

TTA Annual Membership Meeting  
Saturday, October 27, 2018 - 7:00pm CT  
Brandon Spring Group Center Dover, TN

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## **Election of Board Officers for 2019 - presented by Carolyn Miller**

The slate of Board Officers for 2019 was presented by Carolyn Miller, Peter Broehl made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Seconded by Bryan Tauchen.

The membership unanimously voted in favor of these officers for 2019:

President: Mary Etta Ward  
Vice President: Linda Latter  
Treasurer: David Bowling  
Membership Director: Cheryl Heckler  
Secretary: \_\_open\_\_  
Middle TN Regional Director: Joan Hartvigsen  
West TN Regional Director: \_\_open\_\_  
East TN Regional Director: Garnett Rush

At-large Board Members:

Jim Poteet  
Libby Francis  
\_\_open\_\_  
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## **Awards**

### **Bill Stutz Award**

The Bill Stutz Award recognizes a TTA member(s) for his or her outstanding individual contributions to the TTA or to one of its chapters.

Presented to George Bonneau of the Soddy Daisy Chapter by Larry Hill  
Presented to Bob Lyon of the Clarksville Chapter by Suva Bastin

### **Tennessee Trails Award**

The Tennessee Trails Award is presented for outstanding contributions to the Association or for the furtherance of trails and natural resource programs and opportunities within Tennessee.

Presented to Heather Hart on behalf of TVA by Joan Hartvigsen

## **Bob Brown Award**

The Board of Directors of the Association established this award to honor the extraordinary lifetime leadership and personal contributions of Bob Brown to hiking and conservation in the State of Tennessee. The Board may give a Bob Brown Award from time to time to others for lifetime leadership and contributions that it finds equally extraordinary.

Previously presented to Mack Prichard at his residence by Mary Etta Ward

Also, a new **Mack Prichard** educational award has been established in his name.

**Carolyn Miller** was honored with an award for her 5 years of service as TTA Board President from 2014-2018.

## **Chapter Officer Reports (requested to give a 5 minute presentation)**

Clarksville – reported by J.R. Tate

Columbia / Franklin – reported by Marvin Caine

East Tennessee – reported by Rosemary Marshall

Highland Rim – reported by Joan Hartvigsen

Jackson – reported by Melinda Pearson

Memphis – no report

Murfreesboro – submitted via email by Tony Jones and reported by Sara Pollard

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We held a chapter Yard Sale to raise funds for our chapter treasury to cover picnic supplies and various expenses. We raised \$320 for our chapter.

### **Nashville – submitted / reported by Doug Burroughs**

- Another good year for Nashville TTA. Chapter membership is 90 as of October 2018 (versus 92 this time last year and 94 the year before).
- Chapter Officers – no change
  - Chair: Doug Burroughs
  - Treasurer: June Callahan
  - Hike Coordinator: Nancy Juodenas
  - Programs Coordinator: Nora Beck
    - Nora will be leaving as the Programs Coordinator at the end of 2018, so we will be seeking a volunteer to fill that position.
- The Nashville Chapter continues to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (except for May and December) at the REI store in Brentwood TN. We have a picnic at Warner Park every May and a holiday party every December.
- We offered 23 hikes in the TTA Newsletter
  - We hiked close to home in Nashville area parks (Warner Park, Beaman Park, Downtown Nashville, Long Hunger State Park, Montgomery Bell State Park, Hidden Lakes, and the Bicentennial Cumberland River Trail.)
  - We also hiked further afield: Big South Fork, South Cumberland State Park, Sewanee, Virgin Falls, Frozen Head State Park, as well as Honey Creek
- For the ten monthly meetings that were held at REI.
  - Many of our monthly meetings were presentations of hiking and/or other trips by members of our chapter or other TTA chapters.
    - Hiking the Coast to Coast Trail in England
    - Hiking the Dingle Way in Ireland
    - National Wildlife Refuges across the Midwest – Nora Beck
    - Backpacking in Washington State – Karl Dupre
    - Connecting shorter hikes at Long Hunter State Park
    - The Tennessee Naturalist Program at Cedars of Lebanon State Park
    - Hiking and birding in Kauai, Hawaii
- Because our chapter treasury had sufficient funds, we voted to make a direct donation to the: TTA Annual Meeting Auction.
- The Nashville Chapter, under Amy Sutton's coordination, wrapped gifts at REI in December again. We raised \$535 for CTC Breakaway. Also, \$60 worth of the Cumberland Trail book were sold.
- The Nashville Chapter continues to collate, label, fold, tab, stamp and mail out the printed copies of the TTA Newsletter each month. This process is coordinated by Diane Manas, often by long distance.
- Amy Sutton and backup Kevin Bowden also collect mail from the State TTA Post Office Box and forward contents to the Membership Director.

### **Plateau - reported by Bob Obohoski**

Bob noted that next year's annual meeting will be hosted by the Plateau Chapter at Fairfield Glades on October 18-20, 2019.

**Soddy Daisy – submitted via email and reported by Jean Smith**

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**Sumner Trails – no report**

**Upper Cumberland – reported by Peter Broehl**

**Other Business**

Outgoing treasurer Kathy Woods gave a quick financial report at the beginning of the meeting.

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Respectfully Recorded,  
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