

Larry S. Holmes

Mr. Holmes has been an SWCS leader since joining the Society in 1990. He joined as an active member of the Maryland Old Line Chapter. When his career took him to Washington DC, he joined the National Capital Chapter, where he has served as treasurer since 2000. Mr. Holmes has taken an active role in many of the chapter's events, such as the spring and fall tours. He always encourages attendance and helps with logistics such as meals and transportation. Mr. Holmes quiet nature suits him well as the always reliable member and treasurer of the National Capital Chapter. The Society is pleased to recognize Mr. Holmes continued effort with the Commendation Award.

J. Eric Scherer

Mr. Scherer has been instrumental in developing the executive director position for the Southern New England Chapter resulting in the chapter moving forward with planned activities. Mr. Scherer had led the Board through chapter bylaw updates and expansion of the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control/Certified Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Inspectors and Certified Professionals in Stormwater Quality Review sessions and proctored exams. This professional development effort and a winter meeting wetlands conference provided individuals with needed review sessions, exams, and registered individuals for their respective certified programs. Mr. Scherer has also provided leadership in officer positions for the Southern New England SWCS Chapter and the International Erosion Control Association.

Ernest H. Thurlow

Mr. Thurlow has been an active and respected Chapter officer since 1999. In 1989, Mr. Thurlow was the first New Jersey Soil Conservation District Employee to become a Certified Professional Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist (CPESC). He coordinated and instructed the first CPESC workshop in New Jersey and continued to sponsor and instruct the workshop for the next 18 years. Promoting and instructing CPESC workshops, combined with the past nine years of service as the Secretary to the Firman E. Bear Chapter, have been a valuable contribution to promoting conservation in New Jersey.

President's Leadership Award

The SWCS President's Leadership Award is given at the discretion of the SWCS President in recognition of exemplary assistance to the President in helping to carry out the goals and objectives of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Mary Miller

Ms. Miller made numerous contributions to the success of the Society while she served with distinction on the SWCS Board of Directors as the Northern Plains Regional Director from June 2007 through February 2010. Her wise counsel was critical for a number of important decisions. She served as Vice President at an important time for the Society.

Mary helped to chart a new course for the Society as Chair of the Membership Development and Marketing Committee. The strategies that are in process will help to bring the message of the Society to a new audience and reach our current clientele in a more effective manner. Ms. Miller was also a reliable member of the Executive Director Selection Committee. Her contributions to the Society are truly noteworthy and deserving in every way of the President's Leadership Award.