



30th Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society 26-27 September 2024 Steele Creek Park, Bristol, TN

Business Meeting Notes

Recorded by Joshua M. Hall

Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2024 recipients of the Chad Lewis Memorial Grant: **Maxwell Ramey** and **Bailey Sauls** of Appalachian State University for their projects: *Life History and Demography of Plethodon aureoles* and *Determining niche overlap of two woodland salamanders in Great Smoky Mountains*, respectively.

Trina Chou of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville received the Niemiller Travel Scholarship.

The award for best student poster was given to **Zachary Spicer** of Appalachian State University for presenting his work of *Stable isotope analysis of dietary niche space in three coexisting Plethodon salamanders in North Carolina*.

The award for best student oral presentation was given to **Trina Chou** of The University of Tennessee at Knoxville for presenting her work entitled: *How do Spring Peeper advertisement calls signal Bd infection status?*.

Publication Committee

Herpetological Society Journal received a few more submissions in 2024 than 2023. We are still working to get the journal indexed so articles are more easily discovered.

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

As of the meeting date, the balance in the checking account was \$10,903.91 and the investment balance for the Chad Lewis Grant was \$30,562.75. The members entertained increasing the amount of the Lewis Grant above \$1000. The treasurer will consult with the society financial advisor to determine the minimum balance required to sustain the grant long term.

New Business

The society members voted to create an additional student travel grant in honor of the late Dr. Floyd Scott. This will be given in addition to the Niemiller award beginning next year.

The members voted in favor of reducing the registration cost of retired professionals to the student rate of \$15. Starting in 2025, there will be a "student/retired" registration option.

Elections

Vice President: Stephen Nelson
Secretary: Joshua M Hall
Treasurer: Chris Ogle
East TN Rep: Scott Dykes
Middle TN Rep: Michael Fulbright

Next Annual Meeting

2025 will bring a Middle Tennessee meeting venue. Look to the society website for updates concerning the dates and location of the next meeting.