

SWCS-NCC meeting notes September 7, 2006

Attending:

Beth Sauerhaft, Gayle Norman, Chip Ramsey, Bill Boyer, Mike Hubbs, Melvin Womack, Larry Holmes, Ross Braun

First item of discussion was the upcoming tour of the ARS and NRCS-PMC facilities.

Ross will send around a finalized agenda once he has one. We discussed the tentative agenda and when/who will make presentations – welcomes etc. Beth will welcome folks on the bus. She will present the award at lunch. Norm Berg will make a subsequent presentation. Awardee will have an opportunity for brief words. Beth will introduce luncheon speaker – Jeff Steiner, ARS. At PMC, Sauerhaft will introduce John Englert who will give PMC tour.

Gayle will give awardee the opportunity to share a bio with us; if not, Beth will pull it off the web and boil it down to a one-pager that can be shared with folks on tour.

Next item of discussion – treasurer's report – Larry Holmes

Checking: \$2,479.55

Savings: \$8,174.51

\$276.50 deposited for member dues

Fall tour deposit \$125

Next item – Officer elections

Beth will pull together a draft ballot. Folks will meanwhile think of possible officers from ARS, EPA or other agencies to give a more diverse ballot.

Ross Braun gave a brief summary of the regional teleconference he was on. He mentioned that there will be bi-monthly teleconferences for chapter presidents to share activities and improve communication within the region. Sauerhaft and Ramsey will try to join those calls.

He also mentioned that the next Annual National Conference is July 21-27, 2007, Tampa, Florida

Final item of discussion was the awards committee. Beth will ask Bill Puckett to chair the committee and bring 1-2 others with him to go over the award categories and come up with possible nominations.