

STATE-LEVEL COMMITTEES

A State-level Committee is a team of volunteers and staff who work closely together to achieve agreed-upon goals in a particular WWA mission. These committees focus on activities above the chapter-level to either provide support to the chapters or undertake activities in direct support of the mission. There are currently five committees at the state level:

- Habitat
- Education
- Policy
- Development
- Membership and communications

Committees are comprised of Directors, other volunteers, and staff. Each year, committees should determine the goals they wish to achieve and develop a plan (who, what, when) to achieve them. Committees manage their own activities, report to the executive Committee of the Board, and are supported by staff.

Expectations for a State Committee Chair

A state-level committee chair—generally a Director—coordinates the volunteer effort to maximize WWA impact in that mission. A chair also coordinates with the Executive Director and staff about mission opportunities, committee needs and planned activities. While the committee chair does not direct staff effort, he or she helps to provide accountability for planned work by staff as well as volunteers.

Specific Chairperson responsibilities include:

- Establishing priorities for committee work and formulating an annual action plan that describes who does what, by when, in order to achieve those priorities.
- Monitoring progress against the annual plan and adjusting priorities / effort as needed.
- Coordinating monthly meetings to address progress, problems and problem-solving.
- Communicating regular updates to committee members, board of directors and staff.
- Soliciting and on-boarding new committee members
- Representing their WWA mission area to other organizations and partners.

Expectations for a State Committee Member

A committee member can be a Director, volunteer or staff committed to helping WWA make an impact in a mission area.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Positive collaborative participation in committee.
- Willingness to assume responsibilities for some aspects of the committee's work plan.
- Follow-thru on the actions he or she agreed to undertake on behalf of the committee.