



Spotlight on your Officers & Board Members

Director – Jody Wilkerson

My husband John and I serve on the Gateway Chapter Board. I began attending Board meetings when helping with the Gateway Area Chapter Auction events. Eventually it led to serving on the board for the past 10 years and serving as Treasure for a period of that time.

I grew up in St. Louis – South City, in fact. Hunting was a part of my family life from a young age, though I did not actively hunt until my early 50s. At one of the Auction events, there was a photo of someone having harvested a mountain goat. John about fell off of his seat when I said, “That’s something I would like to hunt.”

That’s where it began! The first animal I harvested was a Wyoming pronghorn in 2016; after that came my mountain goat. The full-body mount is currently in my sewing room; an every-day reminder of that exciting hunt.

Then came my once in a lifetime hunting trip. John (my favorite hunting partner) and I traveled to South Africa. I came home with several trophies include a sable, impala, springbok and a crocodile. I can confirm that I have been bitten by the “hunting bug”!

John and I have two daughters and four grandchildren. Our younger daughter also hunts and is taking her oldest daughter hunting this coming youth season.

In addition to hunting, I enjoy sewing, quilting and reading.

I plan to retire from full-time employment this coming summer. Hopefully that will mean more trips into the field! Following are pictures of a few of my trophies.

