

**Soil & Water Conservation Society
Washington, D.C. Chapter
Meeting Notes, January 6, 1999
Room 4246-S, 9:00-10:15 a.m.**

Acting President, Jon Vrana, called the meeting to order. Also present were Lois Loser, Jerry Hammond, Steve Yaddof, John Nordin, and Bill Boyer. About thirty to forty ballots have been received by Jim Lewis and all seem to be endorsing the slate of officers as listed.

Committees were discussed and the following were established. Committees should identify and contact other chapter members to help, select a chairperson, and be prepared a brief monthly report to the Board.

Awards and Recognition Committee

Steve Yaddof, Bill Boyer

Program Committee

Larry Clark, Chair

Jerry Hammond

Information Technology Committee

Lois Loser (Lois will look into a server location to house a Chapter home page and talk with the USDA Office of Communications about filming our Chapter events and displaying them on the TV LAN. We should also place a notice on the TV LAN about the SWCS and how to become a member.)

By-Law's Committee

Steve Yaddof (The committee should look in to updating the Executive Board, our structure, and operations. For example, the Treasurers title might be more current as "Chief Financial Officer")

Membership Committee

Jim Maetzold

John Nordin

Finance

We need Roger to update the Broad on our tax exempt status, incorporation status, and other financial issues.

An annual report is due (date ?) to Dana Chapman, the Northeast Region Representative to Ankeny.

We began a discussion of defining our chapters' issues. Two that surfaced so far are: Awards & Recognition, and serving as a conservation compass (also a good name for a chapter news letter) to our members.

Jon expects Craig Cox, Executive Director of the SWCS in Ankeny, IA to be in Washington D.C. the last week of January, and he will arrange for Craig (and possibly others like Norm Berg) to speak at our first general membership meeting. Once we have the date, time, and place, Bill will prepare a flyer to members and for distribution via the USDA e-mail.

Regular Board meetings will be held each month until operations of the chapter become more routine. Board meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month, 9:00-10:30 a.m.—except February will be Thursday, February 11, 9-10:30 a.m., Room 4246-USDA South Building.