



SWCS–NCC Meeting Notes
September 24, 2009
Teleconference

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

Washington Academy of Science Update (Terrell): The board of WAS takes the summer off. Terrell has been working with a committee planning the Capital Science Conference. The Conference will be held Saturday March 27 and Sunday Marcy 28, 2010 at the National Academy of Science. After discussing potential NCC participation in the conference, it was decided that NCC would not sponsor a session. After we see an agenda, we may be able to identify some partnership opportunities.

Farmers Market Information (Larry): The Agriculture Marketing Service organizes the Farmers Market. Larry left a message with AMS to call him back. The People’s Garden initiative is holding tastings around the corner from the Farmers Market. Perhaps we could distribute NCC SWCS information at either the Farmers Market or People’s Garden. Since both events will be winding down at the end of October, it probably more realistic to plan for next summer.

2011 National Conference Discussion (Tom H.): Tom Hebert contacted NRCS Chief Dave White. Chief White didn’t know that the 2011 SWCS Conference was going to be in Washington D.C. Chief White is an enthusiastic supporter and said that NRCS will work with Ankeny SWCS and NCC to make the committees. NCC may want to develop an MOU between NCC and NRCS.

Action: Tom Hebert will contact Extension, ARS and CREES to see if they would also like to partner.

NE Leadership and Technology Workshop (Bill): The Firman E. Bear SWCS Chapter (New Jersey) is planning to host a Northeast Region–Technical and Leadership Workshop on issues of energy and energy conservation relevant to the work of soil and water conservation professionals. The conference will be held April 14-16, 2010 (site TBD, one option may be Cape May Plant Material Center). The organizing committee would like a representative from each SWCS chapter to help develop the agenda. This task would entail participation in a couple of teleconferences and then email exchanges.

Action: Tom Hebert will send out request for a representative from NCC to participate in agenda development.

Action: Bill Boyer will ask Michele Laur if she’s interested in being involved in helping with agenda development.

Hosting Norman A. Berg Conservation Leadership & Policy Forum (Bill): SWCS approved the idea of NCC hosting the Norman A. Berg Conservation Leadership & Policy Forum in Washington D.C. A task force has been formed to:

- develop a website
- identify pre-meeting issues
- identify funding issues
- determent selection criteria
- develop an application
- determine eligibility criteria

NCC agreed that it would be best to hold the Berg Leadership Forum in Feb. or March of 2012.

Slate of Officers for 2010 (All): The following officer positions will be open for 2010:

- 1 Council Position
- President Elect
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Action: Jan will send current membership list to officers.

Action: Officers will solicit members for the slate of officers.

Action: Tom Herbert will send out request to NCC membership asking for nominations.

Marvin Brown should be identified as the point of contact to receive nominations.

2009 Awards Committee (All): NCC officers would like to recruit people who haven't participated in NCC activities. It's good for awards committee members to have a good knowledge of conservation folks in the greater D.C. area. It's good to have people from different agencies, NGOs and others on the nominating committee so that nominations are broad. Ross will have 2 nominations; one commendation and one honor. The deadline for submitting awards to Ankeny is December 12, 2009. Please send nominations to jan.surface@wdc.usda.gov.

Action: Marvin will contact Suzy Friedman to ask her if she would like to chair the awards committee.

Treasurer's Report (Larry): Larry Holmes provided the following report:

	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance	\$982.58	\$14,431.07	\$14,994.31
Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outlay-Website Hosting	-\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Outlay-S. Collins Membership	<u>-\$80.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$80.00</u>
Balance on 9/24/09	\$352.58	\$14,431.07	\$14,783.65

Website Update (Jan): New http://www.swcs.org/en/national_capital_chapter/index.cfm

Action: Tom Hebert's email requesting officer nominations should also mention new website link.

Smithsonian Dig-it Family Festival (Ross): No update to report.

Next Meeting October 22, 2009, noon to 1:00 pm.

Monthly Meeting Call-in Information:

Toll Free: 866-919-4799

Participant Pass code: 6903501

Tentative Agenda Items for October:

- Identify Team Leaders for 2011 SWCS Conference
- Identify 2009 Awards Committee Chair
- Farmers Market Information (Larry)
- Slate of Officers for 2010 (all)
- 2009 Awards Committee (all)
- Treasurer's Report (Larry)
- Should we keep old website domain name? (Bill/All)

Meeting Dates through the End of the Year:

- November 19
- December 17