



**Science & Policy Committee
Conference Call, Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016**

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

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

This month's conference call was devoted to a presentation by Harrison Pittman, Director of the National Agricultural Law Center (see <http://nationalaglawcenter.org/>), who relayed information on what the Center does and how it can be a valuable resource to the SWCS and its' members. It became clear during the presentation and conversation of the call, that there is a huge number of legal issue facing farmers at the present time, some of which we are aware of. Others may be less well known but do have huge implications to farming, conservation, environmental quality, as well as many important farm support programs. **Jorge Delgado** invited Harrison Pittman to prepare a manuscript for consideration to be published in the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm (CST).

The next meeting of the S&P Committee is scheduled for March 1st, 2016 at 3:00 pm EDT, when we are slated (invited only) to have a presentation by Doug Karlen on soil health and related multi-disciplinary research.