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The Wildlife Society (past President of Southwest Section, Associate Editor, Fellow)

American Ornithologists’ Union (Fellow; Executive Council)

Cooper Ornithological Society

Wilson Ornithological Society

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