

26th Annual Meetings of the Tennessee Herpetological Society
April 1-2, 2021 – Virtual
December 6-7, 2021
Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga, TN

Business Meeting Notes
Recorded by Dustin Thames

Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2021 recipients of the Chad Lewis Memorial Grant: **Carlin Frost** from Tennessee State University investigated the spatial ecology and habitat use of pygmy rattlesnakes; **Rosemary Ronca** from Appalachian State University examined the ecology and dietary niche of the Weller's salamander; and **Lexi Hamous** from Middle Tennessee State University investigated gestational site selection by Northern watersnakes.

Elizabeth Strasko from Asbury University was the 2021 recipient of the Niemiller Travel Award. Elizabeth's work investigated eDNA methods for use with smallmouth and mole salamanders.

The best student poster award went to **Rachel Brubaker** from Tennessee State University evaluating the effects of restoration practices on herp communities.

The Bob Hatcher Conservation Award was awarded posthumously to **Dr. Floyd Scott** of Austin Peay State University.

Publication Committee

Like every publication, submissions have been limited. Please consider this venue for your natural history notes, new locality records, or other small manuscripts that would be of interest to the herpetological community in Tennessee. The website has been updated to reflect a more modern availability of articles, which should also increase search engine optimization for published articles.

Outreach and Social Media Committee

Please follow and interact with us on the Tennessee Herp Society accounts on Facebook, Instagram (@tnherpsociety), and Twitter (@TennesseeHerper).

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the checking account was \$16,855.79, and the investment balance was \$16,573. A motion passed during the meeting to increase the investment balance to \$20,000 and to increase the Chad Lewis Memorial Grant amount.

Elections:

President: Joshua Hall
Secretary: Jessica Grady
West TN Representative: Jesse Eaker
Sargent at Arms: Darrell England

2022 Tennessee Herpetological Society Meeting
Austin Peay State University
September 29-30, 2022