



ASSOCIATION

# MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION

## Improving the Art of Taxidermy Through Continuing Education Since 1980

### MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Our membership drive is officially underway. Thank you to everyone who came and helped to fold letters, stuff, address, and stamp envelopes. Everyone who attended the shoot participated in some way. We sent out nearly 650 letters to licensed taxidermists around the state.

Those who actually shot all seemed to have had a good time, and I understand that some changes have been made to make the course even more challenging and interesting. We hope more members will take advantage of this fun next year. *Again, thank you to the 15 members who came to help.*

### MAY BUSINESS MEETING

Garland and Cole gave us a run down on which suppliers & vendors may be attending our show this year. There are several definites and several more maybes. Cole was asked about the seminars he has lined up for us. As of now, he has the four judges and three others definite and another one he's trying to get going. The suggestion was made to get a list of family outings in the Jefferson City area to put in the brochure rather than planning anything in particular. Lists and details of vendors, suppliers, seminars, sponsors & awards, etc. will be in the show brochure.

There will be **3 Scholarships** given out this year. *(So everyone who qualifies should apply for this great opportunity to learn.)*

This year the competitors will vote for their favorite mounts on Saturday from 12 – 12:30 while the judges are at lunch. This way no ribbons are in place. The need of recovering our backboards came up, as well as possibly making a few more. It was decided to see how many we use this year. A date may be set next year for members to get together to help with this project.

Other suggestions included: special clipboards for the judges to “sign”, doodle or whatever to be put up for auction during the live auction. It was decided to give this a try. The idea of videoing the judges' seminars was brought up. The judges would have to OK the filming of these videos, if they were to be “mass” produced. No decision was made at this time. After some discussion, a menu for the banquet was chosen.

Garland made a motion to continue the internet website as it's been done in the past. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. A motion was also made to have a drawing for one (1) free night's stay at the hotel for one of our members who registers early. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. The meeting was adjourned.

### UPCOMING EVENT!!

**THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MTA COMPETITION & CONVENTION!!!**  
**JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> – AUG. 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2010**

**TRUMAN HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, JEFFERSON CITY, MO**

This is shaping up to be our best show ever so plan on coming!! We all look forward to seeing you there. **Register early to save & be entered in the drawing for one free night at the hotel.** Make your reservations now!! *Registration & Reservation info are in the packet.*

**NEWSFLASH!!** All 3 executive offices are up for election & 2 board seats (Cole & Garland). Who do you want in office? Every vote counts. Think about it. . .

**Reminder:** The Association is offering three (3) Scholarships this year. Be sure to apply!!!

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**BYLAWS**  
(Revised 1993, 1996, 2008)

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this Association shall be the Missouri Taxidermist Association, herein after referred to as the Association or the MTA.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSES**

**Section A. Mission Statement**

The Missouri Taxidermist Association promotes the art of taxidermy and related fields.

**Section B. Purposes**

1. To promote high standards in the art of taxidermy.
2. To strive to provide high-quality work.
3. To foster understanding in the general public about the field of taxidermy.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section A. Qualifications**

1. A member shall be defined:
  - a. A person who is a licensed taxidermist, **or**
  - b. A person engaged in a related field
2. A member must have paid the annual membership dues.

**Section B. Fiscal year**

1. Begins August 1
2. Ends July 31

**ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

**Section A. Missouri Taxidermy Association Executive Board are the following officers:**

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary/Treasurer
4. Four MTA Members at Large
5. Immediate Past President (advisor only- no voting privileges)

**Section B. Election Procedure**

1. Elections are held during the annual competition
2. Nominations and elections are held at the same meeting
3. Nominations are made from the floor
4. Nominees must give consent before being nominated
5. Nominees are elected by a majority vote

**Section C. Term of Office**

1. Elected officers are for two (2) years, election to take place at the annual convention in even-numbered years
2. No two offices may be held by the same person
3. Any officer of the Association may be removed at any time by majority vote of the membership.
4. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President. If there is no Vice President, the Executive Board will appoint a President by majority vote.
5. A vacancy in office, excluding the President, shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

**Section D. Duties of Executive Board**

1. **President**
  - a. Shall be MTA chief executive
  - b. Shall preside at all MTA meetings
  - c. Shall perform other duties as specified by the Executive Board

- d. Approves all MTA expenditures
  - e. Appoints standing and special committees
  - f. Appoints a committee to audit the books once a year
- 2. Vice President**
- a. Shall assume the duties of the presidency in the absence of the President.
  - b. Shall perform other duties as specified by the President or the Executive Board
- 3. Secretary/Treasurer**
- a. Shall take accurate minutes of all meetings
  - b. Shall maintain a permanent record of all minutes
  - c. Shall maintain all financial records of the organization
  - d. Shall prepare and distribute a newsletter (including a financial report) after each meeting (4 annually)
  - e. Shall present written and oral financial reports at each meeting
  - f. Shall pay all bills upon approval of the President
  - g. Steps to pay bill:
    - 1) Bills must be presented to the Treasurer
    - 2) President must approve the bills
    - 3) Treasurer shall pay the approved bills
    - 4) Payments are filed for audit
  - h. Shall submit for audit all financial records once a year and at the change of Treasurer
  - i. The Executive Board will determine the banking facility and the types of accounts
  - j. The signature card will have the following names and shall require any one signature for payment:
    - 1) President
    - 2) Vice President
    - 3) Secretary/Treasurer
- 4. Four Members at Large**
- a. Shall consist of four (4) members by a rotation system:
    - 1) Two are elected in even-numbered years
    - 2) Two are elected in odd-numbered years
  - b. All officers will hold office two (2) years
- 5. Immediate Past President**
- a. Serves on the Executive Board for two (2) years
  - b. Serves in an advisory capacity only – no voting privileges
  - c. Performs duties as directed by the President

## **ARTICLES V – DUES**

**Section A. Annual Dues**

- 1. Determined annually by the Executive Board
- 2. Approved by the membership

**Section B. Payment of Dues**

- 1. Must be paid at or before the annual competition
- 2. Must be paid to be eligible to compete in competition

## **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS**

Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws may be submitted in writing at any regular meeting. Such proposed amendment must be signed by three active members of the Association and shall be read at the meeting by Secretary, laid on the table until the next meeting, and shall be added to the Bylaws by a two-thirds vote of the members present including the written proxy votes.

## **ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION**

**Section A. The Executive Board shall determine if dissolution is necessary.**

**Section B. Dissolution Procedure:**

- 1. Executive Board presents the reason(s) for dissolution to the members
- 2. Dissolution is decided upon by a majority vote of the members
- 3. MTA meets all financial obligations of the Association
- 4. Audits and closes all financial accounts
- 5. Assets (cash and equipment) remaining are to be donated to a charity according to the State law.

**Current List of MTA Master Taxidermists  
January 2010**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Categories</u>	<u>Phone#</u>
Don Frank	Fish, Reptiles	816-532-3500
Marcus Detring	WT, GH, Mammals	573-756-5960
James Graham	WT, GH	573-784-9887
Devin Amelunke	ALL	573-783-4718
Roger Vogel	Birds, Fish	573-897-4154
Dave Bartlett	Mammals	573-897-2819
Larry Shumaker	WT, GH	660-826-1517
??Jim Martin	Whitetails	816-449-2252
Garland Lessley	ALL	660-277-4339
John McGee	Fish	660-332-4948
Jeff Preston	Whitetails	573-489-9266
Stephen Dotson	Birds	573-204-1840
Mark Huser	Whitetails	417-537-8666
Scott Brassfield	Whitetails	660-465-7754
Curt Shahan	Whitetails	573-474-2226
Bruce Owens	Birds	636-295-2214
Cole Cruickshank	Reproductions	816-724-0271

**MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION  
Scholarship Guidelines**

The Missouri Taxidermist Association will be awarding **three** \$500 scholarships (if MTA funds are available) to attend a taxidermy class (*reproduction classes are eligible*) given by a Missouri Master Taxidermist in the state of Missouri only.

**SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Applicant must be a MTA member for three consecutive years or more
2. MTA Master Taxidermists are eligible for the scholarship providing they do not take their class in a category they are a master in. (They are encouraged to teach these courses.)

**SCHOLARSHIP PROCEDURE:**

1. MTA member obtains a scholarship application form from one of the three Scholarship Committee members.
2. MTA member completes MTA Scholarship Application
3. MTA member mails the completed application to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson to be received by the specified date of July 15<sup>th</sup>. (Any late applications will be denied)
4. A three-person MTA committee will review the application and decide who will be awarded the scholarship(s)
5. Committee Chairperson will notify the recipient(s) being awarded the scholarship by letter
6. Class must be completed within one (1) year of receiving scholarship.
7. Recipient and teacher will show proof of completing the class by keeping a log
8. MTA will pay the teacher when written proof is received of the class being completed

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Scholarship committee members shall be elected every two years (the odd-numbered years). At the end of the two-year term, two members will go off the committee and one person will remain on the committee.
2. The committee will consist of three MTA members who have been a MTA member for at least five consecutive years
3. The committee will consist of three members from **three different parts of the state**. (A member cannot be from the same town as another member)
4. Current scholarship committee members are not eligible for a scholarship

**TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Must be a MTA member for three consecutive years or more
2. Must be a Missouri state Master Taxidermist
3. Must be a current MTA member and listed on the MTA Master Taxidermist membership roster

**REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR A SECOND (OR MORE) SCHOLARSHIP:**

1. MTA member must wait two full years after receiving a scholarship to apply for another scholarship

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**MTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers of years as MTA member: \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Study Requested (Please circle only one):

FISH    DEER    MAMMAL    TURKEY    BIRDS    GAME HEADS    REPRODUCTION

Master Taxidermist Teacher requested: 1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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