



**SWCS–NCC Meeting Notes**  
**April 23, 2009**  
**Teleconference**

**Participants:** Tom Hebert, Larry Holmes, Ross Braun, Bill Boyer, Tom Fedewa, Marvin Brown, Jan Surface

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry Holmes provided the following report:

	<b>Checking</b>	<b>Savings</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance on 3/31/09	\$909.26	\$14,423.91	\$15,333.17

**Chapter delegate to SWCS Annual Conference House of Delegates:** Ross Braun will be the delegate and Tom Hebert will be the alternate. If Tom doesn't go the conference, then Marvin Brown will be the alternate. Tom Hebert will notify SueAnn Lyons of our selected delegates.

**Awards Luncheon for Smithsonian Winners:** Ross Braun will purchase additional tickets, if needed, for the SWCS awards luncheon. Ross will be reimbursed for this expense.

**Spring Tour, May 15, 2009:** The tour will first meet with the Congressional Research Service and get a briefing from some of the staff who prepares issue papers and analyses for Members of Congress on soil and water conservation as well as natural resources and environment issues. From CRS the tour will meet with staffers from the House Agriculture Committee. The tour will continue with a guided tour of the National Botanical Garden. The tour will finish with a visit to the USDA's Peoples' Garden.

**Summer Forum Topic:** Tom Hebert spoke with Sally Collins. She's willing to do a forum introducing USDA's new Office of Ecosystem Services and Markets. Possible dates are July 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION:** Tom Hebert will contact Sally Collins to set a date for the forum.

**Sponsor a NCC member to the Washington Academy of Sciences:** Terrell Erickson will be the NCC member to the Washington Academy of Sciences. NCC would like Terrell to give once per quarter reports at our chapter monthly meeting.

**Next Meeting May 28, 2009, noon to 1:00 pm, Call-in 888-764-9167, Passcode: 4679073**

**Meeting Agenda:**

- 1) Highlights of the Spring Tour
- 2) Discussion of potential NCC response to the resolution and proposed language for a by-laws revision. The Wisconsin Chapter (initiated by Pete Nowak) proposed a by-laws change through their resolution to change the structure of the SWCS Board of Directors.
- 3) NCC-SWCS/SAF liaison position update
- 4) 2009 SWCS Annual Conference silent auction contribution

The Michigan Chapter is hosting this year's conference and information about silent auction contributions is available at <http://www.miswcs.org/2.html>.

- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Berg Conservation Legacy Acrylic Award purchased
- 7) Website Updates--we may need a new webmaster
- 8) Other business