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Dear Fellow Taxidermists,

What a great show! Everyone was awesome. The room was filled with so many great mounts. Lots of new members, great classes and good friends coming together to share their love of taxidermy is what draws us back year after year.

I hope that everyone keeps up the energy for the 2011 show, which will be held in beautiful Plant City, FL, at the the Red Rose Inn and Suites on February 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2011. The best part of the 2011 show is, it's the 30th anniversary of the Florida State Taxidermy Association. So Happy Birthday FSTA! I hope all of you will attend our special Birthday banquet on Saturday. It will be great!!!!!!

The hotel is not only beautiful, but it's also more economic friendly to help all of you in these trying times. I hope to see all of you there. After all, we are stronger in numbers. We need to keep fighting to keep our association strong and to play our part in protecting our rights to hunt, fish, and preserve our animals.

I want to thank everyone for their participation in the Presidents challenge. The bobcats looked great! I would like to keep up the challenge at the 2011 show. The next challenge will be a full body mount of a raccoon. Get creative and have fun with it!

If you haven't already started your competition mounts, get started! It's that time and we would love to see the show room packed yet again. For the pictures and winners of the 2010 FSTA convention, please visit the new www.myfsta.com. I can't wait to see all of you there.

Trina Pritchard

FSTA President

F.S.T.A. News for 2010

1) As a result of our association growing by leaps and bounds each year, we have some exciting news for our 2010 convention and competition, **WE ARE MOVING ONCE AGAIN!!!** We will be hosting our Convention and Competition February 3rd to the 5th at Red Rose Inn and Suites located in beautiful Plant city FL. The address is: 2011 North Wheeler Street Plant City, FL 33563. You can check them out online at www.redroseinnandsuites.com or you may call them at 813-752-3141. Their amenities have been specifically designed to your needs and all rooms furnished with your comfort in mind. You can also get a work out in their state of the art gym. The Red Rose Inn is also a pet friendly hotel and if you need to bring your pet with you they can help accommodate them as well. Room rate are only \$69.00 per night, so start booking now and do not forget to mention that you are with The Florida Taxidermists Association.



2) It is FSTA'S 30th Birthday!!!!!!! We will be having a big birthday celebration in the style of a 50's Sock-Hop! So bring your poodle skirts and your dancing shoes for fun, music and dancing! More details to be announced in future newsletters... SHHHH----- What would a birthday be without presents???

3) We also have some news directly from the National taxidermists association. Coincidentally this has to do with what we discussed at our members meeting this year, State Affiliation. The NTA has decided to abolish the state affiliations as of January 1st 2011.

NTA Winter Board Meeting Minuets

Affiliate Network Report

Mel Kincheloe, Chairman of the Affiliate Network Committee, gave his report. John Janelli has submitted a letter requesting a by-law change to drop the state affiliation program. Mel advised he has gotten responses for two years except for one letter and one telephone call which were both extremely negative. The Illinois association is not willing to help at this year's convention because of the affiliation. We need to look at the issue closely and decide what to do. R.J. states he sees both sides of the question and thinks members are not happy about the affiliation. Joel Edwards thinks that the program works great in New Mexico but at this point in time it appears the members and industry are very unhappy about it. This will be discussed under new business. Archie Phillips states that he is one of the starters of the affiliation program and still believes in it, but is willing to change it for the good of the membership. Audie Crabtree was recognized and thinks it should be dropped.

The Affiliate Network Report was accepted by President Joel Edwards.

Proposed By-Law Change/Affiliation

Two separate proposals were sent out to the board with regard to dropping the affiliation program. R.J. Simington's submission would not have been acceptable according to the by-laws and would not have allowed the proposal to be brought to the table. John Janelli sent out a new by-law change request which met the necessary criteria. The proposed by-law change is as follows:

Section 1 Affiliated States

The NTA shall make provisions for the affiliation of state taxidermy associations that meet the following requirements:

(a) The bylaws of said organization must be in general agreement with the NTA bylaws. Said organization will supply the NTA with a current list of their Officers, Board Members and all members of their organization.

(b) Said organization must maintain 100 percent NTA membership within their membership.

Section 2 Affiliated Organizations

NTA Winter Board Meeting Minuets Continued:

The NTA shall make provisions for the cross affiliation with other wildlife conservation groups that meet the following requirements:

(a) The bylaws of said organizations must be in general agreement with the NTA bylaws.

(b) Said organization must strive to promote taxidermy as an educational occupation that seeks to conserve wildlife through the preservation of specimens by using the highest standards in the art. The proposed changes are as follows:

Section 1 - Affiliated States, and (a) and (b) of that section, shall be deleted in its entirety.

Section 2 – Affiliated Organizations shall be changed to Section 1 – Affiliated Organizations.

The new bylaw would read:

Article XIII – Affiliates

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(a) The bylaws of said organizations must be in general agreement with the NTA bylaws.

(b) Said organization must strive to promote taxidermy as an educational occupation that seeks to conserve wildlife through the preservation of specimens by using the highest standards in the art. Frankie Thompson read excerpts in a letter from Mike Kirkhart from 2000 in favor of the affiliation. Joel Edwards spoke with Mike Kirkhart yesterday. Mike states the affiliation was a good idea that has created division in the membership. R.J. Simington pointed out that we are board members representing the NTA membership. Tinker Johnson noted the affiliation is dividing state organizations but he is still in favor of it. The 11 states that are 100% need to be advised of the change in a positive manner. Joel Edwards advised that we have thought about it and will do our best to make a smooth transition, if it passes. Archie Phillips suggested it could be put into the Outlook that due to the economic times this is a necessary decision and can be revisited in the future. Steve Wolk asked how much it costs to run the affiliation. Archie Phillips believes it is about \$17,000.00. {00551992.DOC} 16

A motion was made by Archie Phillips to accept the by-law change as submitted and to change any applicable rules as necessary; the motion was seconded by R.J. Simington. The motion passed by a vote of 12-2.

***** As soon as we have more information about this we will let you know ASAP*****

Hi from the Flatwoods!

It was good seeing everyone at the convention. As always, it looked like everyone had a good time. Since it was just my second time and I am still classified as the "new kid on the block", (wishing I were a kid), I would like to introduce myself to those I did not personally get to talk to. I am Carol Smith, as some stated, "Oh, the other blonde." Yes, that would be me. Since Judy wanted to retire, the association elected me as Sec/Tres for the next few years.

Just a little history here, my husband Rex and I have three children and four grandchildren. Rex has always been self employed in the Agriculture industry with sod and cattle. I am a paralegal and adjuster by trade, with my last employment being with Publix Risk Management, dealing with all general liability claims and representing Publix in Small Claims court, along with fleet and third party claims. I gave up Publix to open a restaurant, (a lifelong dream), which was hard work but fun. Then I had to give the restaurant up to take care of my mother, who has since gone "upstairs" thus, giving me the time to go full time into the business and art of taxidermy.

Judy passed this position on to me in excellent shape. With her guidance, along with Trina and the Boards' help, I have no fear I will do you a just service. You may call me any time if you have a question or need something done. If I do not know the answer, I will find it and get back to you asap. My door is always open and my phone always on.


Hoping to see you in the future,

Carol Smith

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As we all know Shawn Logan is in a league of his own with his Whitetail mounts. Shawn has graciously donated his time and energy and Trina Pritchard is allowing us to infiltrate her shop for the following event.

WHAT: WORKSHOP DAY

**WHERE: BRANCBOROUGH
TAXIDERMY**

WHEN: JUNE 26, 2010

TIME: 9:00 am

COST: \$10.00 (FOOD COST)

**INSTRUCTOR: SHAWN
LOGAN**

First come, first served! 15 spots available

Call Trina/Branchborough

352-567-1521

to secure your place

Hopefully this will fit into your schedule.

We will have a good time, and hope to see you there!

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