



**SWCS–NCC Meeting Notes
@ Environmental Defense–May 7, 2008**

Participants: Ross Braun, Suzy Friedman and Bill Boyer

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Brown-bag Forum or Seminar: Ross will check with Michele who was looking into potential speakers. Suzy will work with Michele to identify speakers and dates. Ross will concur with Eric Norland, President, NCSAF about making this a joint activity. Bill will reserve the back of the USADA cafeteria when date is selected.

(Last meeting we discussed a possible spring tour at the Arboretum on Biofuels. Ross agreed to contact ARS about a biofuels exhibit they may have at the Arboretum that could be the center point for an NCC tour.)

Soils Exhibit Support Materials & Museum Store Items

May 17&18 is the Soils Exhibit at the Food and Wine Festival at [National Harbor](#). Dianne Guidry is scheduling representation at the booth as well as materials from the Public Affairs office.

The Smithsonian Soil Exhibit “Dig It” opens July 18 (by invitation) and July 19, 2008 (public). Suzy will follow-up on her husband’s activity with NSTA.

Strategic Plan vs. Annual Plan:

Ross will lead a discussion for next meeting to establish our 2008 annual actual plan. Our Strategic Plan will be a multi-year, long range plan. Both annual and strategic plans are required for the SWCS Outstanding Chapter award.

Annual Audit:

Ross completed an audit of the books and founds no discrepancies.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Next Meeting: May 27 or 30, TBA

TO DO Items:

Annual Plan: All Officers – review draft and finalize at next meeting

Strategic Plan: Ross will draft outline

Brown-bag Lunch: Identify potential “Renewable Fuel Standard” presenters – Michele & Suzie

Botanical Gardens activities: Determine feasibility for NCC to distribute seed packets – Larry

Arboretum Tour or other Tour w/NCSAF: Ross is looking into this

Museum Soils Exhibit: All Chapter Members were invited

Smithsonian Exhibit at DC Food & Wine Festival: Jan Surface, Bill Boyer, Ross Braun, others

Soils Exhibit support bibliography: Suzy and family and friends