



IWLA Chapter President

The **Chapter President** is the chief administrative and presiding officer of the chapter. As the chosen and duly-elected volunteer leader, the president shoulders significant responsibility. Chapter members place a high level of trust in this individual, looking to him or her for leadership, management oversight, and successful implementation of the chapter's programs.

Duties. The president's routine duties include:

- Providing oversight and management of the chapter;
- Presiding at regular membership and special meetings of the chapter;
- Presiding at board meetings (in chapters where the president is also chair of the board of directors);
- Appointing regular and special committees, and following up to ensure that the committees are working on their assignments;
- Maintaining an understanding of the League and its governing structure;
- Communicating with chapter members, other chapters, division and national leaders, and national staff;
- Acting as the chapter's chief public spokesperson or representative;
- Guiding the chapter in the conservation mission of the League, including the development and implementation of related conservation projects and outdoor activities.

Leadership Tips. A successful **Chapter President** seeks to utilize the best talents of the members, spurs volunteers to use their knowledge, experience, and initiative, gives credit where credit is due, and constantly seeks to build the chapter.

He or she actively looks for and encourages new volunteers to engage in all chapter business, projects, activities, and events.

When capable and ambitious new members step forward, the president encourages and recognizes their work and delegates increased responsibility to those members who can handle it.

The president is also the chapter's representative in the local community.

To be successful, the president should establish and maintain good working relationships with other conservation organizations, representatives of local and state government, and the media.