

New Board of Directors Candidate Biography

Board Candidate: Nate Hough-Snee, Ph.D., Professional Wetland Scientist (PWS #3081)

Affiliations: Principal Scientist, Meadow Run Environmental; Executive Vice President, Society of Wetland Scientists Pacific Northwest

Location: Leavenworth, Washington, USA

Focus/Specialties: Riparian Ecology, Wetland Ecology, Floodplain Hydrology and Geomorphology, Restoration Ecology,

Specialties: Nate has over twenty years of professional service, including over a decade on the Society of Wetland Scientists' Pacific Northwest Chapter Board, including serving as President, Executive Vice-President (2x), and Program Vice President. Nate is an experienced meeting planner, hosting and coordinating regional and national meetings going back to 2012. Professionally, Nate is an experienced riparian, wetland, and floodplain ecologist who has worked extensively to restore and monitor wetlands, floodplains, and lake fringe ecosystems across the Columbia River Basin, Washington, and Alaska. He also serves as Associate Editor of Wetland and Riparian Ecology for Northwest Science Journal and has served as a peer-reviewer for over thirty different scientific journals.

Biographical Sketch: Nate is a wetland and riparian ecologist with twenty years of experience planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating floodplain, wetland, and forest restoration projects. He works as a consultant at Meadow Run Environmental in Leavenworth, WA, where he works on a variety of restoration projects and research studies across the Pacific Northwest. Nate earned his Ph.D. in Ecology at Utah State University (2016) and the University of Washington (M.S. Ecosystem Analysis, 2010, B.A 2008).

Statement of Interest: River Restoration Northwest is the leading river restoration organization in the western United States, and with their ongoing professional development opportunities, annual symposium, and educational field trips and webinars, continues to expand their footprint as the premier river and watershed restoration organization across western North America. I am interested in building upon RRNW's existing momentum by leveraging relationships with other professional organizations to increase continuing education opportunities and ensure dynamic, timely professional symposia, as well as increasing relevance in the policy spaces that support river restoration during a time of dynamic policy change that reduces mandated federal protections on wetlands and streams. Specifically, I would like to engage with the Society of Wetland Scientists, the Society for Ecological Restoration, state agencies, tribes, and the public to ensure that we integrate restoration and policy-level stream and wetland protections as the Federal Clean Water Act evolves following recent US Supreme Court decisions and Agency (EPA, USACE) guidance.