



SWCS–NCC Meeting Notes
November 19, 2009
Teleconference

Participants: Marvin Brown, Terrell Erickson, Tom Fedewa, Tom Hebert, Michele Laur, Michelle Perez, Bruce Wight, Bill Boyer

Farmers Market Information: SWCS-NCC officer brainstormed on the possibility of having a periodic booth at the Farmers Market. The Market that takes place on Fridays, East of the Whitten Building during the spring, summer and fall.

The following suggestions for booth activities were forwarded:

- SWCS books for sale. Purchase copies of major SWCS publications, and offer web-link information for means to purchase them.
- The Chapter could have an information and education booth, with a different technical or programmatic theme every month. Subject matter experts in or outside the Chapter could be used for planning and/or implementation. A lead person was seen to be needed to coordinate the initiative.
- It was suggested that a food item be offered for a draw to the booth.
- A decision is pending on SWCS NCC Farmers Market booth participation.

SWCS Nat Cap Chap Banner: Bill Boyer has an old one where the Washington, DC Chapter is identified as the first chapter formed in the Nation (chapter number 1). A new banner may be needed, table skirt size, but no decision was made.

2009 Awards (All): No award proposals have been submitted from the membership to the awards committee to date.

DC Science Fair Award: A suggestion was made to develop an appropriate award for a participant of one of the science fairs judged by the Washington Academy of Sciences. The award would be for someone from the Junior Academy Science Fairs that has the most outstanding science fair project of relevance to the SWCS mission and vision. Larry Holmes, Tom Hebert, Terrell Erickson, Leslie Burkes, Bill Boyer to meet on developing criteria on the issue, and report back at the January officers meeting.

Elections: Bruce Wight advises that 12 ballots have been received to date. Ballots will be made available at the reception for Jim Gulliford, SWCS Executive Director (Dec 1, 3:00-5:00 PM, 5104-S).

Washington Academy of Science Update (Terrell):

Science is Murder (Science in Murder Mysteries): The event is on December 17 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Sign up in advance, as space is limited. See the link below for the Washington Academy of Sciences' panel of three mystery/science authors moderated by John French, Forensic Consultant to the Baltimore Police Department and author of Past Sins (among others).

<http://www.washacadsci.org/scienceismurder/murder.htm>

Capitol Science Conference: Will be March 27 and 28. They are requesting participation of member organizations. Booth cost \$500, if interested. A link will be forwarded. No decision was made, but Terrell will look into the options and report back to Tom.

A reception for affiliated societies for the Washington Academy of Sciences (WAS) was held Tuesday evening 11/17/09. The reception was for affiliate representatives and judges of the WAS Junior Academy fairs.

Society of American Foresters' (SAF) NCC Holiday Party: Will take place at House Agric. Comm. Rm. (Longworth Bldg) on Dec 8, after the lighting ceremony for the Nat. Capitol's Christmas Tree (Approx 6:00 PM). Bruce Wight, our chapter liaison will clarify who is invited.

2011 National Conference Discussion (Tom H.): The NCC will soon need to plan conduct of the 2010 SWCS International Conference. A list of teams and members needed for the conference has been developed. Dewayne Johnson will be organizing meetings to occur with Jim Gulliford and agency heads to solicit conference support.

Sally Collins, Director, USDA - Office of Ecosystem Services & Markets, 10/12/09 SWCS-NCC seminar follow-up: Ms Collins seeks to conduct a series of workshops in DC and elsewhere to build consensus on Ecosystem Services & Markets. SWCS and SAF met with Carl Lucero and discussed co-sponsoring an Ecosystem Services workshop in DC. Tom Hebert, Marvin Brown and Michele Laur volunteered to participate in discussions on the initiative.

Reception for Jim Gulliford, SWCS Executive Director: NCC will sponsor a reception for Jim on Dec 1, 3:00-5:00 pm, 5104-S. Jan Surface previously agreed to organize light refreshment and the Chapter authorized to spend up to \$100 for refreshments.

Next Meeting December 17, 2009, noon to 1:00 pm.

Monthly Meeting Call-in Information:

Toll Free: 866-919-4799

Participant Pass code: 6903501

Tentative Agenda Items for December:

- **Plaque for SWCS-NCC President.**
- **Elections**
- **2011 National Conference**