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TMN VMS Support Team Newsletter

Field in Focus: New Officer Lists for Volunteers

- We've changed the Board & Committee choices on the volunteer profile to more closely match the CMOP.
- Please go through and confirm/update your chapter leadership. Check all that apply.

Volunteer Profile:

Personal Ethnic Background **User Defined** Language Registration Emergency Contact Attachments

Group

General
Background and Driver Cl
Alternative Workforce
Confidentiality Agreemen
Media Waiver
Group Affiliation
Certifications
Contact
TMN Recognition
TMN Officers/Committee:
Diversity Data
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Officer List: ☐ President ☐ Secretary ☐ At Large Board Member
☐ Vice President ☐ Treasurer ☐ Advisor

Director List: ☐ Immediate Past President ☐ Advanced Training Director
☐ Membership Director ☐ Volunteer Service Projects Director
☐ New Class Director ☐ New Class Representative
☐ Communications Director ☐ State Chapter Representative

VMS List: ☐ VMS Admin ☐ VMS LBE ☐ VMS ReadOnly

Committee Member of:

Leadership/Service History:

Welcome - Lower Pecos Borderlands

We Have a New Chapter!

The Lower Pecos Borderlands chapter has started the process of becoming our 49th chapter!

Lower Pecos Borderlands is located in the Del Rio Corridor and serves Kinney, Val Verde and Maverick Counties.

New Diversity Grid for Your Volunteers

We've added a new grid to help measure the diversity in your chapter.

Diversity data was not something that we uploaded into the system, so you may need to update this data for your chapter.

Grid Settings

TMN Standard-Chapter Diversity

Shifts for your opportunities

We are testing the ability to setup shifts for your opportunities to facilitate social distancing at your public events.

We don't recommend this for every opportunity - it requires quite a bit of setup and monitoring, but if you have a large public event where you are staffing a table or activity, it might make sense to setup shifts for your volunteers to make sure they are spread out throughout the day.

The step-by-step instructions can be found on the [help desk](#).

CoronaVirus - AT Update

The 4-hour online limitation for AT has been lifted for 2020 due to CoronaVirus. A reminder that all online AT should have some sort of feedback, Q&A or discussion component.

Michelle is in the process of moving the regional Zoom accounts to regional WebEx accounts to help your chapter work remotely.

Disappearing Grids & Filters

Clear Filters

Show All

Sometimes, eCoordinator grids & filters will stick from one grid to another. When you are starting a new search, it always makes sense to start with the "Clear Filters" button in the volunteer and opportunities grids and the "Show All" button in the logbook grids.

The filters may also disappear when you sort a column in the grid or filter through the column header. After your sort, you can reselect the filter.

Slack Communication Tool...

Just a reminder:



The Master Naturalist Slack communications site can be found at txmn.slack.com. You can contact Bert at bert@coastalprairie.org for more information. There is a channel for VMS Admins, Annual Meeting and General topics.

Quick Links

Get quickly to the help desk: [TXMN.org/help](https://txmn.org/help)

Check your public facing chapter page: [TXMN.org/apply](https://txmn.org/apply)

Login Page: [TXMN.org/hours](https://txmn.org/hours)

Admin Login Page: [TXMN.org/coordinator](https://txmn.org/coordinator)

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