



New York State Conservation Council

2024

Spring Meeting

April 6, 2024

ADVOCATING FOR CONSERVATION AND SPORTSMEN SINCE 1933.

Agenda



1 *Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance*

4 *Financial Report*
2023 financial recap and budget for 2024.

7 *Legislation*
Discussion on Ban of Hunting Competition, Live Cable Restraints & Sporting Range Good Neighbor Act.

2 *DEC Presentations*
• Jim Farquhar, Chief, Bureau of Wildlife
• Steve Hurst, Chief, Bureau of Fisheries
• Jeremy Hurst, Wildlife Biologist
• Jacqueline Lendrum, Director, Division of Fish & Wildlife
• Open Discussions

5 *Board of Directors Meetings*
Proposed schedule for regular meetings thru end of 2024.

8 *Fundraising*
Raffle tickets.

3 *Executive Director Introduction & Role*
Introduction of Bruce McGowan

6 *Committee Reports*
All committees are encouraged to make a report. Education committee has been requested to give a presentation on R3.

9 *General Discussion*
• Catskills Outdoor Recreation Plan
• Website Update
• Email Update

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Chuck Parker, President

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DEC PRESENTATIONS

Jim Farquhar, Chief,
Bureau of Wildlife

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Jacqueline Lendrum,
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Open Discussions

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OPEN DISCUSSION



- *DEC Changing Perception*
- *NEW DEC Commissioner*
- *Quarterly and bi-monthly meetings (status)*

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTRO

Chuck Parker, President

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Bruce McGowan

Bruce comes to the council to fill the much-needed vacancy as Executive Director. Bruce is responsible for administrative tasks including managing membership renewals, mail and bank deposits. He will be supporting the Board of Directors in advocating for conservation and sportsman across New York State. Bruce will be posting important information on social media and keeping the website up to date. He will be coordinating the newsletter production and distribution. We are hopeful that with Bruce heavily involved in getting the word out about the council that it will in turn will have a positive impact on increasing membership. Along with the responsibilities listed above, Bruce is (and as Casey did) developing and assuming increasing roles of responsibilities as an Executive Director. This is to include advocating for the council with the public, DEC and other groups.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Diane Steel, Treasurer

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2023 Financial Reports



Good Standing

After review of financial reports provided by accountant, Susan Spencer, the finances are consistent between 2022 & 2023. A not-for-profit isn't expected to carry big bank account balances or make big profits annually.

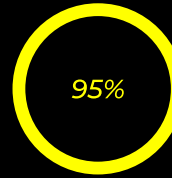
Income

Income is consistent between 2022 & 2023.



Expenses

Expenses were a little less in 2023 mostly due to Casey's maternity leave and part-time work.



Bank Balance

Bank account balance was similar at the end of 2022 & 2023.



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2024 Budget



Similar Expectations

The 2024 budget was prepared based on the financial reports from 2022 & 2023. The consistency in these reports lends to a conservative budget to be like the previous 2 years. The expectation is that Casey's efforts on Buck a Member contributions will at least be maintained with Bruce on board. The largest expense in the budget is for the executive director. The 2024 budget does account for the increase in operational expenses the new employee.



Total Revenue

\$60,650



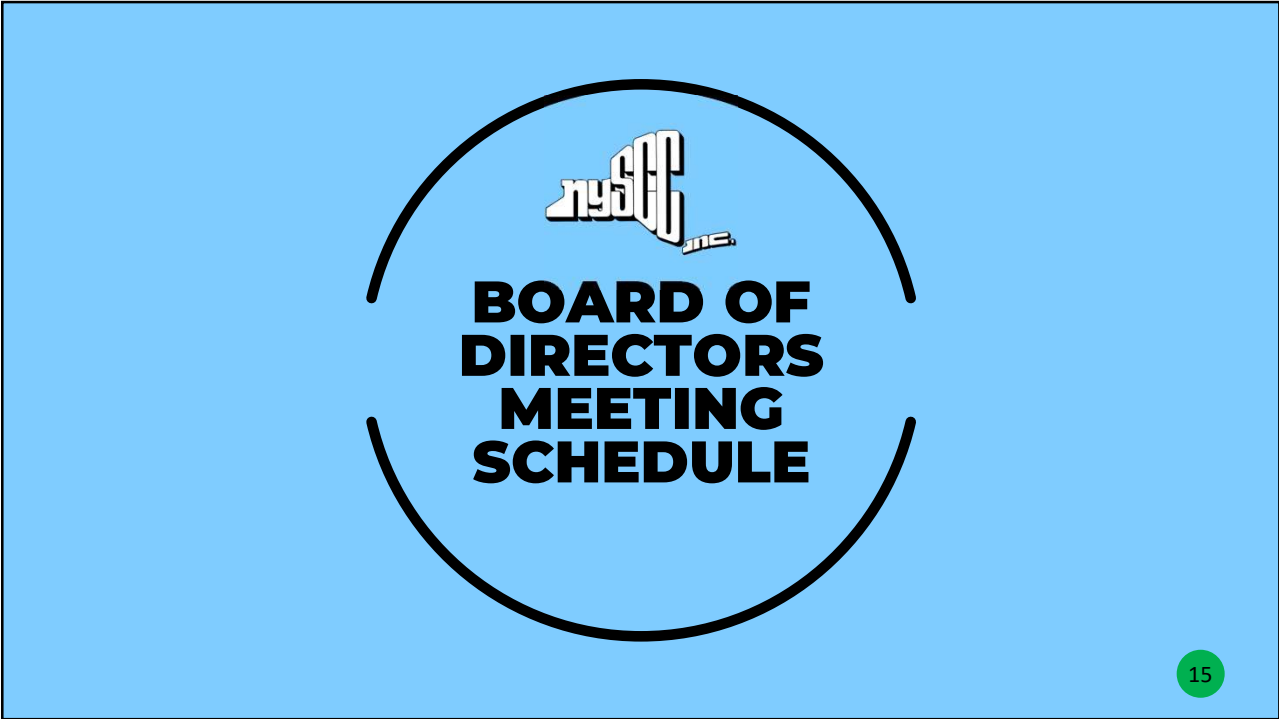
Total Expense

\$60,515

Financial statements will be reviewed monthly. Processes are being reviewed to increase efficiency and ultimately increase profitability.

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2024 Board of Directors Meetings
To be held remotely – on Zoom



MONDAY, April 22	WEDNESDAY, July 24	MONDAY, October 28
WEDNESDAY, May 22	MONDAY, August 26	WEDNESDAY, November 27 <small>(subject to change)</small>
MONDAY, June 24	WEDNESDAY, September 25	MONDAY, December 23

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LEGISLATION

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S4009 / A2917 - Ban on Hunting Competitions



Signed December 22, 2023

Amends the environmental conservation law to make certain hunting contest, competitions, tournaments, and derbies that allow for the take of large numbers of wildlife unlawful.

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Moving Forward



- *How and When to reach out to our legislators*
- *Review of our memos of support or opposition*
- *Are there bills that should be but are not on our Watch or Major Bill list?*

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S785 – Regulation of Live Restraint Cables



Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 11-1101 of the environmental conservation law is amended to read as follows:

5. A. Except as provided in subdivision 1 or 2 of section 11-0523 OF THIS ARTICLE with respect to destructive and menacing wildlife, no person shall (a) set or use a trap of the leg-gripping type having teeth in the jaws; (b) set a LEG HOLD trap so that wildlife when caught is suspended; (c) use, locate or set a snare or a device consisting of a noose of any material whereby an animal may be taken.

B. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY, BY REGULATION, AUTHORIZE THE USE OF LIVE RESTRAINT CABLE DEVICES TO TAKE COYOTE AND OTHER SPECIES AS ALLOWED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE. THE USE OF LIVE RESTRAINT CABLE DEVICES SHALL ONLY BE PERMITTED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEGINNING NO EARLIER THAN DECEMBER FIRST. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE LIVE CABLE RESTRAINT DEVICES CONSISTING OF AT LEAST ONE SWIVEL, A RELAXING LOCK, A DEER STOP, AND A BREAK AWAY DEVICE. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL ALSO REQUIRE THAT ANY PERSON USING A LIVE RESTRAINT CABLE SHALL CHECK SUCH DEVICE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PROVISION:

(A) A SWIVEL IS A DEVICE INCORPORATED AT THE END OF THE CABLE RESTRAINT WHICH ALLOWS THE CAPTURED ANIMAL TO FREELY ROTATE;

(B) A RELAXING LOCK IS A DEVICE THAT ALLOWS THE CABLE LOOP TO STOP RESTRICTING WHEN THE CAPTURED ANIMAL STOPS PULLING;

(C) A DEER STOP IS A DEVICE INCORPORATED INTO THE LOOP OF THE CABLE RESTRAINT THAT KEEPS THE CABLE RESTRAINT FROM CLOSING BEYOND A SPECIFIED CIRCUMFERENCE TO ALLOW DEER THAT MAY ENCOUNTER THE RESTRAINT TO ESCAPE; AND

(D) A BREAK AWAY DEVICE ALLOWS THE LOOP OF THE CABLE RESTRAINT TO BREAK OPEN WHEN A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF FORCE IS APPLIED.

TRAPPERS USING LIVE CABLE RESTRAINT DEVICES MUST COMPLETE A TRAINING COURSE IN THEIR CONSTRUCTION AND USE OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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S8461A – Sporting Range Good Neighbor Act



Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "sporting range good neighbor act".

§ 2. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding two new sections 37-0123 and 37-0125 to read as follows:

§ 37-0123. SHOOTING RANGES; SKEET FIELDS; PREVENTION OF LEAD MIGRATION.

1. (A) EVERY SKEET FIELD TRACT AT A SHOOTING RANGE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF SIX HUNDRED YARDS BY THREE HUNDRED YARDS WITH THE SHOOTING SEMICIRCLE LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LONG SIDE.

(B) ANY SHOOTING RANGE WHICH IS UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE BACKSTOPS TO PREVENT LEAD MIGRATION OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGNATED SKEET FIELD TRACT. SUCH BACKSTOPS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED OF MATERIAL THAT EFFECTIVELY CAPTURES BULLETS AND SHALL BE COVERED BY A ROOF TO PREVENT PRECIPITATION FROM ERODING SUCH BACKSTOPS.

2. NO PORTION OF A SKEET FIELD TRACT SHALL INCLUDE A WETLAND OR OPEN WATER SOURCE.

3. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

(A) "SHOOTING RANGE" SHALL MEAN AN OUTDOOR RANGE EQUIPPED WITH TARGETS FOR USE WITH FIREARMS AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL RIFLE, PISTOL AND SHOTGUN RANGES.

(B) "SKEET FIELD TRACT" SHALL MEAN A PORTION OF AN OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGE USED FOR CLAY, SPORTING CLAY, TRAP OR SKEET SHOOTING.

§ 37-0125. OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND LEAD AMMUNITION MATERIAL RECLAMATION.

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Tools for Writing Your Legislator or Governor



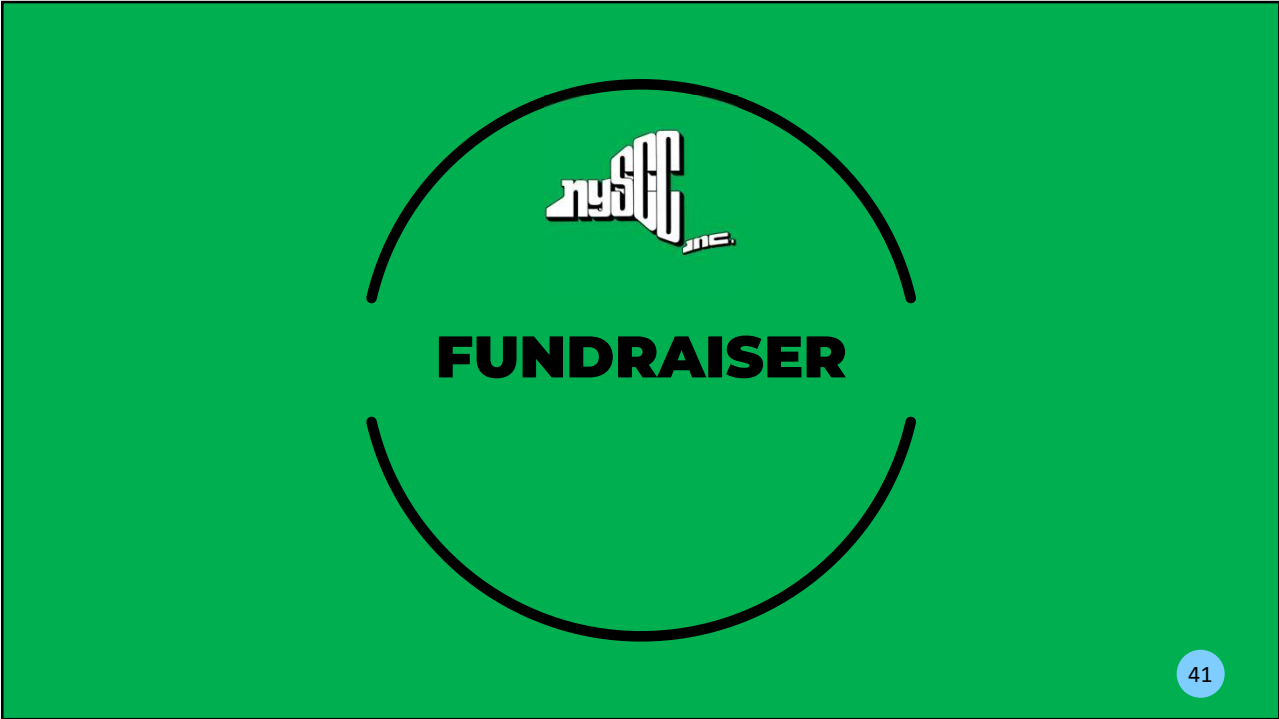
- *You need to write. Writing needs to come from more than NYSCC and other group.*
- *Support your writings with NYSCC memos and other verifiable information.*

Good Resources are:

- ❖ *the NYSCC Memos*
- ❖ *Responsive Management <https://responsivemanagement.com/> ,*
- ❖ *The North American Model of Conservation <https://www.fishwildlife.org/landing/north-american-model-wildlife-conservation>*

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Fundraiser Raffle



Raffle Tickets Distributed Today

- Drawing will take place May 18th.
- Multiple items to choose from but only 3 drawings.
- First winner gets first choice.
- Items not drawn can be used for future fundraisers.

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Shannon Ryan, CPAC

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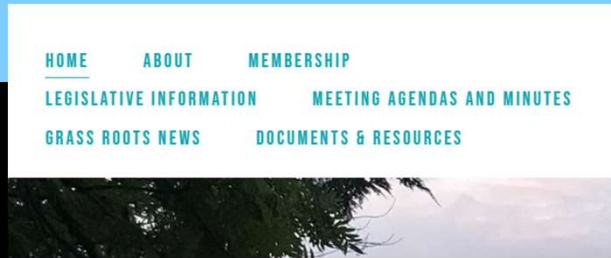
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Website Updates – MENU BAR



HOME and MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES were added to the top menu bar for easy access to the pages from any page.



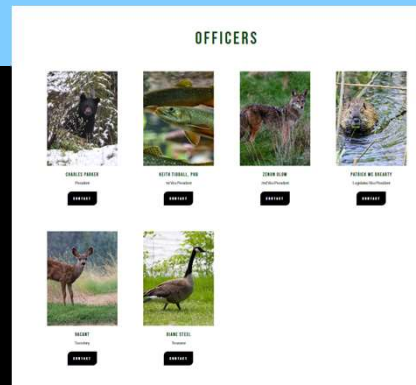
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Website Updates – ABOUT



The ABOUT page list the Officers, Delegates and now the Committees. Each of these has a button to contact the corresponding person or group. We are working to add photos of the officers as they are available.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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REGION 5 Director: [Name] All Director: [List] CONTACT	REGION 6 Director: [Name] All Director: [List] CONTACT	REGION 7 Director: [Name] All Director: [List] CONTACT	REGION 8 Director: [Name] All Director: [List] CONTACT
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COMMITTEES

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FISHERIES & ADMINISTRATION CONTACT	FISH ENVIRONMENT CONTACT	FUR RECORDS CONTACT	GAME (BIG) CONTACT
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LEGISLATION CONTACT	WADING RESOURCES CONTACT	RESOLUTIONS CONTACT	WATERFOWL CONTACT

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Website Updates – SPRING MEETING



A button was added to the home page to access the SPRING MEETING page with information and a registration form. After submitting the form, the page redirected to a pay online option for the fee.

The agenda and Zoom link was added to the SPRING MEETING page this week.



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Website Updates – ONLINE “STORE”



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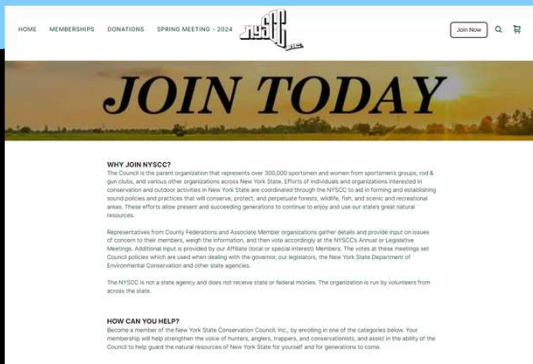
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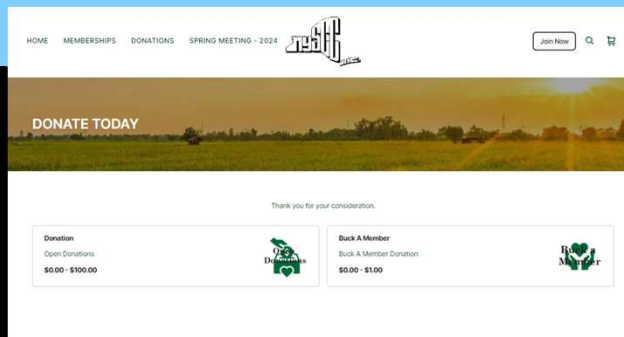
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Website Updates – DONATION BUTTONS



The donation section was moved higher on the HOME page. There is a button for general donations as well as the Buck a Member donation. These buttons link to the online “store” for payment.



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Website Updates – MEMBERSHIP BUTTONS



There are buttons on the MEMBERSHIP page to JOIN or RENEW NOW under the individual/club membership section. These buttons redirect to the online “store” for payment. From there they will select the membership type and level. The checkout process will collect the necessary membership information.

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

FOR INDIVIDUALS AND CLUBS

JOIN NOW OR
RENEW NOW

GUARDIAN | \$30

Access to Grass Roots News, Email updates

DEFENDER | \$65

Access to Grass Roots News, Email updates.

*Required membership for clubs wishing to participate in the **Sportsmen's & Conservation Club Liability Insurance Program**

LIFETIME | \$350

One time fee for lifetime of access and information (only available to individuals)

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The MEMBERSHIP page also has a NEW MEMBER APPLICATION and a RENEW button for member organizations. The NEW MEMBER APPLICATION directs to an online form. Upon submission, this redirect to the "store" for payment. The RENEW NOW button direct to the "store" to collect payment.

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

FOR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

RENEW NOW

ACTIVE MEMBERS | \$250

One Active Member shall be designated for each of the counties of this State. They are granted the privilege of the floor at NYSOC meetings and have a vote in the conduct of the affairs of the NYSOC. Active Members may submit two resolutions each year to the Resolutions Committee.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS | \$100

Any organization subscribing to the purposes and goals of the NYSOC may become an Affiliate Member. They are granted the privilege of the floor at NYSOC meetings and may submit one resolution each year to the Resolutions Committee. Affiliate Members have no vote in the conduct of the affairs of the NYSOC.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS | \$250

Statewide organizations that subscribe to the purposes and goals of the NYSOC may become an Associate Member. Each may submit two resolutions per year to the Resolutions Committee. Associate Members are granted the privilege of the floor at NYSOC meetings and have a vote in the conduct of the affairs of the NYSOC.

LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS

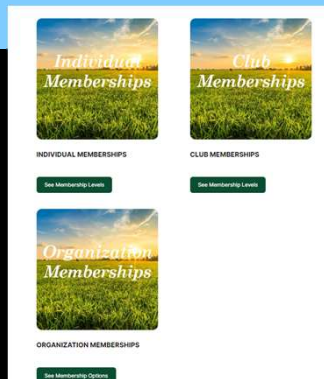
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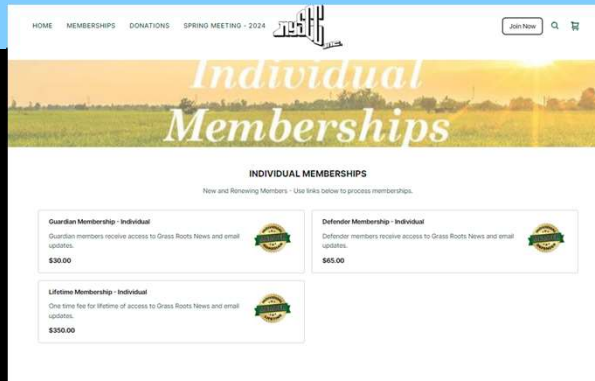
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EMAIL UPDATES

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Email Updates – Gmail & Domain



Over the past few months, there had been some trouble sending emails to anyone with a Gmail account. This issue has been resolved as far as we are aware. Several test emails have been set without issue.

As part of this research, the council email addresses for individuals were changed to the council domain - @nyscc.com. If you are still using the old @nyscc.onmicrosoft.com emails, they will be forwarded. Please get in the habit of using the new emails.

nyscc@nyscc.com will be updated to info@nyscc.com soon. Both emails will still work but “info” will be the preferred.

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Email Updates – Generic Emails



In the efforts to simplify communication, some “generic” email addresses were created. This will be helpful if there is ever a change in a position, the email address will remain the same.

*To reach Chuck, use president@nyscc.com,
Bruce McGowan - executivedirector@nyscc.com,
Diane Steel – treasurer@nyscc.com.*

*You can reach all the board members by using
boardofdirectors@nyscc.com and only the officers at officers@nyscc.com.*

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Email Updates – Distribution Lists



Distribution Lists have been created for each committee.

Use the ABOUT page on the website to send emails to a committee. Their distribution lists are obvious for the most part. For example, Archery & Bowhunting is archery@nyscc.com. Law Enforcement is lawenforcement@nyscc.com. And Legislation is legislation@nyscc.com.

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Email Updates – Email Issues



If you experience any issues sending email to any of the @nyscc.com emails, forward the error to us for review – email@nyscc.com.

Also, if any committee members change, please email us.

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MOUNTAIN EAGLE ARTICLE

https://www.theschoharienews.com/2024/03/outdoors-with-larry-didonato_20.html

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