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Looking out on a foot of freshly fallen snow while sitting down to write an article for the “spring” newsletter seems a little strange. So why is this issue early? The main reason is due to the change in our spring meeting. Although traditionally held in May, this year’s meeting will be held March 1-2, 2001, in El Dorado. Another change is that it will be a cooperative effort with the Kansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society. I want to encourage everyone to attend this meeting, as it will be an excellent opportunity to meet with and share ideas with others. Details about the meeting are included in this newsletter so please mark your calendar and plan to attend!!!

Change, like our meeting, continues to be a constant in all that we do. Last fall, Jim O’Rourke, First Vice President, Society for Range Management, spoke to the Section about the Society’s Journey to Change. Through two thought provoking videos he demonstrated that change is going to happen and the more readily we embrace it and adapt, the more successful we will become.

Appointments to the Section’s committees have been recently made. I wish to thank all who agreed to serve. The work of this Section can not be done alone. I know the Officers and Directors appreciate the work and guidance the committees provide. There are some issues dealing with publicity, education and awards which the Section needs to address in the coming year and I hope the committees are up to the challenge!

As President I look forward to working with you in the coming year. If there are any concerns or issues that you feel need to be addressed by the Section, please let me know. Remember that you do have a voice.