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Hello fellow DBC members,

As Amber Munig indicated in the previous newsletter there has been some movement around the DBC. Amber passed secretarial duties on to me. My name is Erin Butler and I am the Terrestrial Wildlife Program Manager for the Kingman office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. I've been with the Department for 16 years with most of my time serving Amber in the game management program.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding in my slow turnaround of my first newsletter. I did a call for content in January and got very little response. However, I wanted to get this short newsletter out before hunting seasons really ramped up here and I plan to have the next one come out in January 2019, so be thinking about some submissions for the next newsletter. There is some important information in this issue.

Outside of work, I have two teenage stepsons, wait, one turned 20 yesterday, who have already begun to fly the coop. Our oldest is stationed in Monterey in the Airforce and our youngest just started his junior year of high school, so we don't see much of either of them. We just returned from a trip to Monterey where we toured the base and hiked Big Sur and Big Basin Redwoods State Parks; and ate seafood. It was an amazing trip.

For more information about the Desert Bighorn Council or to download a membership form, please visit our website at www.desertbighornCouncil.com.

*All the best to you,
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2019 DBC Meeting Announcement

Chaired by Nevada Department of Wildlife

Submitted by Steve Kimble

We are looking forward to hosting the April 16-19, 2019 Desert Bighorn Council Meeting in Mesquite, Nevada. The venue has been selected and plans are coming together. The meeting will be hosted at the Casablanca Resort-Casino-Golf-Spa <http://casablancaresort.com/>. Reservations can be made at a special rate using the group code 1DBC19 until March 17, 2019 when the price will go up. A minimum number of people need to stay at the Casablanca Resort for group rates to apply, so please take that into consideration.

Plans include a Tuesday Meet & Greet event, Wednesday and Thursday Technical Program with a Banquet Dinner Thursday evening and a Field Trip on Friday. Once everything is finalized registration information will be handled through WAFWA at https://www.wafwa.org/workshops/desert_bighorn_council/ so please watch that site for information and your email.

2017 DBC Transactions

We invite and encourage you to publish your work in the DBC Transactions. The 2017 Transactions are almost complete and will be provided as a downloadable electronic version on the website with a "Print on Demand" purchase option.

Please remember that any manuscript addressing the ecology, biology, management, and conservation of desert bighorn sheep, even if not presented at a Desert Bighorn Council meeting, may be submitted for publication in the Transactions. For more information, please email Jimmy Cain at jwcain@nmsu.edu.

Call for Awards Nominations

The Awards Committee is requesting nominees to be considered for recognition by the Desert Bighorn Council at our meeting in Mesquite during April 2019. Names of nominees to be considered for the Council's Ram Award or Honor Plaque should be sent to Vern Bleich, Awards Committee Chair (vcbleich@gmail.com) by December 31, 2018. Please be sure to include a list of meaningful accomplishments and justifications for each nominee.



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Please contact us – we'll be happy to answer
your questions.

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