

**Summary of CSTWS-OCTWS AGM Virtual Certification Workshop
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The workshop began by presenting an overview of TWS Certification from a Canadian perspective. The following topics were covered:

- Why bother with TWS Certification?
- Overview of the requirements necessary to become an Associate Wildlife Biologist (AWB®) and/or a Certified Wildlife Biologist (CWB®)
- Inherent problems Canadian TWS members encounter during the application process.
- Advice on creating a winning application.

In the second part of the workshop, I chaired a panel discussion involving a Post-Doctoral Fellow, a MSc student and a PhD student who had their AWB® and two biologists with their CWB®. To lead off, each gave a short presentation (3-5 minutes) outlining their career path, why they decided to undergo TWS' certification, and advice to students and wildlife biologists. In the remaining time, participants were given the opportunity to interact with the panel members about TWS certification.

Panel Members:

- Dr. Matt Dyson, AWB®, Postdoctoral Fellow, Wilfrid Laurier University and OCTWS President
- Matt Furst, AWB®, a third year PhD student, University of Guelph
- Sara Patterson, AWB®, a second year MSc Student, Lakehead University
- Dr. Darren Sleep, CWB®, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Ottawa
- Dr. Robert Pineo, CWB®, MNRF Acting Coordinator of the Heritage Section, Peterborough