



SWCS–NCC Meeting Notes
October 22, 2009
Teleconference

Participants: Bill Boyer, Ross Braun, Tom Fedewa, Tom Hebert, Larry Holmes, Jan Surface, Bruce Wight

2009 Awards Committee Chair: Suzy Friedman has agreed to be the 2009 awards committee chair. Ross has agreed to be the contact person to inform Suzy about her role and responsibilities as committee chair. Jan offered to support Suzy with the administrative side of putting the nominations together. It was suggested that Suzy might want to contact Marc Safly, Clay Ogg, and Andy Manale to be on the awards committee. The deadline for submitting awards to Ankeny is December 12, 2009.

Action: Tom Hebert will email Suzy thanking her for assuming the committee chair position and let her know she can contact Ross for additional information and that Jan will compile the nomination paperwork. Tom will also suggest that Suzy contact Marc Safly, Clay Ogg, and Andy Manale.

Farmers Market /USDA People’s Garden Information (Larry): Velma Lakins gave SWCS-NCC permission to have a table at the Farmers Market. SWCS-NCC may also want to connect up with the workshops taking place at the People’s Garden. Livia Marques is the contact for the People’s Garden. The Farmers Market ends at the end of October so this will be an opportunity for next spring.

Action: Tom Hebert and Larry Holmes will brainstorm on how to get other SWCS-NCC members engaged in this great outreach opportunity.

Identify Team Leaders for 2011 National Conference (Tom H.): Defer to next month. We are presuming that leadership at NRCS, Extension, CREES, ARS will provide staff for this effort. However, it would be good if SWCS-NCC could provide a co-lead for the conference.

Action: SWCS-NCC officers think about who might make a good co-chair for leading the conference.

We will need to have a separate call on this topic to move it ahead.

Slate of Officers for 2010 (All): The following people have agreed to run for office in 2010:

President Elect: Marc Safely

Vice President: Tom Fedewa

Treasurer: Larry Holmes

Secretary: Jan Surface

Council Position: Carol Kramer-LeBlanc

Michelle Perez

Clay Ogg

As President-elect, Marvin Brown will automatically become President in 2010. Jan suggested we might ask Carol, Michelle or Clay if they would like to run for Secretary. Jan will run if they aren’t interested but she is also willing to bow out and focus on the website and other activities. Bruce Wight offered to collect the ballots and confirm the results. Tom H. is gathering up the bios. Jan will compile the bios and ballot into one document for Bruce to email to our members.

Action: Tom H. will contact Carol, Michelle, and/or Clay to see if any of them want to run for Secretary. Bruce will send his home email to Jan to include on the ballots.

Upcoming Sally Collin's Brown-bag (All): There are 17 people who have RSVPs to Ross. It was decided that Carole's award should be presented first.

Actions: Ross will send out a reminder with directions and cell-phone number that people will need to call to gain entry to the event and will ask if anyone can take photos. Ross will also bring the SWCS membership package for Sally Collins. Bill will bring Carole's plaque. Jan will send Tom H. Carole's bio.

Forum Treasurer's Report (Larry): Larry Holmes provided the following report:

	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance	\$352.58	\$14,431.07	\$14,783.65
Dividend	\$0.00	\$3.64	\$3.64
Balance on 9/30/09	\$352.58	\$14,434.71	\$14,787.29

Larry Holmes filed IRS form 990N (required annually for tax-exempt nonprofits) for our chapter.

SWCS has New Executive Director (Bill): Bill Boyer announced that Jim Gulliford has been selected as the new SWCS Executive Director.

Next Meeting November 19, 2009, noon to 1:00 pm.

Monthly Meeting Call-in Information:

Toll Free: 866-919-4799

Participant Pass code: 6903501

Tentative Agenda Items for November:

- Farmers Market/People's Garden Recruitment Update (Tom H. and Larry)
- 2009 Awards Committee—Present nominations (nominations due to Ankeny December 12, 2009 (Suzy and awards committee)
- Update on 2010 election—when are ballots due? (Bruce)
- Report on Washington Science Academy (Terrell)
- SAF Holiday Party Update (Bruce/Ross)
- ID Team co-lead for 2011 SWCS Conference
- Report out on Sally Collin's presentation
- Treasurer's Report (Larry)

Meeting Dates through the End of the Year:

- December 17