



Science & Policy Committee

Tuesday, November 7th, 2017

Call to Order at 3:00 (CST). Six Committee members were able to be on the conference call.

- **Lindsey Yasarer** and **Jamie Niemen** updated the committee on progress in developing one-minute videos from ten presentations given at the Annual SWCS Meeting in Madison, WI earlier this year. For those who have not seen the first one released, it can be found on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/238807184>. I think you will agree that this is an excellent product and more will follow in the coming weeks. Posting these on the currently being refurbished SWCS website will be an excellent mechanism to get our science out to a broader audience. Based on the success of this initial effort, videos are being planned for specialty SWCS symposia, as well as the 2018 Annual Meetings in Albuquerque, next summer. Thanks to all involved in producing these videos.
- Additional efforts the committee could be involved in to advocate for science were briefly discussed.
- **Andy Manale** recommended that the committee prepare a “*Statement of Principles of conservation,*” which would be relevant and timely to inform Farm Bill discussions that are ongoing in Capitol Hill. This would be important to informing these and other discussions. This could build upon work done in the past and would state the principles of the science of conservation. To inform the target audience, this document would be no more than two pages long. **John Peterson** added that he could identify key people and offices in DC to circulate this document when available and approved by the SWCS Board.
- **Clarke Gantzer** updated the committee on his efforts to prepare a report / white paper on flooding and floodplain management. Clarke will dust his latest version of the document and work with **Andy Manale** and others to get a draft ready for circulation among the committee.

The conference call was adjourned at 3:40 pm (CST).

The next conference call for the S&P Committee is scheduled for December 5th.