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Byron Kenneth Williams joined The Wildlife Society in March, 2013, as Executive Director after retiring from the USGS as Chief of the Cooperative Research Units, a natural-resources science program with research units at 40 universities in 38 states. He was also co-director of the USGS Science and Decisions Center, where he focused on adaptive management, valuation of ecosystem services, and advancing the use of science in natural-resources decision making.

Williams holds MS degrees in mathematics from the University of Oklahoma and statistics from Colorado State University, and a Ph.D. in rangeland ecology from Colorado State. He also held science and management positions at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Maryland, the Office of Migratory Bird Management for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Vermont Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, and FWS's North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office. Widely published, Williams recently served as lead author of the Department of the Interior's science-based Adaptive Management Technical Guide, Adaptive Management Applications Guide, and The USGS Ecosystem Science Strategy.