



### TMN VMS Support Team Newsletter

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#### Fields in Focus: TMN Volunteer Status Fields

There are 3 'statuses' on the volunteer profile -

- 1) the TPWD status, on the first page (Should only be changed by TMN if the volunteer is deceased)
- 2) the TMN status, on the user defined tab/certifications. They all start with TMN-x (Active, InActive, Not Eligible, Advisor, In Training, Interested)
- 3) the CBC status, either passed or pending. I mark it pending if I have to send them to TPWD HR for a secondary CBC. It's up to HR to then change it to passed, but sometimes they don't update it.

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#### 2022 Data Review

The 2022 review of the system is completed. Our numbers continue to increase - hours worked, volunteers in the system, etc.

##### Some Highlights:

Number of Active/Eligible Volunteers = 6186, 77% reporting some hours in 2022

Number of Active Opportunities = 3633, 74% have some hours recorded against them.

Number of Logbook Entries submitted in 2022 = 226,991.

We added two new metrics: Creator=Approver and Approver=Volunteer to match exceptions found by the federal auditors last year.

Another note - we did not analyze or include the hours submitted on the TMN Tuesday or Statewide training opportunities.

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#### Can You Get Service Hours for Attending a Chapter Meeting?

##### **Yes!**

This question came up a couple of months ago and we soon realized that chapters were inconsistent in the application of hours for this opportunity.

We ran it up the flagpole to TPWD leadership and determined that it is ok to give your volunteers service time for just attending a chapter meeting. For chapters that

have a monthly meeting with an AT presenter, some of the time would be reported as service and the AT presentation time would continue to be reported as AT.

The general sentiment is that we want members to attend and participate in chapter meetings and are hopeful they become involved in the leadership of the chapter down the road by doing so too. We are hopeful their participation in the chapter meetings grows their interest in future chapter leadership and the chapter as a whole. Our chapters need members at their meetings for networking and growth and the general well-being of the chapters. Therefore offering a small amount of time for attending the chapter meeting is acceptable.

Note that this pertains to both in-person and online attendance.

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## New TPWD Dashboard

Heads up...We've noticed that the TPWD volunteer dashboard has received an upgrade. The TXMN volunteer dashboard has not. Just a reminder - our URL has '1450' in it while the TPWD URL has '1353' in the address. If your volunteers end up on the wrong dashboard, they will note that TMN hours and AT hours are not on the screen.

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## Thank You!



**VMS Admins** are responsible for all the data that the Master Naturalist program shares. And that data is impressive! - It makes us all shine.

**Thank you all** so much for your hard work and dedication to making the Master Naturalist program the best in the state!

-- Richard, Michelle, Mary Pearl, Cheryl, Dale, Clyde, Bert

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## Quick Links

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

Slack Channels: [TXMN.slack.com](https://txmn.slack.com)

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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