



**Science & Policy Committee
Conference Call, Thursday, June 11th, 2015**

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

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

Jorge Delgado gave a brief update on the continuing progress of the "Precision Agriculture" and "Cover Crop" white papers. Several of the cover crop papers have already been accepted by JSWC. A work detail in DC has limited Jorge's ability to work on these activities, however, he plans to complete them in the coming months now that the detail is completed.

David Speidel submitted the white paper "Invasive Plants in Marginal Lands: A Threat to Agricultural Lands and Natural Areas" and **Wendi Goldsmith** submitted the white paper "Green Infrastructure: Tapping Solar Energy Inputs for Enhanced: Sustainability and Climate Resilience," to the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*.

Dan Shurtliff, Assistant State Soil Scientist, NRCS –Nebraska gave an overview of the recently developed report documents literature on soil health "Soil Management Assessment Framework (SMAF) for Soil Quality/Health Evaluations." He was supported by S&PC member **Craig Derickson**. The committee encouraged Dan and Craig to prepare a paragraph for the new Hypoxia Task Force publication called "Confluence" available at <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=2b1d6813-0143-4f01-a1af-25180899bef2&c=55d0e590-68c0-11e3-8071-d4ae527557ea&ch=55d3f2d0-68c0-11e3-8071-d4ae527557ea>. **Craig** recommended that we consider asking Doug Karlen if he would be willing to discuss his work on the Soil Management Framework with the S&PC in the near future. Other possible speakers were mentioned as people who could update the Committee on several aspects of this program on future calls.

Jorge Delgado reported on the recent "North American Regional Soil Partnership" See <http://www.fao.org/globalsoilpartnership/regional-partnerships/north-america/en/> for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm (CST).

The next meeting of the S&P Committee will be June 12th, 2015 at 3:00 pm EST.