

3/91 \$1,412.13

1/18/92 \$1,735.46

2/93 \$2,094.96

2/94 \$3,296.98.

\$2,664.33

MAWS Wetland Research Stipend

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The Maine Association of Wetland Scientists (MAWS) is comprised of a diverse membership including wetland scientists from academia, environmental consulting firms and regulatory agencies and in part was formed to: "Implement(ing) and participate(ing) in educational programs pertaining to the study of wetlands" as well as "Support(ing) and contribute(ing) to the expansion of the wetland science research base" in Maine (MAWS Bylaws).

Presented below to the MAWS membership is a proposal to establish an annual wetland research stipend available to Maine college and university students which would be intended to assist with funding research on Maine wetlands. The stipend would:

- 1) be used for purchasing elements identified as necessary for the research project, such as but not limited to: aerial photographs, field equipment or photographic processing;
- 2) be awarded in response to a written proposal addressing established requirements;
- 3) be awarded to an individual or a research project based on the review and majority decision of the Executive Committee;
- 4) require the recipient(s) to make a presentation to the MAWS membership, such as at a quarterly meeting, on the outcome of the wetland research within a year of being awarded.

Funding could vary annually within some range based on the health of MAWS coffers, but should probably be for some minimum amount of at least \$300.

In addition to promoting research on Maine's wetlands, establishment of an annual wetland research stipend by MAWS is expected to broaden MAWS membership base by increasing involvement of student, wetland scientists as well as enhancing the interface between existing members which may be prone to a preoccupation with the technical "practicalities" of wetland policy and/or regulation.

Respectfully submitted,

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