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Clean Water
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**Science & Policy Committee
Conference Call, Tuesday, January 5th, 2016**

Call to Order at 3:00 (CST) by Committee Chair, Andrew N. Sharpley sharples@uark.edu

Fifteen Committee members were able to be on this month's call.

This month's conference call focused on discussion of possible speakers for the joint Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) and Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) Symposia, which has been held at both annual meetings of the respective Societies for several years. **Jeff Stroock, University of MN** addressed the committee during the call, describing the topic and scope of this year's Symposium titled "*The Grand Challenge - Water: Food, Energy, and Environmental Security.*" There would be approximately six invited speakers to the symposium who would speak at both SWCS and SSSA in Louisville (late July) and Phoenix (early November), respectively. Speakers are needed to address how water fits into the challenges of meeting food, energy and environmental demands and policy that might influence this. Several suggestions of speakers were given to Jeff for consideration.

Clark Gantzer suggested that some consideration given by this committee to addressing some of the direct and indirect factors that might have compounded some of the damage resulting from recent historic flooding that has and continues to affect major areas of the U.S.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm (CST).

The next meeting of the S&P Committee is scheduled for February 2nd, 2016 at 3:00 pm EDT, when we are slated to have a presentation on the activities of the **National Agricultural Law Center** - <http://nationalaglawcenter.org/>.