

By Shawn Farrell

N.A.W.E.O.A. believes deeply in recognizing the commitment of the wildlife law enforcement professional. The awards recognize people and agencies that have performed outstanding work, exemplary service to the public or have contributed to wildlife law enforcement in other ways. Our awards program is ingrained within the constitution of the Association and many of our objectives speak to the importance of recognizing our own officers. Awards are presented annually at the summer conference. Officers in attendance are presented with their award in front of their peers.

Submitting an award is easy. Go to [NAWEOA.org](http://NAWEOA.org) and sign in to the webpage. If you do not have an account register for one. In the main menu under “Awards”, is “Award Application”. Click that link after you are signed in and you will be taken to the online Award Application.

*This year I'm pleased to announce that we received 85 different nominations for our various awards. I credit all those officers who have taken the time to nominate a fellow officer because the honor of being nominated by a peer is, in essence, the real reward.*

## Officer of the Year

Cpl. Casey Jones – Georgia

## Valor

Michael Voyles                      Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks

## Life Saving

Brian Ridgway	South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
Derrick Scott	Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks
Msgt Jason Blaylock	Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks
Phillip Fancher	Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks
Amit Dutta	Alberta Parks Enforcement Branch
Joseph Jones	Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks
Tyler Norman	Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks
Tyler Robinson	Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks
Brian Piernicky	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Pat George	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Brett Nicklow	New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife
Brian Tomlin	New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife
Kenneth Griffith	New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
Bryce McVicker	South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
Joshua Carr	South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

Brian Humphrey

## Torch Award

Brian Jack  
Kurt Haas  
Resources (Region 5)  
Daniel Gray  
sources (Region 6)  
Josh Hungerford  
(Region 7)

## Outstanding Service

Asa Dias  
Commission  
David Sterman  
Commission  
Dustin Lightsey  
Commission  
Herbert Frerking  
Commission  
Jarrod Molnar  
Commission  
Jessica Williams  
Commission  
Joe Simpson  
Commission  
John Wilke  
Commission  
Mike Fisher  
Commission  
Mike Rice  
Commission  
Scott Sumpter  
Commission  
Steve Wayne  
Commission  
Washburn Wear  
Commission  
Wayne Hargabus  
Commission  
Corey Krause  
Commission  
Nickolas Fix  
Commission  
Lori Backen  
Carlos Gomez  
Conservation  
Gabe Paz Arizona  
Mark Allegro

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

Idaho Fish and Game (Region 4)  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Pennsylvania Game Commission

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

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Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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Alberta Fish and Game  
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

Game and Fish Department  
Pennsylvania Game Commission

## Honorary Lifetime Membership

Richard Cramer                      Pennsylvania Game Commission  
Dave Grant                              Manitoba Renewable Resources

## Certificate of Appreciation

David Broughton                      Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

## 2016 NAWEOA AWARDS

By Shawn Farrell  
(continued)

### Certificate of Appreciation (continued)

Jessica Williams	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conserva-	KC Kelly	New York
tion Commission		Mark A. Allegro	Pennsylvania Game Commission
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ing host		Michael Ralbovsky	Rainforest Reptiles
Mickey Chisolm	Mississippi NAWEOA Winter Meet-	Joan Gallagher	Rainforest Reptiles
ing host		Jen Morrison	Colchester Police Department
Mr. Mag	Mississippi NAWEOA Winter Meet-	Greg Eckhardt	Vermont Department of Fish & Wild-
ing host		life	
Joey Arceneaux	Mississippi NAWEOA Winter Meet-	Jenna Reed	Vermont Department of Fish & Wild-
ing host		life	
Andre Clemons	Mississippi NAWEOA Winter Meet-	Bobbie Carrier	Vermont Department of Fish & Wild-
ing host		life	
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Fisheries and Parks		Jake Zorn	Bugler
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Tim Worden	New York	Vermont Game Warden Association	
		Sheraton Burlington	



Pictured is Dave Grant, Manitoba Sustainable Development Regional Services Superintendent and his life time membership award.

## 2016 Officer Exchange Winners

By Kurt Henry

The annual draw for the officer exchange was held in Burlington Vermont to a full house of Officers waiting for the once in a lifetime chance to hear their name chosen as this year's recipient. As silence came over the crowd the names were drawn. The lucky winners are for Canada Rodger Selesse of New Brunswick and his alternate is Marc Rousseau of Quebec. The winner for USA is Sean Davis of Utah and his alternate is Jason Batchelder of Vermont.

This year we had a rare occurrence and the Winner of the 2015 Officer exchange was unable to make the trip and the alternate will be taken the exchange this year in a one off exception so to Marc and Jason it is possible to win as the alternate. Keep your fingers crossed!!

## **Furbearer Trapping Enforcement**

### **2016 NAWEOA Conference Training Review**

**By Josh Thibodeau**

On Tuesday July 12, 2016 at the annual NAWEOA conference in Burlington, Vermont; I had the opportunity to take part in the furbearers trapping enforcement training session offered by New York State Environmental Conservation Police Officers Timothy Worden and Keith Kelly. This presentation offered a lot of good information. Officers Worden and Kelly talked about the different type of traps that are commonly used in the field, myths about trapping, and specific trap sets for specific type of furbearers and what officers can look for to help locate traps. There was a great hands on component to this training as Officers Worden and Kelly brought different kinds of

traps to show the Officers and also had some great visual aids on the PowerPoint presentation. They really showed how diverse trap sets can be. There was a question and Answer part to the training which really showed Officers Worden and Kelly's knowledge regarding furbearers trapping enforcement. There were numerous questions from the attending Officers and Officers Worden and Kelly had no issue providing answers to all questions. It was a very valuable training session. Great job Officers Worden and Kelly!

### **Information regarding NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representatives,**

- ♦ Names
- ♦ Contact information
- ♦ The jurisdictions they serve
- ♦ Etc.

**Can be found elsewhere on the NAWEOA website  
[naweo.org](http://naweo.org)**

### **"RECOGNIZING THE GOOD GUYS"**

is a special column which was initiated by Pat Brown several issues back. We will continue to recognize Wildlife Enforcement Officers who have received awards or recognition in the Spring issue of the NAWEOA Newsletter. This recognition may be from their own agencies, officer associations, civic groups, outdoor-oriented organizations, etc.

So be prepared to send appropriate information about your fellow officers who have received awards since the previous Spring issue of the NAWEOA Newsletter.

**This information should be sent to your NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representative so that he/she can compile a list for your Region. It should be received by your J-Rep no later than February 15th.**

Fortunately, we hear of many Wildlife Enforcement Officers who have been honored by a variety of awards and recognition.

**Make sure that we hear about your fellow officers!**

Unfortunately, there is limited space to recognize these officers in the Newsletter, so the information will be limited to:

**Name, rank or title, agency name, award name, and year if appropriate.**

# HANDLING OF VENOMOUS REPTILES

## 2016 NAWEOA Conference Training Review

By Jeff Jones  
Director Region 5

Our last training season for the 2016 NAWEOA conference was very interesting to say the least. As I came into the room, I saw all these orange toolboxes stacked up with snake handling tools. The room was full with officers and some family members. Of course, mine was in the front row. Michael Ralbovsky and Joan Gallagher of Rainforest Reptile Shows introduced themselves and gave us a safety briefing. I thought to myself this is the real deal. Michael explained to the crowd the difference of venomous and poisonous reptiles. Then our first guest was introduced. A venomous beaded lizard was bought out from a bright orange toolbox. The beaded lizard does not inject venom like a rattlesnake does but has a toxin in its glands that when bitten enters in the where the teeth have made their mark. Even though this lizard is venomous, I thought it had very unique colorations. Our next specimen was a close cousin to the Guatemalan lizard the Gila monster of the southwest.

Finally we come what we were waiting for SNAKES!!! Yes out of the box comes a nice specimen of a rattlesnake. One can tell that Michael Ralbovsky is very knowledgeable in handling these snakes and cares for their wellbeing. With a snake hook in his hand, Michael would lift the snakes off

the ground and balance them on the hook. Next the moment I have been waiting for actually learning to handle the venomous snakes. It did take a little courage but ready or not here I come. On the floor was a Mojave rattlesnake, one of the most poisonous snakes in America. I used the snake hooks and picked up that rattler. Next was to place it in the holding container, you guessed it the ole trash can. I placed it right in there and placed the lid on making sure nothing was exposed. Just one finger in the wrong place could result in a hospital trip.

Michael and Joan not only showed off species of North America, they brought some African friends also. I had the pleasure to handle a Gaboon viper. This snake was a two hook snake. The viper was heavier than I thought. Seeing the shaft of the snake hooks bend under the weight was impressive. We were also treated to a cobra too. I have to say I thought that this hands-on training was one of the better training sessions in all of my NAWEOA conferences. Not only was this great officer training, but family entertainment. Hats off to Michael Ralbovsky and Joan Gallagher of Rainforest Reptile Shows.

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### NAWEOA 2016 Burlington, Vermont



## **2016 VISITING OFFICER PROGRAM (aka MUSEUM SUMMER PROGRAMMING)**

The Visiting Officer Program has been scaled back quite a bit in recent years. A large part of this has to do with the turnover in museum managers. It's very tough for a first year manager to pick up where the last one left off. This is a program that needs to be cultivated year to year. A stable, consistent manager has the ability to accomplish the following:

Network with other fish & game agencies to promote the program and get officers to volunteer as speakers.

This is crucial to the future of the program.

Maintain contact with previous officers and other speakers that might want to return.

Supplement the program with local speakers/educators to fill in the schedule gaps.

Advertise the program and get the word out to potential visitors.

Handle all the logistics associated with the program (emails, prep work, orientation, etc).

Give consistent, thorough directions and information to officers and other speakers.

Troubleshoot any problems or unforeseen events.

All that being said, the Visiting Officer Program can and will continue. The following is a list of visiting officers and other speakers scheduled for 2016.

**Gary Labanow - Arizona Game Ranger (retired), July 16 & 17**

**Terri Bjerk - Archery Teacher, July 23 & 24**

**Tom Zick - US Fish & Wildlife Officer, July 30 & 31**

**Fletch Monningh - Michigan Conservation Officer (retired), August 6 & 7**

If you know of any game warden (active or retired) that you think might like to participate in the program, please feel free to pass along my information to them. I have done the Visiting Officer Program three times now and I really enjoy it. It's not just the program itself, but the whole experience of staying at the Peace Garden and seeing the museum, a place that celebrates the game warden profession. Presentations can be as simple as the standard "who we are and what we do" or can be more elaborate. Every game warden has interesting stories and since every state is different, the material is always fresh. Feel free to spread the word!

We go by many different names: Game warden, conservation officer, fish & wildlife agent, natural resources officer, wildlife officer, environmental police and the list goes on. Whatever your badge says, we are all part of the same brotherhood. That brotherhood is celebrated by the North American Game Warden Museum. I thank you all for supporting the museum.

With Respect,

*Thomas J. Caifa*

Captain Thomas J. Caifa

NYS Environmental Conservation Police

NAGW Museum Board of Directors (USA)

# Financial Report

## By Secretary/Treasurer Steve Beltran

Greetings from the office of the secretary treasurer. We have been working hard addressing our current financial needs. A few new concepts have given us hope as our finances have a positive prospectus as a result of the hard work by our executive in fund raising. Our new partnership with Brent Wyatt West advertising agency has given us a renewed financial opportunity. The program is in its infancy and as the detailed get worked out we hope to see an increase in revenue.

Over the years as secretary treasurer I have made efforts to reduce overhead, eliminate redundant expenditures and focus on a slim line budget. Since my involvement in 2011 we have migrated our services and reduced the amount of operating budget for this office. Much of these reductions has come from the benefit of technology and the integration efforts of the secretary treasurers position.

We have saved over \$30,000 per year going to a digital newsletter. Eliminated monthly administrative costs for data security services and antivirus (services still exist just on a zero cost basis), merged our communication efforts into email and saved on faxing and business forwarding services, reduced postage mailing and time by going to electronic payments for reimbursements, advanced into a global banking system to allow for electronic deposits (this eliminates the liability of lost checks and payments in the mail). Many additional benefits are shared with our membership from a business management perspective all with the support of our executive board. If much of this information excites you (or confuses you) I encourage open communication and welcome questions, concerns, and criticisms at [secretarytreasurer@naweo.org](mailto:secretarytreasurer@naweo.org) or a phone call 815-243-7777.

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

##### Banking Canada - Royal Bank (Canadian Bank Accounts)

CAD Cheque Account 5034079 (NAWEOA Chequing)	9,424.17
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CAD Savings Account	73.50
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Banking Canada - Royal Bank (Canadian Bank Accounts) - Other	-741.98
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Total Banking Canada - Royal Bank (Canadian Bank Accounts)	8,755.69
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##### Chase Bank NAWEOA Checking (All funds transferred as July, 2016)

CC Checking 857280197 (Credit card machine account)	2,219.05
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IGW Checking 772706698	20,384.74
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IGW Savings 3371099093	2,000.37
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NAWEOA Checking 772705609	32,043.04
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NAWEOA FOF Savings 3371098681	17,153.10
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NAWEOA Savings 3370876566	133,676.80
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Total Chase Bank NAWEOA Checking (All funds transferred as July, 2016)	207,477.10
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Other Expenses	-128.00
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Paypal	370.77
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Total Checking/Savings	216,475.56
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# Financial Report

## By Secretary/Treasurer Steve Beltran

All of our funds have been transferred to Chase bank from the local branch bank in Pennsylvania. This transfer has allowed us to develop technically and use the modern banking system to address our financial needs. We recently transferred \$18,000 US to offset the diminished Canadian funds which have been diminishing over the years due to US conferences. With the healthy exchange rate we took in more than 24,000 in Canadian funds.

Our executive has drafted a budget for fiscal year 17 and it was approved by the membership at the Vermont Conference this July. Our financial documents from a certified public accountant are available on our protected website at [naweo.org/protected](http://naweo.org/protected). Please visit this site often to educate yourself on the financial positions of NAWEOA.

### NAWEOA Profit & Loss

July 1 through September 10, 2016

10:47 AM

09/10/2016

Accrual Basis  
Jul 1 - Sep 10,  
16

#### Ordinary Income/Expense

##### Income

##### Conference Income

Vermont 2016 Summer

11,500.00

Total Conference Income

11,500.00

##### Dues

##### Jurisdiction

2016 Jurisdictional Dues

4,584.57

Total Jurisdiction

4,584.57

Total Dues

4,584.57

##### Interest

4.72

##### Promotional Sales (Promo items sales)

Patches (NAWEOA Patch sales)

7.00

Total Promotional Sales (Promo items sales)

7.00

Total Income

16,096.29

#### Gross Profit

16,096.29

##### Expense

##### Administration Costs (Office expenditures, etc)

##### Bank Charges

Electronic Payment Fee

2.55

PayPal Expense

47.85

Total Bank Charges

50.40

# Financial Report

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Internet Services	89.00
Sec-Tres Compensation	5,000.00
Telephone	<u>301.66</u>
<b>Total Administration Costs (Office expenditures, etc)</b>	<b>5,441.06</b>
<b>Awards (NAWEOA Awards costs)</b>	
Certificates	83.64
Officer of Year	
Conference Registration	205.00
Expenses	387.27
Lodging	612.73
Plaque	<u>195.00</u>
<b>Total Officer of Year</b>	<b><u>1,400.00</u></b>
<b>Total Awards (NAWEOA Awards costs)</b>	<b>1,483.64</b>
<b>Meetings (Executive Representation Exp.)</b>	
Executive	
2016 Summer Executive	
Conference Registration	1,883.22
Lodging	11,553.13
Meals	1,388.94
Travel	<u>6,318.64</u>
<b>Total 2016 Summer Executive</b>	<b>21,143.93</b>
2016 Winter Executive	
Meals	80.00
Travel	<u>159.75</u>
<b>Total 2016 Winter Executive</b>	<b><u>239.75</u></b>
<b>Total Executive</b>	<b>21,383.68</b>
Service Meeting	
AFWA	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Service Meeting</b>	<b><u>500.00</u></b>
<b>Total Meetings (Executive Representation Exp.)</b>	<b><u>21,883.68</u></b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>28,808.38</u></b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-12,712.09</b>

# Financial Report

## By Secretary/Treasurer Steve Beltran

### Other Income/Expense

#### Other Income

IGW Revenues	Other Income/Expense		
IGW Advertisement Sales	Other Income	1,500.00	
Total IGW Revenues	IGW Revenues	1,500.00	
	IGW Advertisement Sales		1,500.00
Total Other Income	Total IGW Revenues	1,500.00	1,500.00
Other Expense	Total Other Income		1,500.00
Exchange Gain or Loss (Gains/losses resulted from currency exchange rate differences)		-0.03	
Fallen Officer Related Expenses	Other Expense	300.00	
IGW Expenses	Exchange Gain or Loss (Gains/losses resulted from currency exchange rate differences)		-0.03
Credit Card Machine	Fallen Officer Related Expenses	61.90	300.00
IGW Editor Fee Payment	IGW Expenses	304.79	
Profit Share Brent Wyatt West	Credit Card Machine	750.00	61.90
Total IGW Expenses	IGW Editor Fee Payment	1,116.69	304.79
	Profit Share Brent Wyatt West		750.00
Total Other Expense	Total IGW Expenses	1,416.66	1,116.69
Net Other In-	Total Other Expense	83.34	1,416.66
come			
	Net Other In-		83.34
Net	come	-12,628.75	
Income			
	Net		-12,628.75
	Income		

Our membership results can be viewed on the website as well. Here is a general break down on our current members:

Affiliated Organization 2  
 Affiliated Student Organization 1  
 Associate 48  
 Deputy 276  
 Honorary 1 Life Associate 6  
 Life Deputy 5  
 Life Honorary 24  
 Life - Regular 109  
 Regular 8659

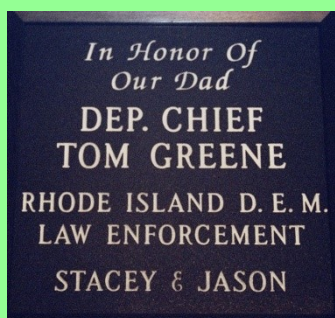
Please take time to visit the protected site for current information in our finances and bylaws. Many of the information requests coming to the secretary's office can be addressed within the literature at the naweo protected site.

Questions and additional concerns can be addressed to your jurisdictional representative and regional director. As always please let me know if there is anything I can assist you with.



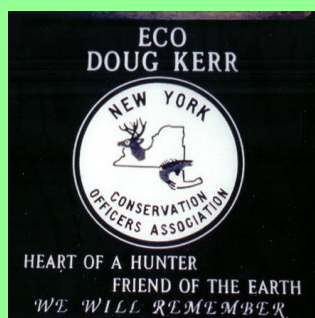
- Paving stones are age, weather and traffic-resistant black polished granite, sized 12" x 12"
- Engraved paving stones provide plenty of room for personal inscription in memory, honor or thanks
- Each sponsored stone will be placed on the museum grounds for public appreciation
- Paving stones can also include an engraved logo
- Stones may be sponsored by individuals, families, organizations or businesses

## Examples of Engraved Paving Stones



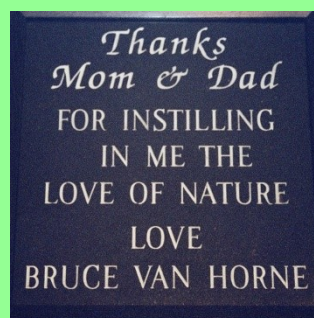
*Honor a Family Member*

*Demonstrate  
Family Support*



*Memorialize a Fallen Officer*

*Honor  
Outstanding Achievement*



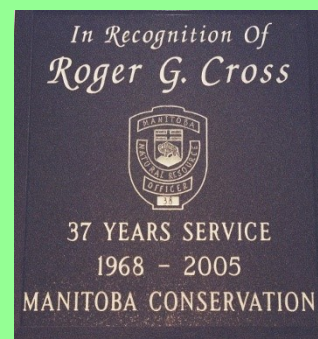
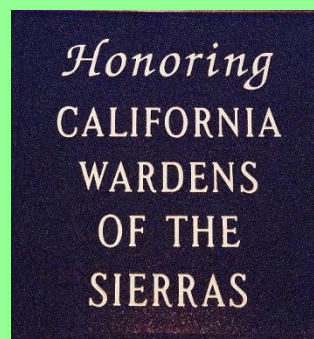
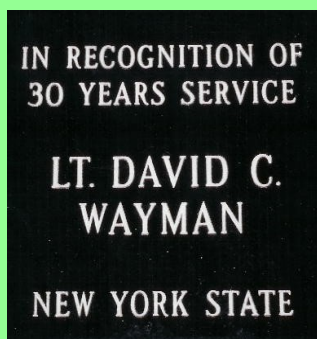
*Just Say Thank You*

*Demonstrate  
Support*



*Celebrate Partnerships*

*Honor  
Officer Retirements*

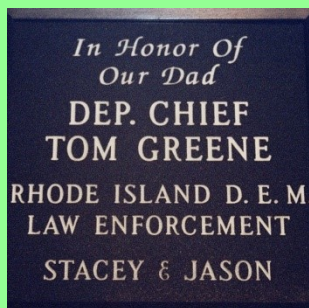


*A thank you card and a photo of your paving stone will be sent to you upon its completion.  
A gift acknowledgement is also available upon request.  
Museum staff will be available to assist visitors in locating their paving stone  
on the museum grounds.*

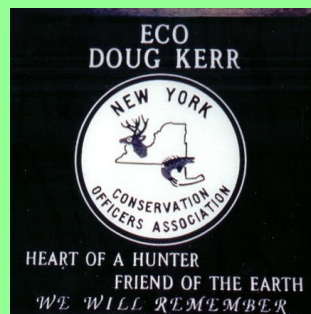


# SUPPORT THE GAME WARDEN MUSEUM PURCHASE A PAVING STONE

## 1. Circle the type of stone your wish to purchase



**Engraved Paving  
Stone  
\$150**



**Engraved Paving  
Stone With Logo  
\$150**

## 2. Print your full inscription in the 75 character spaces below, including punctuation and space between words

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For logo engraving, attach a clean, original copy and provide contact information for our engraver.  
Contact person for logo: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact information is critical. In some cases, the number of characters may have to be reduced to allow space for logo detail.

## 3. Complete the sponsor and payment information

### Sponsor Information Payment Options

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

[gamewardenmuseum.org](http://gamewardenmuseum.org)

Amount of this sponsorship \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check, Money Order payable to: **NAWEMMEC** or  
Credit Card (Master Card or Visa)

# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail to:

10939 Peace Garden Road, Dunseith, ND 58329

Or

P.O Box 1239 Boissevain, MB R0K 0E0



## **GAME WARDEN MUSEUM VISITING OFFICERS**

*Each summer the Museum welcomes Officers to participate in our Visiting Officer Program. Officers spend a weekend at the Museum, with accommodations provided. Short programs are typically offered in addition to just "hanging out" at the Museum interacting with our visitors. Not just the program itself, but the whole experience of staying at the Peace Garden and seeing the Museum, a place that celebrates the Game Warden profession, is really cool.*

*Presentations can be as simple as the standard "who we are and what we do" or can be more elaborate. Every game warden has interesting stories and since every state is different, the material is always fresh. The whole experience could be a great family experience. Please consider joining us next summer. See our website for contact information.!*

## **Conservation and Water.**

*The bear, having been euthanized by Officers in Churchill, Manitoba after it had displayed aggressive behavior towards people, became part of a project by Environment Canada to test the durability of micro chip tagging during the tanning and taxidermy process. The Museum plans on developing a display to educate the public on the role that Conservation Officer's play in protecting the people of Churchill and the bears that migrate through the town each year. The display will also expand on the project initiated by Environment Canada and how this enforcement effort will protect polar bears from illegal harvest in the future. It is sure to become one of our main attractions.*

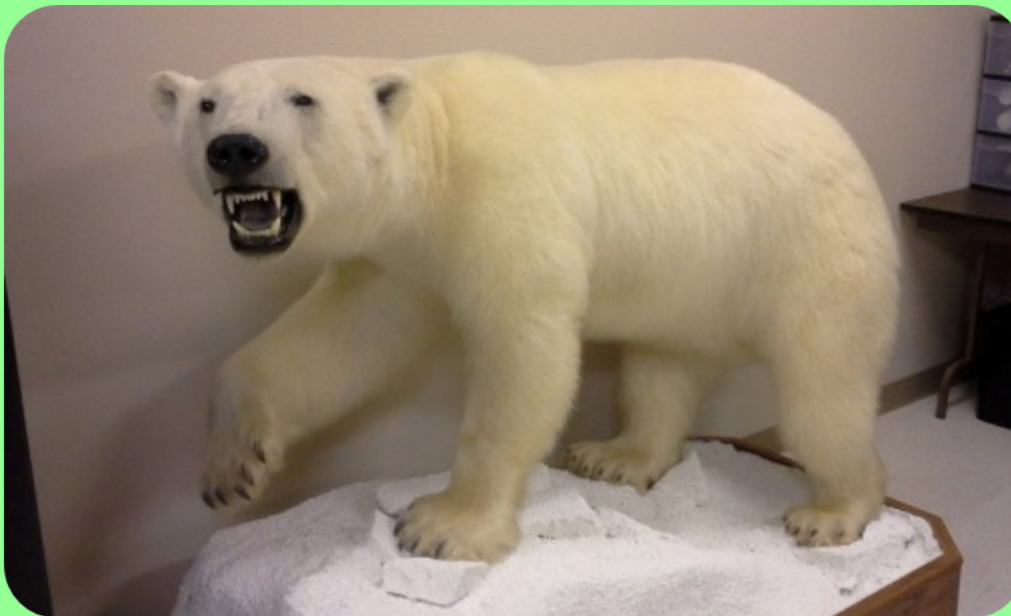
## **CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED**

The Museum is pleased to announce that it now accepts Paving Stone and Life Member payments on both Visa and Master Card.

This really simplifies the process for Life Member applicants, a pledge program spread over a selected time period to become a permanent Life Member of the Game Warden Museum.

Please consider joining this program to become a Life-

time Member of the Game Warden Museum Family. For more information, visit our website or contact our Membership Coordinator at [tandr@zoominternet.net](mailto:tandr@zoominternet.net).



## **POLAR BEAR EXHIBIT**

*A New Exhibit will be open for the 2016 Season thanks to a donation from Manitoba*



## I'd like to become a Museum Member

### Individual *Life Member* Installment Plan

#### Individual Member (Annual) \$25

After renewing this membership two consecutive years, the \$75 you have paid can be transferred toward a Life Membership Plan. You will receive a Museum Decal and 10% off all Museum products.

Payments of \$75 yearly (or any amount over \$75 you may want to add) until reaching \$750.00

With a full paid ( \$750) Life Membership, you will receive a Life Member Certificate, a vinyl Membership Card, Life Member Decal, 20% discount on all Museum products, and an embroidered Life Member Jacket.

### APPLICATION

☐ ANNUAL

☐ LIFE

Date of Application\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Agency & Position \_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$75.00 for Life Installment Program (\$75 Minimum, however you can pay more than \$75 if you wish.)

\$\_\_\_\_\_Amount if more than \$75.

JACKET SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$25 for one year Annual Membership (you may renew two more years consecutively and switch to Life membership)

☐ I plan to continue payments and count my payments toward a Life Membership.

CHECK

☐

CASH

☐

CREDIT CARD

☐

PAYMENT BY

VISA

☐

MASTER CARD

☐

**Checks payable to Game Warden Museum or  
NAWEMMEC**

Send to;

**10939 Peace Garden Road, Dunseith, ND 58329**

or

**PO Box 1239, Boissevain, MB R0K 0E0**

Your payment is considered a tax-deductible contribution as defined by US and Canadian charitable contribution guidelines;  
**NAWEMMEC Canada, Inc. NAWEMMEC USA, Inc.**  
**149(1)(F) Charitable Org. 501-©3 Non-Profit Org.**  
**Canada # 0999441-50 USA # 45-0436114**

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## **Rapport du Président Lew Huddleston**

### **RAPPORT DU PRÉSIDENT CONFERENCE D'ÉTÉ**

Eh bien, Vermont 2016 dans notre rétroviseur. J'espère que tout le monde on eut du plaisir.

Merci à Greg, Jenna, Bobby et tous les autres officiers du Vermont qui ont donné un coup de main pour cette superbe conférence. Je n'ai pas eu l'occasion de visiter le Vermont autant que je l'aurais bien aimé, mais de ce que j'ai vu, confirmée bien que c'est un endroit spéciale. Je pense que je vais devoir mettre sur ma liste de chose à voir pour revenir à la Nouvelle-Angleterre à l'automne en Harley.

Maintenant la prochaine étape est à Sault Ste. Marie, en Ontario au Canada. Je sais que Scott Haney, l'agent de liaison de la conférence, planifie un voyage bientôt pour aller à Sault Ste. Marie, afin obtenir les détails au sujet de l'hôtel, la course au flambeau, ainsi qu'un certain nombre d'autres dossiers. Après cela, il sera au tour du Conseil exécutif et la collaboration des agents locaux de l'Ontario de travailler sur les détails pour la conférence de 2017. Espérons que les membres de la NAWEOA de l'EST de l'Amérique du Nord viendront en grand nombre. Après 2017 nous allons nous éloigner de la côte Est pour quelque années. Il semble que nous nous dirigeons vers la partie centrale des États-Unis pour les deux prochaines années. Il semble que Cheyenne au Wyoming sera l'hôte de la conférence de 2018 et Oklahoma City dans l'Oklahoma celle de 2019. Nous avons deux associations qui vont être en mesure d'accueillir les conférences de 2018 et 2019. Je sais que l'agent de liaison pour les conférences et le conseil exécutif seront très content.

### **Bulletin information d'automne de NAWEOA Réunions d'affaires par Dave Webster**

Au cours de la Conférence, il y a deux réunions exécutives et deux réunions d'affaires générales. Je voudrais prendre cette occasion pour remercier tous les membres qui ont assisté aux sessions générales d'affaires, car il est extrêmement important d'avoir autant de membres que possible d'assisté à ces réunions afin de fournir des commentaires et info au Conseil d'administration.

Il est de coutume pour le Conseil d'administration de la NAWEOA de se rencontrer la journée avant l'ouverture de la Conférence d'été et cette année il n'y avait pas d'exception. Il y a eu une petite modification par le Conseil Exécutif, le dimanche avant la Conférence du lundi, a été désignée comme une journée de travail pour les dernières préparations avant la cérémonie d'ouverture mardi.

La direction s'est réunie à l'hôtel de conférence le 26 juillet au 0800hr pour discuter une variété de sujets, qui comprenait des rapports régionaux de l'administration. Rob Bran-

denburg a présenté le rapport de Webmaster/bulletin d'information et une mise à jour par Scott Haney Liaison de Conférence a été donnée au Conseil d'administration. Une des parties plus importantes de cette rencontre est la révision du budget et la préparation à être présenté pour l'approbation par les membres. Cette année, un des plus gros sujet de discussion a été pour le site future de la conférence et pour la prochaine juridiction d'hôtesse. Réunion a terminée à 17 :17 hrs.

Le 29 juillet à 10 00 hrs NAWEOA la réunion d'affaire reprend avec les membres présents et le budget est présenté pour examen et approbation par le Secrétaire/Trésorier Steve Beltran de NAWEOA. Une mise à jour IGW (Muse international des agents) a été fournie par Marion Hoffman quant à un nouveau partenariat avec Brent Wyatt-Ouest publicité pour augmenter le revenu. Scott Haney a fait une présentation décrivant la Conférence prochaine qui se tiendra à Burlington dans le Vermont. Ancien Président Rich Cramer a ensuite adresser les membres concernant les élections pour chacune des quatre régions américaines qui sont due pour une élection, ainsi pour le poste de président et vice-président. Réunion a terminée à 1200 heures.

La deuxième réunion d'affaires de genres s'est tenue le 30 juillet à 1100 heures. Rob Brandenburg a fourni une mise à jour du site Web/bulletin d'information et a annoncé qu'il prendrait sa retraite dans un an et que son poste devra être rempli. Jon Tofteland a ensuite parlé au nom du Musée International de la garde. Réunion a terminée à 11 :20 heures

L'exécutif a tenu leur deuxième et dernière séance le vendredi 31 juillet à 09 h 00. Nouvellement élu Président Lew Huddleston de l'Idaho a présidé la réunion et nous ont accueillis les quatre nouveaux administrateurs à l'Office, Rick Langley de l'Arizona, Jeff Jones de Nebraska, Jason Blaylock du Mississippi et Kevin Clayton du Massachusetts. Sujets discuté comprenaient des responsabilités des membres du Conseil NAWEOA fait appel au Agent de la faune fédérale américaine sur les a faune ne nécessitant ne pas de feu sur le territoire domaniale et une lettre de réponse doit être envoyée par le Président Huddleston. La Commission a ensuite discuté des choses pour la prochaine conférence dans le Vermont comme il n'y a encore aucun hôte officielle l'année prochaine. Le Conseil a ensuite entendu de Jeff King, le coordonnateur de la formation pour ANRET qui est intéressé par un partenariat avec NAWEOA par la conférence annuelle. Réunion a terminée à 1100 heures.

Dave Webster

Ex-Président de NAWEOA

# **VENIMEUX SERPENTS**

## **2016 NAWEOA Conference Training Review**

**Par Jeff Jones**  
Région 5 Directeur

Notre dernier atelier de formation pour la conférence NAWEOA 2016, était très intéressant pour le moins. En Rentrant dans la sale, j'ai vue tous ces coffres d'outils oranges empilées et des outils pour la manipulation de serpent. La chambre était pleine d'officiers et membres de famille. Bien sûr, la mienne était au premier rang. Michael Ralbovsky et Joan Gallagher de Rainforest Reptile Shows se sont présentés et nous ont donné les règles de sécurité à suivre. Je me suis dit, ceci est pour vraie. Michael a expliqué à la foule, la différence entre les reptiles venimeux et vénéneux. Ensuite, il a sorti un premier lézard. Un lézard perlé venimeux a été sorti d'une boîte à outils de couleur orange vif. Le lézard perlé n injecte pas le venin comme le fait un serpent à sonnettes, c'est plutôt une toxine dans ses glandes qui pénètre à l'endroit où les dents ont fait leur marque. Même si ce lézard est venimeux, je trouvais qu'il avait des colorations très particulières. Notre prochain spécimen était un proche cousin du Guatemala le Monstre de Gila du sud-ouest. Enfin arrive ce que nous attendions les SERPENTS !!! Hé Oui de la boîte il sort un beau spécimen d'un serpent à sonnettes. On peut dire que Michael Ralbovsky est très compétent dans la manipulation de ces serpents et les soucis pour leur bien-être. Avec un crochet a serpent dans sa main, Michael élève le serpent du sol et le met en équilibrer sur le crochet. Viens le moment que j'attendais réellement soit apprendre à manipuler les serpents venimeux. Il a fallu un peu de courage, mais prêt ou pas me voici à faire l'exercice. Sur le sol il y avait un serpent à sonnettes de

Mojave, l'un des serpents les plus venimeux en Amérique. J'ai utilisé les crochets à serpent et je l'ai ramassé pour ensuite le placer dans une grosse poubelle qui servait de contenant. Ensuite J'ai placé le couvercle sur la poubelle en faisant certain que rien n'été exposé. Juste avoir le doigt dans le mauvais endroit pourrait entraîner un voyage à l'hôpital. Michael et Joan non pas seulement montré des espèces d'Amérique du Nord, ils ont aussi apporté quelques amis africains. J'ai eu le plaisir de manipuler une vipère Gabon. Ce serpent était un serpent à deux crochets. La vipère était plus lourde que je pensais. Voir la tige se plier sous l'effet tu poids était impressionnant. Nous avons aussi été exposés à un cobra. Je dois dire que cet atelier d'apprentissage avec les serpents a été l'une de meilleure à laquelle j'ai participé de toutes mes conférences NAWEOA. Non seulement était une bonne session d'information pour les officiers, mais un divertissement pour toute la famille. Chapeau à Michael Ralbovsky et Joan Gallagher de Rainforest Reptile Shows.

## **Réunion du Conseil d'Administration 2016**

Le conseil d'administration de NAWEOA s'est réuni le dimanche la veille de la conférence pour la réunion d'affaire traditionnelle. Le conseil d'administration a été accueilli par le président Lew Huddleston, qui nous a présenté une lettre de remerciement de la famille Knarr pour la contribution à un fonds de bourses qui a été établi. Chaque directeur a donné leur rapport et mise à jour. Le conseil d'administration a félicité la Directrice de la Région 1, Lori Backen pour ses services sur le conseil et sa promotion. Région 2 Directeur Kurt Henry, a informé le conseil d'administration, au sujet de la contribution que Dave Grant a fait au musée des gardiens. Dave a reçu un abonnement à vie comme membre honoraire de la NAWEOA de la part du comité exécutif. Notre groupe de soutien exécutif ont présenté leurs rapports. Notre nouveau Webmaster / rédacteur de l'info lettre est Mike et sera en formation avec Rob Brandenburg, afin de prendre les rênes. L'agent de liaison pour la conférence, Scott Haney a fait une mise à jour au conseil, sur la planification de la Conférence NAWEOA2017. A Ottawa, en Ontario avec des coûts exorbitants Scott à trouver une alternative,

soit Sault St. Marie, Ontario. La ville de Sault St. Marie c'est montrer très accommodante, afin d'accueillir la conférence. Grâce à des subventions disponibles et avec les coûts d'hébergement raisonnables, le conseil a proposé d'aller à Sault St. Marie. Les dates proposées sont du 17 au 22 Juillet 2017, ce qui ramènerait les dates de la conférence aux dates traditionnelles, avec le banquet du samedi. Scott aura des conférences téléphoniques et t'enterras de contacter le ministère des Ressources Naturelles et Forêts de l'Ontario afin de les informer de la décision du conseil d'administration. Avec la planification de 2017 mis œuvre, d'autre discussions ont eu lieux au sujet des conférences futures. L'état du Maryland a fait part de son intérêt pour être l'hôte de la conférence en 2018. Une discussion au sein du conseil d'administration a eu lieu au sujet de l'ébauche du contrat déjà entamé avec l'état du Maryland. Ils ont eu jus 'qua la fin de la réunion d'affaire du vendredi, pour présenter un contrat signer. Le conseil a discuté du processus de contrat qui a eu lieu avec le Maryland. L'Oklahoma et le Wyoming ont tous deux exprimé un intérêt en 2019 pour accueillir la conférence

## Réunion du Conseil d'Administration 2016 (continued)

NAWEOA. Scott a informé le conseil d'administration qu'il était prêt pour la planification de la conférence de 2017, mais que nous devons commencer à chercher un remplaçant pour les autres conférences.

Todd Vandivert éditeur pour le magazine IGW a présenté une mise à jour sur le magazine. Todd a dit au conseil, qu'il avait ajouté 3 nouvelles rubriques, soit le profil de l'agence, des recettes et une section de l'humour. Todd est à la recherche d'organismes qui n'ont pas contribué récemment au magazine IGW. Il est à la recherche d'articles qui ne sont pas sensibles les dates d'échéance, des sujets tels que des prix décerné ou les décès des officiers survenu lorsqu'il n'était pas en devoir. Todd c'est dit prêt à édité le contenu des textes et de ne s'inquiéter au sujet des styles d'écriture.

Tom Caifa a présenté au conseil d'administration une mise à jour au sujet du musée et de la levée de fond Torch Run. L'événement principal pour la levée de fonds pour le musée est le marathon. Les bénéfices engendrer par la levée de fond est de l'ordre de 4000 \$. Il devrait être plutôt entre 6000 \$ à 7000 \$. Le conseil d'administration propose d'augmenter les frais de 30 \$ et 90 \$ pour une famille de 4 ou plus. Le président Huddleston a fait une mise à jour au sujet des discussions constante avec Cabela's pour le support de la NAWEOA. Cabela's ont des bourses disponible par le biais de Cabela's Outdoor Fund et Kevin Clayton, directeur d'une région vas travailler sur l'application d'une bourse. L'organisation avec le statu, de but non lucratif vas aussi regarder a une bourse. La NAWEOA cherche à devenir une organisation à but non lucrative (code 501C3). La plaque commémorative pour les officiers décéder manque de place. Le vice-président Shawn Farrell s'occupe d'avoir une nouvelle plaque, avec la compagnie Northern Trophy. Elle pourra contenir 86 noms et la plaque pleine sera mise au musée en évidence.

Suite à la réunion d'affaire et après une longue journée de travail, le conseil d'administration c'est retiré et sont revenus pour conclure à la réunion de l'exécutif du vendredi

Notre première assemblée d'affaires a commencé à 10h00 le mardi. Todd Vandivert a donné une mise à jour IGW à l'ensemble des membres. Todd demande à nouveau pour des articles, pour le journal. Le rapport de Todd fait écho du rapport du conseil exécutif. Secrétaire / Trésorier Steve Beltran a présenté le budget aux membres. Le déficit budgétaire est inférieur à celui des dernières années, ce qui est une très bonne nouvelle. Il a aussi indiqué que certain groupe n'avaient payé leurs cotisation. Les membres de l'assemblée ont voté en faveur pour l'adoption du budget tel que présenter. Les administrateurs canadiens étaient en élection cette année. Il n'y a eu aucune opposition au poste de directeur Canadiens, Kurt Henry de MB est l'actuel directeur de la Région 2. Roger Selesse du NB est l'actuel directeur dans la région 3. Brock Lockhart

de SK a été nommé pour remplacer Lori Backen dans la Région 1, qui terminait son mandat. Le dernier point de la réunion était la présentation de Dave Youngquist, qui a fait un exposé détaillé de son voyage d'échange au Yukon. Il était évident que Dave a eu une expérience de vie unique. L'assemblée générale c'est continuer le jeudi. Nous avons présenté le nouvel éditeur/ rédacteur, de l'infolettre et Webmaster Mike Reeder. Il occupe se même poste au sein de son association au NE.

Scott Haney, l'agent de liaison a donné une mise à jour au sujet de la conférence 2017. Des représentants de l'Oklahoma ont donné une brève présentation sur l'hébergement au centre-ville d'Oklahoma City. Pour la conférence de 2019, ceux du Wyoming ont aussi fait un petit discours pour être les hôtes d'une conférence, soit 2018 ou 2019 leurs intention est d'avoir la conférence à Little America hôtel près de Cheyenne au Wyoming.

Région 6 Directeur Jason Blaylock à informer les membres, des discussions encourt avec American Income Life au sujet d'une assurance décès accidentel et/ ou mutilation. Ceci, sans frais à l'adhésion. Il est nécessaire d'avoir les listes à jour de chacune des juridictions, afin que la compagnie donne une trousse d'adhésion à chaque membre pour qu'ils puissent nommer un bénéficiaire.

La réunion a pris fin avec une demande de vérification d'état financier des livres. Un vote a eu lieu et une vérification a été approuvée. Le conseil choisira un vérificateur pour effectuer cette demande.

Vendredi le conseil d'administration a eu sa dernière réunion pour l'année. Scott Haney et le président Lew Huddleston ont informé le conseil, qu'à la fin de l'assemblée générale, Maryland n'avait toujours pas soumis un contrat signé. Suite à une discussion il a été adopté par Le conseil, que l'opportunité serait présenter au Wyoming pour être l'hôte de la conférence 2018.

Le conseil d'administration a eu l'occasion de travailler sur la vision et l'énoncé de mission pour l'association NAWEOA. Le conseil a retenus trois déclarations de vision: Protection Unifier des Ressources Naturelles, Unification Globale pour la protection des ressources naturelles et l'Unification International des Ressource naturel et de leurs protection. Le conseil d'administration va continuer à travailler sur cette tâche afin des consistant sur la même, mission et vision pour tous

# **North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association 2017 Annual Conference Sault Ste. Marie, Canada July 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



Greetings,

As it seems we have just wound down from the annual conference in Burlington, Vermont we are in the midst of preparations for next year's conference. The North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers' Association Board, with the support of the Ontario Conservation Officers' Association and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry are diligently working and planning to make next year's conference have a full training agenda, some great networking and activities for the families.

As in the past if you have registered for a previous conference we will be sending out update emails as information becomes available. Once the website is up and running updates will be posted regularly. I am also available for questions should the need arise.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and their families next year In Sault Ste. Marie.

Scott Haney  
North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers' Association  
Conference Liaison

## **History**

Sault Ste. Marie is the ancient meeting place of the Algonquin Indians. Originally named Bawating" (referring to the St. Mary's Rapids that separates the two cities of the same name), this site was re named Sault De Sainte Marie by Jesuit missionaries who founded a mission here in 1668.



Sault Ste. Marie is located at the *centre* of the Great Lakes, in the *centre* of the Province of Ontario, the *centre* of Canada and in the *centre* of North America. The community is located on the St. Mary's River directly across from Sault Ste. Marie Michigan. Sault Ste. Marie has the ability to draw from markets of over 40 million people within a one day drive. As a vibrant city of 75,000 people, Sault Ste. Marie has all the key amenities of a modern city including an expanding economy and infrastructure. Sault Ste. Marie markets itself as a *Naturally Gifted* community; and it really is. Nestled at the eastern end of Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world, Sault Ste. Marie is the place where you can experience the thrill of scenic wilderness without having to forego the comforts of urban living.

Sault Ste. Marie's *central* location and close proximity to the United States make the city very accessible from all directions and through all modes of transportation. The Trans Canada Highway meets Interstate 75 at Sault Ste. Marie, linking Canada and the United States. Sault Ste. Marie has inter-modal links via the International Airport, the St. Lawrence Seaway, CP Rail and is the key component of the Great Lakes Heritage Coast. Sault Ste. Marie is an International City, bordering the State of Michigan. Through our partnering airlines, travel to the city of Sault Ste. Marie has never been easier and often times quicker than driving across most urban city centres! With affordable group rates through Porter Airlines and Air Canada, travelers can leave from Toronto and in less than 60 minutes be in our city's downtown core.

Lawrence Seaway System, which enables ships from around the world to carry cargoes to and from the industrial and agricultural heartland of North America.

The Sault quickly became industrialized at the turn of the century with the development of a paper mill, St. Mary's Paper; and later in The Northwest Fur Trading Company founded a post here in 1783, building a canal to bypass the tumultuous rapids between 1797 and 1799. The canal was replaced by the famous Sault Locks, which are part of the St. 1896, the Great Lakes Power Company was established to harness the rapids, followed by the founding of Algoma Steel which was fully operational by 1906.

Although the mill is no longer in operation, Riversedge Developments is currently restoring the site, and has completed the renovation of a portion of the property, which is now an exciting new venue called Mill Square.

Sault Ste. Marie was the original —meeting place and the surrounding area still cradles the spirits of these first inhabitants and their trading visitors. The land remains mostly untouched and is surrounded by old growth forests and protected areas, such as the Algoma Highlands and the Hiawatha Old Growth Forest. Sault Ste. Marie remains... *Naturally Gifted*. Sault Ste. Marie is one of the largest cities in Northern Ontario. That's pretty obvious once you take into account all there is to see and do. Whether you want to get away with some friends, your family or plan an event or meeting, this Northern town has something for everyone.

If you're a history buff and like to discover ancient lands, the Sault has a host of venues and attractions that you must experience—the fabled Agawa Canyon Tour Train, the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, Eagle Feather Aviation Inc., the Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site, Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site of Canada and Fort St. Joseph National Historic Site of Canada just to name a few. For enthusiasts of the Great Outdoors, Sault Ste. Marie is a treat no matter what the season. Go explore Hiawatha Highlands / Kinsmen Park, the Roberta Bondar Park and Tent Pavilion, Searchmont Resort or Stokely Creek.

The city has many great restaurants and retail stores to choose from. For a little culture, there's the Art



Gallery of Algoma and Sault Ste. Marie Museum. Or, you can try your luck at OLG Casino Sault Ste. Marie.

From discovering the Great Outdoors and historic sites to urban pastimes and amenities, Sault Ste. Marie makes for an ideal destination for those who are looking for a little variety in their getaway!!

Located in the downtown waterfront area -the Art Gallery of Algoma is a public gallery dedicated to cultivating and advancing the awareness of visual arts in Sault Ste. Marie and district. With 5,000 sq. ft. of space in two adjoining galleries, it has the capacity to host a reception for approximately 200 persons and a catered dinner for 100 guests.

Approximately 24 exhibits are mounted annually featuring local, national and international artists. There is an ever growing permanent collection of 4,000 works of art, all of which provides a unique backdrop for special event functions.





***The Trapper***  
*by fallen*  
*Idaho Wildlife Officer and artist*  
*Bill Pogue*



**The original pen and ink was hand-colored by the artist for use on the cover of the Idaho Wildlife Magazine.**

**Bill Pogue's family generously allowed the use of Bill's art work "The Trapper" as a fund raiser for the North American Game Warden Museum.**

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