



SWCS–NCC Meeting Notes
November 6, 2008
Teleconference

Participants: Ross Braun, Jan Surface, Tom Fedewa, Bill Boyer

Proposed Ballot–Officers 2009: Ross will confirm with Tom Hebert that he will be on the ballot as president. Carole Jett has agreed to receive and tally votes from members. Bill will ask Astor Boozer to send a brief bio and Ross will remind Allison to send hers. The ballot was approved with a few changes and addition of bios. Ross will distribute to members on Monday 11-10.

Bill and Jan briefly discussed transfer of secretary duties and records in December.

National and Chapter Awards: Nominations proposed by the Awards Committee were discussed. Ross reviewed the category descriptions and the group discussed which award each nominee should place in. Carol Jett and Doug Lawrence were nominated for the Chapter's Berg Legacy award and this group asked the committee to also consider Leslie Burks and rank the three nominees or recommend one. Bill and Ross will pull together additional information on Leslie Burks. The Berg Award criteria follow:

The Norman A. Berg award is designed to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions in advocating the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources. The nominee's service and accomplishments shall have made major and widely recognized contributions to the development of leading edge technologies that serve conservation of natural resources at any geographic level, while working in the Washington, DC area. These accomplishments shall be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Society.

A nominee's outstanding accomplishments must be widely recognized by leaders in soil and water conservation and/or related fields. The nominee's influence or position should have materially stimulated interest in and advanced the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources through one or more of the following fields: author, speaker, educator, administrator, industry, business, banking, soil conservationist, profession (lawyer, doctor, minister, etc.), and nonpartisan political activity. The nominee's activity should have more of a voluntary or extraordinary nature and not just part of his or her normal working duties.

Selection shall be made on the basis of demonstrated leadership, creativity, and dedication, while working with individuals, communities, or units of government, resulting in improved awareness and positive actions toward protection of natural resources in our living environment. An award committee may review and rank nominations, but chapter officers will make final selections. No elected officer of the National Capital Chapter shall be eligible for the award while holding office. Society members and nonmembers are eligible.

Ross discussed nominating Hank Zygmunt for the Honor Award. Hank works for EPA Region 3 and the NCC nominated him for the national Harold & Kay Scholl Award. The Honor award is more appropriate for Hank. Also, Ross communicated with the Indiana and Purdue Student Chapters about supporting the nomination of Dr. Otto Dearing for the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award. Ross will send them a letter of support from the NCC based on the NCC nomination of Otto in 2006.

Final decisions for all award nominations will be made at the December 4 meeting. Ross will send the awards committee some background information about Leslie Burks and he will contact Allison for background information to nominate Hank Zygmunt.

Next Meeting: December 4 Noon to 1:00 PM, Teleconference: 888-764-9167 Passcode: 4679073 .