



SWCS–NCC Meeting Notes
December 17, 2009
Teleconference

Participants: Bill Boyer, Ross Braun, Marvin Brown, Terrell Erickson, Tom Hebert, Larry Holmes, Michele Laur, Jan Surface, Bruce Wight

History of the Chapter: Larry has a box of old NCC files that may have some historical information. Samuel Stalcup, Assistant Historian for NRCS, may be willing to help compile a history of the NCC. Bill Boyer has asked Sam to discuss this topic at the January teleconference.

ACTION: Jan needs to include Sam Stalcup on January teleconference invitation

Commemorative Items for Outgoing President and Board Members: It was suggested that the outgoing President of NCC be given a nice commemorative item thanking them for their service to the chapter. Suggested items include a clock or rotating globe. Bill Boyer brought up a motion to spend up to \$100 on a gift, Larry seconded the motion, and the motion was carried by 7-yeah to 1-nay.

ACTION: Jan will research options and then email to board for decision before next meeting. Larry will send Jan web link on where a globe can be purchased.

A certificate of appreciation will be given to other members of the board.

2010 Election (Bruce): Twenty-one ballots were received from NCC members. The new officers for 2010 are:

President: Marvin Brown

President Elect: Marc Safley

Vice President: Michelle Perez

Treasurer: Larry Holmes

Secretary: Jan Surface

New Council Member (through 2012): Carol Kramer-LeBlanc

Council Member (through 2011): Suzy Friedman

Council Member (through 2010): Michele Laur

2011 National Conference Discussion (All): Members of the board should consider which committees are critical for staffing with NRCS employees (on government time).

- Lillian Woods volunteered to work on the “fellow forum” committee.
- Tours: Ask Delaware/Maryland Pocomoke, Maryland Old Line, Virginia, and Pennsylvania Keystone Chapters to develop tours. Pennsylvania could do a tour of the Bedford Grasslands. Perhaps Ginger Murphy could work on tours.
- Silent Auction: Not good for an NRCS person to take the lead. Do not want to give the impression that NRCS staff is fund-raising on government time.
- Corporate Sponsors: Tom Hebert will be on committee. Would be good to go after sponsors this fall so we can get on their 2011 budgets. Tom will invite Andy Manella to also be involved in obtaining corporate sponsors. NCC may be able to have a financial share of the corporate sponsorship.
- Ross Braun will coordinate the NCC booth at the 2010 conference in St. Louis and will recruit volunteers to attend the booth.

2009 Awards Submitted to Ankeny (Jan): Thanks to Ross Braun for putting together two award nominations; Larry Holmes for a SWCS Commendation Award and Henry Ferguson for a

SWCS Honor Award. There was not enough time to develop the award packages for last-minute nominations. Next year, let's start the awards nomination process in August so that we have plenty of time to compile the information and make a board decision on who should be submitted.

ACTION: Marvin will make sure that the 2010 annual plan of work reflects that we need to start the awards nomination process in August

Norm Berg Award (all): Three names have been submitted for consideration: Doug Lawrence, John Stierna and Harry Slawter. Phil Spinelli will update Doug's bio; Tom H. will put together a bio for Harry, and Tom will ask Marc Safley to develop a bio for John.

ACTION: Write-ups for Doug, Harry and John due to Jan Surface by January 19th, 2010. Jan will distribute to board members for their consideration and vote at the January 21, 2010 teleconference.

Treasurer's Report (Larry): The only outlay this month was \$25.99 for the Jim Gulliford reception. As of today, the balance is:

Checking	\$326.59
Savings	<u>\$14,434.71</u>
Total	\$14,761.30

For the annual report, Jan asked Larry if the 990N had been filed to the IRS. Larry already filed the 990N in March 2009 (we are on a March cycle). This information is needed for the annual report to Ankeny.

Carol Kramer-LeBlanc's Soils Information Request (Tom): Carol needs soils information.

ACTION: Tom Hebert will send Carol Maxine Levin's and Chris Smith's contact information

Annual Plan (All): The NCC Annual plan should be updated for 2010.

ACTION: Jan will send Marvin a copy of the 2009 plan so that he can update it.

Spring Event (All): Eric Norland (SAF) sent information about a joint event that SAF will organize. More details to follow.

Annual Report and Outstanding Chapter Nomination (Jan): The annual report and application for Outstanding Chapter is due to Rebecca Fletcher, Chapter Development Committee Chair, Ankeny on February 15, 2010.

ACTION: Jan will complete as much as she can of the annual report and outstanding chapter nomination form and then forward to Tom Herbert for review.

Next Meeting January 21, 2010, noon to 1:00 pm.

Monthly Meeting Call-in Information:

Toll Free: 866-919-4799
Participant Pass code: 6903501

Agenda Items for January:

1. Norm Berg Award Discussion/Decision (all)
 - a. Doug Lawrence (Phil Spinelli provided write-up)
 - b. Harry Slawter (Tom Hebert to provide write-up)
 - c. John Stierna (Marc Safley to provide write-up)
2. Commemorative Item for outgoing President (All)
3. Compilation of NCC History (Sam Stalcup, Bill)
4. Trade Show Display for NCC (Ross)
5. DC Science Fair Award (Larry, Tom H., Terrell, Bill)

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

6. Treasurer's Report (Larry)
7. 2011 Conference Committees (all)
8. Spring Tour Coordination with SAF (all)
9. Other business