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## Election for HLCS Board of Directors

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It is that time of year again to elect our next set of HLCS Board Officers! Elections for our new leaders occur every two years and we have a great slate for the incoming board.

Cheryl Jenkins assumes the Presidency as she has been the HLCS President-Elect under the outgoing President, Mason Lee. As part of our elected officers, we are asking you to vote for President-Elect, Treasurer, Director At Large, and Secretary. The Membership Services Officer is an appointed position.

Enclosed with this issue of *Phrynosomatics*, is the ballot for our incoming Board of Directors. We've included an autobiography for each candidate on the ballot so you can get to know them. Tear the ballot out of the newsletter on pages 7 and 8. Please make your selections and mail the completed, stamped, and stapled ballot to the address preprinted on the reverse side of the ballot by December 15, 2022.

If HLCS has your email, we will be sending an email with a digital voting process.

Your vote matters! Thank you for voting!

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YouTube channel: Horned Lizard Conservation Society

# 2023-2024 Board Candidates

Enjoy reading about our candidates for the Board of Directors!

## **Rachel Alenius-Thalhuber – President-Elect**

Rachel is a Ph.D. candidate at Texas Christian University, where she previously earned a B.S. and M.S. in biology. She's always loved animals, but became especially enthralled with horned lizards while doing undergraduate research with Texas horned lizards at TCU. This passion solidified during her graduate research studying reintroduction efforts by the Ft. Worth Zoo and Texas Parks & Wildlife. She enjoys working with HLCS, especially in public outreach and conservation research.

## **Ryan Zach – Treasurer**

Ryan is a self-proclaimed *Phrynosoma* Addict with a passion for all Animals! Having spent the last 20 years working in Zoo's, He has turned that passion into a career. Ryan has a B.S. in Zoology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and is a United States Air Force Veteran and a proud Air Force brat. Working to educate the general public about Reptiles is a driving force in his work. Further helping to stop the decline of Horned Lizards throughout their range has led him to his work with the HLCS. Ryan enjoys many outdoor activities and is a huge college football fan (Go Canes!) in his off time.

## **Shana Fredlake – Secretary**

Shana grew up in Northeast Iowa spending time on her grandparents' farm, leading to her love of all animals. She received her B.S. from Iowa State University in Animal Ecology – Wildlife Care. Having worked in zoos for over 15 years, she has become a huge advocate for teaching about the “unloved” animals including reptiles, bats, and invertebrates. Working with reintroduction programs for both Texas horned lizards and several amphibian species is Shana's passion and has been the driving force of her career at the Dallas Zoo. When not working, Shana enjoys being in nature, spending time with her family and friends, reading, creating art, watching baseball, football, hockey and traveling.

## **Dalton Neuharth – Director-At-Large**

Dalton has been a nature-nerd since he was young. He grew up in central Texas and was often chasing frogs and small snakes. As he grew up, he developed a passion for wildlife research and conservation. He earned a BS in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Texas A&M University, and worked there as a research assistant for a few years. Most of the projects he was involved in focused on lizard conservation, however he worked with a few other herpetofauna as well. He is currently finishing up his MS in Population and Conservation Biology at Texas State University, studying the responses of lizard communities to catastrophic wildfire. While he has never worked specifically on horned lizards, they have always held a special interest to him. He is particularly interested in the ecological role of species in their communities and spreading interest in lesser known species. He has been the Secretary of HLCS for the past four years and looks forward to continuing with the society as the Director at Large. He currently lives in Austin, TX with his two cats, dog, and wife.



## HLCS 2023 Grant Program

The Horned Lizard Conservation Society is dedicated to protecting horned lizards by documenting and publicizing the values and conservation needs of horned lizards, promoting horned lizard conservation projects, and assisting with horned lizard management initiatives. Towards those ends, the HLCS annually sponsors research that has direct conservation applications. To learn more about the society and past grants, go to <http://www.hornedlizards.org/>.

HLCS will be offering grants again in 2023. In the past, priority has been given to projects that have direct conservation implications, including public education.

To apply, send a proposal detailing the goal of the study, the rationale for it including relevance to conservation of horned lizards, and how your work would benefit from this opportunity. The proposal may not exceed 1000 words.

Also include a preliminary budget with as much detail as possible and with any other funding sources available, received for your project, and other grants you are applying for. Word format documents are preferred.

In addition, send a short resume or CV (up to 3 pages) for the lead applicant and have a single letter of reference sent to Miranda Vesey: [miranda.vesey@gmail.com](mailto:miranda.vesey@gmail.com). All three documents should be in separate digital files. Check the web-site for more information. The deadline is January 15, 2023. The decision will be announced by March 1, 2023.



## Help HLCS Save Money

As part of HLCS's continuing strategy to find ways to save money, we are asking our members who are receiving the newsletter by paper and post mail to move to having it delivered by email instead.

This will save HLCS printing and mailing costs for sending the printed paper newsletter. Digital newsletters are sent by a link to all members who have given us an email address. The link will take you to a version that is in color and if you prefer paper, you can print it out and read it. The post mailed paper newsletter is black and white.

You will also receive the newsletter faster if sent with a digital link rather than waiting for the printing and mailing process.

Also this will save our print manager, Taylor Dee, time in printing and mailing the newsletters.

Please consider making the move to a digital copy. The more we can save with cutting costs, the more that can go to conserving the horned lizard. No one in HLCS receives any payments as we are all volunteers, donating our time and resources to the HLCS mission.

To make the change, contact Lynn Seman, the HLCS Membership Services officer at [rlynnseman@gmail.com](mailto:rlynnseman@gmail.com) and she will be happy to remove you from the print mailing list and add you to the email distribution list.



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## 2023-2024 ELECTION BALLOT

Please select a candidate below or write in a candidate of your choice. Please make sure the person has your permission to write their name on the ballot as a write-in.

### President-Elect

\_\_\_\_\_ Rachel Alenius-Thalhuber  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (write-in): \_\_\_\_\_

### Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_ Ryan Zach  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (write-in): \_\_\_\_\_

### Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Shana Fredlake  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (write-in): \_\_\_\_\_

### Director At-Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Dalton Neuharth  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (write-in): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Ballots should be postmarked by December 15, 2022!

If you don't want to mail through the post, check your email for a digital vote process.

Be sure to add your name so we can keep track of it.

# Contribute through AmazonSmile

If you are an online Amazon shopper, please consider shopping via [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). The AmazonSmile Foundation helps you support a charity of your choice while doing your regular shopping on Amazon! It is an easy way to donate to the HLCS.



Once you select the Horned Lizard Conservation Society as your charity to support, our society will receive 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. And from then on, every purchase made through AmazonSmile will benefit the Horned Lizard Conservation Society. Every little bit helps!



## President's Message *by Mason Lee*

Hello HLCS Members,

It has been an honor to serve the Horned Lizard Conservation Society as president for the past two years. Despite the pandemic difficulties, HLCS has continued to make great strides in its support of horned lizard conservation. Most notably, HLCS was able to dedicate over \$18,000 to help support 12 research projects. This increase in our ability to award grants to cutting-edge horned lizard researchers wouldn't be possible without the generous support of all of you.

Although we weren't able to meet in person for our biennial conference, we pivoted to online programming highlighting just some of the amazing work happening across horned lizards' ranges. More than 650 viewers have tuned in to learn about these horned lizard conservation efforts. We officially declared Horned Lizard Day, an opportunity for individuals and organizations to highlight and celebrate these incredible animals, to be on the 4th Friday of June each year. I hope you will join HLCS in celebrating horned lizards on this (and every day) for years to come.

I am proud to have served HLCS as a member of the board for the last 5 years. It has been a privilege to help advance communications around horned lizard conservation and research. I encourage anybody looking to contribute to horned lizard conservation in any capacity to consider running for an HLCS board position in the future. If you're passionate about helping horned lizards, you're in the right place!

Thank you to the current board for all of your hard work over the last two years. The future of horned lizard conservation is bright because of all of our passionate and dedicated HLCS members and board members!

Sincerely,  
Mason Lee





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PLEASE JOIN US! Students/Seniors: \$10; Regular: \$25; Contributing: \$50; Lifetime: \$300

Families: \$25 for the first person and \$10 for each additional member

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*Mason Lee*

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