



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter  
Business Meeting & Holiday Social Agenda for December 12, 2015  
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

**I. Old Business**

**II. New Business**

- A. The Nominating Committee, Chaired by Olivia Ash, Past President, and assisted by Jim Anding and Cheryl Lewis, have offered the following slate of officers:  
President: Bruce Neville, Class of 2010  
Vice-President: Donnell Frank, Class of 2014  
Treasurer: Amanda Chau, Class of 2008  
Secretary: Amanda Schwede, Class of 2009  
Nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting. If you plan to make nominations, please be sure that you have the permission of the nominee.
- B. Adoption of a new Chapter Operating Handbook (COH), based on a template sent to us by the State Office. See email attachment of COH draft, approved by the Board for submission to the membership for adoption, from Bruce Neville December 1<sup>st</sup>. According to the document as dictated by the State Office, initial adoption and ratification is accomplished by a majority of those present at a general meeting following written notification ten days prior to said meeting, with notice that the ratification vote will occur at that meeting. Said notification may be by email. This email serves as notification that a vote of ratification of the attached draft Chapter Operating Handbook will occur at the Chapter Business Meeting on 12 December 2014.
- C. Committee sign-ups will not occur until our January meeting, but Committee Director appointments are made by the President prior to that meeting. At this point, there are vacancies in the Directorships for the New Class Committee and the Communication and Outreach Director. Committee Directors must be members in good standing and have been certified at least once in the past. If you have an interest in these positions, please contact Bruce.

**III. Officer and Committee Reports**

- A. President – Bruce Neville –
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of November 2015 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –
- E. Committees
  - 1. Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair –
  - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your November 2015 hours.
  - 3. Advanced Training – Laura Biddle, Chair –
  - 4. Volunteer Services – Melissa Brown, Chair –
  - 5. Host/Social – Deb Wilson, Chair –
  - 6. Historian – TBD, Chair –
  - 7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –

8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
9. New Member Training – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair –

#### IV. Announcements

##### **Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items**

1. **TMN Winter Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)  
December 12 social, January 14, February 11, March 10
2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)  
January - , February - , March -
3. **Garden project at the City of College Station Community Services bldg** (1207 Texas Avenue.) Join Cheryl Lewis **on a Saturday** that works for you. 571-6448
4. **BVTMN Holiday social and business meeting, Sat, Dec 12**, 6 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church, College Station.
5. **Winter Sparrows & Wrens Workshop, Dec 12**, 9 am - 1 pm, Cibolo Nature Center Auditorium, Boerne. (AT approved-breaks & travel time not included)
6. **College Station Christmas Bird Count, Dec 19.** Organizational mtg (Dec 9 6:30 PM) and time spent in the field on Count Day are pre-approved volunteer service hours.
7. **Project FeederWatch, Nov 14, '15 - Apr 3, '16.** (V approved)
8. AT Comm added [list of pre-approved advanced training activities](#) on BVTMN website. Can also find this list by going to Advanced Training Committee webpage. Note that any AT opportunity that is NOT on this list, must still be submitted for approval.
9. **Pre-approved volunteer projects list:** Note that you must report the data to the appropriate website for a collecting activity to count for volunteer time. Collecting and reporting data for iNaturalist is approved for volunteer credit. This includes organizational projects such as the development of a iNaturalist guide to a Texas area. Collecting and reporting eBird data is approved for volunteer credit.