



SWCS–NCC Meeting Notes

June 25, 2009

Teleconference

Participants: Tom Hebert, Terrell Erickson, Ross Braun, Bill Boyer, and Jan Surface
Washington Academy of Sciences: Terrell attended her first meeting of the Washington Academy of Sciences (WAS) on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. She said it was very informative and she will look for opportunities for the SWCS-NCC to participate with WAS. Topics discussed at the meeting included:

1. A discussion on organizing the 2010 CapSci event which will showcase science being done in the Washington D.C. area. Perhaps NCC can participate in one of the plenary sessions of CapSci in 2010.
2. The National Science Foundation will be organizing a talk on the pandemic flu
3. WAS needs to develop an audit system for their finances
4. There is a “Junior Academy” which may be a good place to recruit for hiring within our different organizations. NCC may find a roll with the Junior Academy.
5. WAS meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, except for July and August (no meetings). Terrell will attend the next meeting on September 15.

Wisconsin Resolution: Ross Braun has received only 3 comments on the Wisconsin Resolution. The resolution states: *“It is resolved that a change to the bylaws of the Soil and Water Conservation Society be proposed to facilitate a change to a seven person Board of Directors; four of whom will be elected at large and three of whom will be selected by the Executive Director and then appointed by the Board. At least one of these seven Directors must be an international representative.”* During discussion of the resolution at this teleconference, the following points were brought up:

1. How are members and chapters going to be connected to the board if they don’t have elected representation? Right now the board is tied to regions and chapters.
2. Where are we and where do we want to go as a society? Perhaps a task force should take a look at this.
3. Wait until the new Executive Director is in place before a decision is made on the board. The new ED should have input on this important decision.
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ACTION: Please provide addition ideas/input to Ross prior to the SWCS national meeting. Ross will attend the delegate’s session to listen and give input on the resolution.

SWCS Liaison to Society of American Foresters: Bruce Wight, the new NRCS National Forester, has agreed to be NCC’s liaison to the SAF. He will transfer his memberships in both organizations to our local chapters.

Website: NCC needs a new webmaster/website because entering our news has been significantly delayed. After much discussion, the members participating in this call are leaning towards having SWCS National office host the website.

ACTION: Tom Hebert will send out information on the cost of having SWCS Headquarters host the site. NCC officers will make a decision at the July meeting.

Hosting 2011 National SWCS Conference: NCC will discuss host chapter responsibilities with Dewayne Johnson. There is a meeting at the Dearborn, MI SWCS conference on July 14th at 5pm on this topic that NCC members attending the conference may want to attend. Folks should also plan on volunteering at the St. Louis conference in 2010 to gain experience. Ross sent out web-link to “host chapter responsibilities”.

http://www.swcs.org/documents/filelibrary/conferences_pages/ConferenceFAQ.pdf

This document outlines the expectations and responsibilities for both SWCS National and the host chapter.

ACTION: Tom Hebert will set up a conference call with Dewayne in mid-August.

Summer Seminar, Wednesday, July 29: Sally Collins, USDA Office of Ecosystem Services and Markets will give a presentation on their new Office. Bill Boyer will reserve two of the three rooms at the back of the South Building cafeteria with 5812 reserved as a back up in the event that there is a small group. This will be a brown-bag lunch-hour event.

ACTION: Tom Hebert will prepare for Sally Collin’s presentation

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.