



Science & Policy Committee
Face to Face Meeting, Monday, July 31st, 2017

Call to Order at 12:30 noon (CST) by Committee Chair, Andrew Sharpley sharpley@uark.edu

Twelve Committee members were able to attend the meeting at the International SWCS Meeting in Madison, WI.

- **John Peterson** informed the Committee of an upcoming conference that would interest members. It is the 7th National Grazing Lands Conference, December 2 to 5, 2018 in Reno, NV (see <http://www.grazinglands.org/>).
- **Clarke Gantzer** updated the committee on his efforts to prepare a report / white paper on flooding and floodplain management. Additional experts were suggested to Clark to help with this and perhaps look into the possibility of organizing a conference at some time in the future. This might also encompass extreme events and flood damage limitation.
- **The Journal of Soil and Water Conservation** made a request to the committee for suggestions for topics for “Feature” articles (A Section). Please share any ideas a possible authors with the committee.
- Related to the last item, it was suggested that we look get a “Feature” article based on the *Fellows Forum*, which at this years’ conference was held Sunday afternoon. The thought is that more could possibly be made of this activity.
- During the remainder of the meeting, members discussed special topic ideas for future S&PC discussion as well as conference foci. These were;
 - Integrated watershed management. Identify tools that make the watershed community efforts applicable to other areas and watersheds.
 - Water quality / water quantity.
 - Urban / rural
 - Gaps / opportunities
 - Lessons learnt, i.e., commonalities, what didn’t work, what did work
 - Partnerships and funding
 - Communicate attributes that each project have which would be valuable. Scalability and adaptability.
 - Related to this is the attached testimony by **John Peterson**.
 - Dynamic management, i.e., nutrients, water-use efficiency, multi-function variable to control.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm (CST).

As the next conference call for the S&P Committee is scheduled for September 5th, the day after Labor Day, depending on input from the group.