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Agenda

Minutes for October meeting

Bill Boyer update

Upcoming events with 1) Wendi Goldsmith and 2) State of Maryland Dept. of Environment

Officers and if there is a need for new elections

Liaison activities

Membership activities

Social event

other items?

* Roll Call: Andy, Rich, Noel, Lara, Erika
* Bill Boyer update- Andy plans to visit on behalf of SWCS NCC
* Upcoming Events
	+ Tuesday, Dec 16 12:00 with Wendi Goldsmith, Erika will resend notice.
	+ MD Dept of Environment- Andy sent around notice for December 9 teleconference call. Andy will send teleconference information to the group.
* Elections- NCC needs to revisit elections and positions that are expiring. A few positions will need to be filled or officers will need to be reelected. Erika will need to be elected. Andy will contact Michelle about bylaws and Andy and Lara will work together to change our bylaws regarding the term length for officer positions. In October, the group agreed the president should run for 2 years.
* Membership activities: Rich is keeping track of membership renewals and contacting folks to encourage them to renew. Andy suggests developing a subcommittee that will promote the NCC SWCS, educate others about the chapter, and reach out to potential new members. Rich can work with Doug to come up with a new strategy.
	+ Upcoming recruiting for professional societies: NCC can help get the meeting going and help spark some interest. This is an interesting event we could be a part of.
* Social event: December or January- Lara suggest seeing the photography exhibit at the natural history museum one evening over the weekend. Lara will organize for the 2nd weekend in January. Ag day is coming up and Environmental Film Fest is March 17-29, these are two events to keep our eyes on.
* Announcements for presentations for SWCS annual meeting in Greensborough, NC: One of the themes for the meeting is the nexus between urban environment and agriculture, which is consistent with our interest as a chapter. We could potentially present on a topic related to Chesapeake Bay and urban ag nexus. Andy suggests the group identify some topics and put together an abstract before the deadline of Dec 19. Andy and Noel are meeting December 12 at noon with current teleconference line to discuss the National meeting. Those that are interested in helping organize can join the call.
* Updates:
	+ Norm A. Berg award: If we feel there is a deserving candidate then we should move forward with award. We could plan an event around the award. Be thinking about notable potential candidates.
	+ AWRA presentation update: Lara heard from others that it was one of the best attended sessions at the conference. Chris, Michelle, Lara gave presentations- Lara talked about cover crops, Chris and Sarah talked about environmental trading, and Lara talked about targeting.
	+ SWCS Symposium at the Tri-Societies in Long Beach. The session was organized by Jorge Delgado and 6 individuals presented on soil conservation.
	+ We discussed the idea of having a section on our website for Key happenings related to the Chesapeake Bay area. The website might not be the best forum for these key ideas but we can highlight these issues in our meetings and send out updates to the Chapter members. Lara will pursue this idea and we can discuss this further in our call next month.
	+ Andy suggests SWCS NCC send in comments for the Conowingo Dam report. If NCC agrees, Andy can draft up a few points with our recommendations for the state of MD and the committee to consider. Comment period ends Jan 6. We need to check with SWCS to make sure they approve this activity.
	+ For future meetings, Andy can provide a few minutes of details of what is happening at the SWCS National level.
* Next call will be Monday, January 5.