

## 2007 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

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The Professional Development Award recognizes one chapter (regardless of membership size) for its efforts in conducting and/or sponsoring professional development programs during the past year. The award will be based on quality of the program/event rather than on quantity. The program, activities or curriculum should be focused on SWCS chapter members as organizers and/or as participants.

***To be eligible for this award, a chapter must submit a current year Annual Chapter Activity Report.***

This award will recognize SWCS Chapters that, during the past year, have displayed creativity and an on-going commitment to meeting multiple professional development needs of members and non-members.

To qualify for consideration, Chapters should meet at least one of the following in extraordinary ways:

1. Consistently offering educational and professional development opportunities to its members.
2. Consistently offering educational and professional development opportunities to non-members.
3. Providing experiences linked through a strategy or curriculum that improves the professionalism of those working in the conservation field.
4. Providing professional development in a timely manner and/or using state of the art creative approaches to conservation.

**Chapter Name:** \_ \_\_\_\_\_

**For Chapter or fiscal year beginning** \_\_\_\_ \_\_, 20\_\_ \_\_ **and ending** \_\_ \_\_, 20\_\_ \_\_.

**Date of Annual Chapter Activity Report Submission:** \_ \_

### **PART A.**

**List each chapter professional development program/ activity/ curriculum/ event completed in the past year and briefly describe it in one or two sentences. Then answer Questions 1 through 9 in Part B for all items listed in this section.**

***For each professional development activity or event that was described in Part A, please complete Part B, Questions 1 through 9. Use additional copies of these sheets as needed.***

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## PART B.

For each professional development activity or event that has been described in Part A (above), please complete the following questions (1- 9). Use additional copies of these sheets as needed.

Activity or Event \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was this a SWCS event or was the Chapter participating as a sponsor? \_\_\_\_

2. Which best describes the setting of this event (how learning/training/sharing/etc. occurred)?

- Informal workshop (semi-formal agenda)
- Formal workshop (formal/structured tasks)
- Correspondance course
- Seminar/lecture (limited participant interaction)
- Field-based tour (primary focus)
- Other (please describe): \_ \_

3. Was this event? (Check the one that best applies.)

- One time event (can be more than one day, but focused on a single event)
- Reoccurring event (same topic or curriculum offered periodically)
- A series of events (multiple sessions and multiple topics, linked together)
- Other (please describe): \_ \_

4. How many people participated in this event? \_ \_ (total participants)

5. How many members of your SWCS Chapter participated in:

Planning and organizing the event?	
Attending the event as participants?	
What was your total Chapter Membership last year?	

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6. Was a fee assessed for this event?  Yes  No \$ Amount \_ \_

7. Were Continuing Education Units (CEUs) offered for this event?  Yes  No

If yes, how many CEUs were offered? \_ \_

If yes, identify the certification program(s) linked to the CEU's \_ \_

8. What best describes the primary focus of this event?

- Technical skill development (engineering, assessment, etc.)
- Scientific reporting or inquiry (research updates, research methods, etc.)
- Administrative (program management, leadership, personnel management, etc.)
- Personal improvement (stress management, time management, career development, etc.)
- Other (please describe):

9. Please describe briefly (100 words or less) how this program/activity/event improved and/or impacted the professionalism of participants working in the conservation field.

Please submit your 2007 Professional Development Award application by **February 15, 2008** to:

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY  
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Chapter Development Committee Chair  
[Judy.Doerner@vt.usda.gov](mailto:Judy.Doerner@vt.usda.gov)

With  
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to:

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