



# President's Message

## January 30, 2021



Greetings and Happy New Year,

Glimpses of a brighter future for environmental protection came as countless individuals welcomed newly elected President Joe Biden into office. To the relief of many, is the fact that Biden's dream is supported by a diverse administration and is closely aligned with the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC)'s mission to protect nature and honor people. Further excitement came forth when one of President Biden's first orders of business included the signing of executive orders, especially ones to reverse damaging environmental positions signed into effect by the Trump administration.

Another ray of hope became evident during President Biden's inauguration, when he showcased Amanda Gorman's poetry and her desire to someday be President. Gorman, in her young wisdom, laid out an incredible understanding of the perils facing our nation and spoke to the fact "we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one." From my vantage point, FWOC needs to offer up more local support to our nation as it again focuses on way to reduce global warming to provide the protection needed for all that is important to us.

The 2020 brutal fire season is a perfect example of why we need to focus on reducing threat to life on this planet. Science tells us that with the loss of plants that provide the oxygen we breathe; all living creatures are in danger of extinction. And with the frozen landscapes rapidly disappearing, animals who have survived there are now disappearing.

As for a Federation update, due to the pandemic, our FWOC annual conference plan is again in limbo. Last year, on November 21, we conducted our annual member business via a Zoom Teleconference Session. Those in attendance should have received minutes of that meeting. In the future, we hope to provide you more current updates by email and on our website as our state administration increases.

I encourage all organizations and individuals to maintain your FWOC membership and plan to help further implement our 2018 Strategic Plan. Our #1 priority remains to reinvigorate state Vice President outreach to member organizations. Please fill out and return the enclosed information form/forms with your dues and contact me if interested in outreach efforts. Also, of great importance for organizations is to include your current number of members and the names of delegates chosen to vote on this year's upcoming resolutions. For details on organizational delegates, please consult FWOC bylaws on our website.

Please stay safe while continuing the good work you do and remember to share it with Raelene Gold, our Outdoors West editor.

Sincerely,  
George Milne  
President

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Uniting Western Conservation groups in a shared agenda.**