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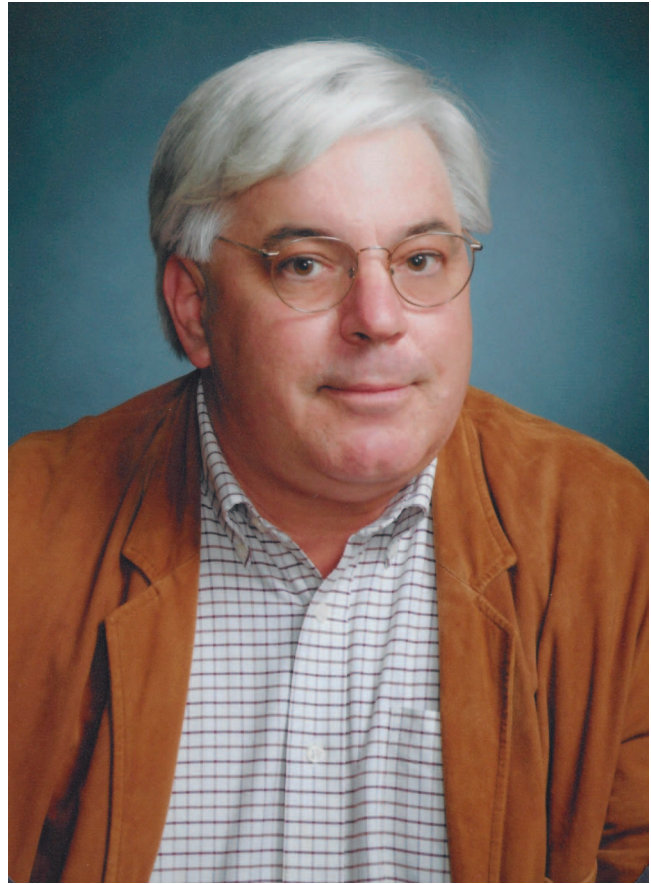
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RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The National Bobwhite Technical Committee Science Subcommittee led the programs for the National Quail Symposium Recognition of Excellence Award(s) and In Memorium recognition for the Eighth National Quail Symposium. These programs are described in detail on the symposium web site. The awards and recognition were presented during the Quail 8 banquet awards luncheon on Friday, July 28, 2017. Each award recipient received a fine art print of the Quail 8 Proceedings cover with an engraved plaque recognizing their unique contribution to quail science.

DR. LEONARD “LENNY” A. BRENNAN

Dr. Brennan is currently a professor and endowed chair for quail research at Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute and Department of Animal and Wildlife Sciences, Texas A&M University, Kingsville, where he has been since 2001. Prior to this position, he was the Director of Research at Tall Timbers Research Station in Tallahassee, Florida. During his career, he has worked with mountain quail in the West and bobwhites in the Southeast and Texas. He coordinated and edited the first-ever national quail plan at the Quail III Symposium. He served as editor of the Quail IV proceedings and Associate Editor for Quail VII and this (Quail 8) proceedings. He has served as the academic representative to the Steering Committees of the Southeast Quail Study Group and the National Bobwhite Technical Committee and has been an active member of those groups since their inception. He edited the book, *Texas Quails: Ecology and Management*, which received the 2008 Outstanding Edited Book Award from The Wildlife Society and several other awards. He led the first ever Wildlife Society Quail Symposium at the 2014 Annual Wildlife Society Meeting. Lenny has served as the Editor-in-Chief and as an Associate Editor of *The Journal of Wildlife Manage-*



ment and Editor-in-Chief of *The Wildlife Society Bulletin*. He has authored or co-authored more than 180 scientific publications and more than 100 extension and popular articles. The results of Dr. Brennan's research on bobwhite and their management have greatly increased our knowledge and understanding of this iconic species.

DR. L. WES BURGER, JR.

Dr. Burger is currently the associate director of the Mississippi State University Forest and Wildlife Research Center and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station in Starkville, Mississippi. He has been a member of the former Southeast Quail Study Group, and the current National Bobwhite Technical Committee since their inception, and had an integral role as chair and member of the Science Subcommittee for over a decade. Wes has served leadership roles in the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Southeastern Bobwhite Technical Committee, Midwest Bobwhite Research Initiative, Ames Plantation Quail Task Force, board member for the Tall Timbers Research Station, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Effects Assessment Project, and the North American Bird Conservation Initiative. He worked with the Southeast Quail Study Group to develop and implement the NRCS Bobwhite Restoration Project and National Conservation Practice (CP) 33 Monitoring Program. He has authored or co-authored 14 book chapters, 52 symposia proceedings, and 90 peer-reviewed scientific publications, with much of his work focused on bobwhite ecology and management. From his early research on bobwhite mating strategies and thermoregulation, to more recent work in applying Farm Bill conservation programs to enhance bobwhite and other wildlife populations, Dr. Burger has the ability to translate ecological knowledge to on-the-ground quail management. His work has helped develop and refine Farm Bill conservation practice standards to benefit wildlife populations which have great potential to improve bobwhite habitat throughout their range.



*—Beth Emmerich, Science Subcommittee Chair,
National Bobwhite Technical Committee, and the Quail
VIII Program Committee*