



## Science & Policy Committee Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm Central. There were seven committee members in attendance.

- **Clare Lindahl** reported on the activities and successes of the visit to Washington, D.C. by SWCS CEO, Special Projects Director and Board members met with several agencies, stakeholder groups and other personnel about Conservation and SWCS. Meetings with included National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Walton Family Foundation, DC SWCS Chapter, EPA Office of Water, Bill Northey, and Leonard Jordan, among many others.

The main takeaways from these meetings were;

- All groups met with mentioned it was good to learn what research and outreach was going on under the auspices of SWCS.
- **Clare** suggested that SWCS host an intergovernmental research panel / discussion group on certain topics of relevance to the agencies as a follow up.
- A basic SWCS conservation workshop should be planned for legislators.
- These all help SWCS conservation advocacy and literacy.
- A larger-scale vision is needed, which includes noting what is already working.
- It was suggested that SWCS look into the possibility of holding a “Blue Ribbon Panel” along the lines of one convened 15 years ago.
- There is a need to reestablish SWCS as the experts / go to organization for soil, water, wildlife, and other ecosystem resources conservation knowledge, information, and outreach.
- **Andy Manale** brought us up to date on his book idea that would expand on the conservation principles.
- The current JSWC manuscript on conservation principles will be sent to Annie Binder for editorial.
- **Clark Gantzer** and **David Speidel** suggested the principles should be edited for a popular press article that would reach a wider audience than JSWC, who are less familiar with soil, water, wildlife, and other ecosystem resources conservation.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 Central. The next S&PC meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm Central / 4:00 pm Eastern.