

2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Soil and Water Conservation Society's 2007 annual conference will be held July 21-25 in Tampa, Florida.

The conference theme is "Conservation Challenges in a Changing Landscape." The conference includes workshops, concurrent sessions, symposia, posters, plenary sessions, and technical tours designed to expose participants to recent developments in the science and art of natural resource conservation and environmental management on working land—the largely privately-owned land comprising working farms, ranches, forests, and rural and urban communities.

AUDIENCE: The SWCS annual conference brings together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers at all levels of government, business, and nongovernmental organizations to explore current issues in conservation and environmental management science, technology, practice, programs, and policy.

Conference Registration will be available soon.
Visit www.swcs.org for update information.

Help recruit some new members: There are **two new recruitment tools:** the International SWCS now has an introductory \$60 membership rate. This may still seem like a lot, but think of a \$20 dollar bill floating into your hand. Illinois membership chair **Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant** also has another incentive since the Illinois board approved an **experimental half-price membership for former student members.** The board discussed and decided this based on the importance of getting young professionals started, the high payments for student loans, and our interest in young members with new approaches. So, former SWCS student members can get a full membership for one year for only \$30, or \$5 more than their student membership. **All of us who itemize** can deduct the membership from our taxes, and many can spread out the payment with direct deduction from our pay checks. Compared to other payroll deductions we get a very good value while supporting our professional development.



2007 Annual Business Meeting



SOIL
AND WATER
CONSERVATION
SOCIETY

Illinois Chapter

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

MINUTES

**Illinois (Land of Lincoln) Chapter
Soil and Water Conservation Society
2006 Annual Business Meeting; February 3, 2006
National Great Rivers Museum, East Alton, IL**

The Professional Development portion of the meeting began at 9:00 a.m. with a brief Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) meeting, and then a movie called, "The Power of a River". There were many presentations on all of the great work being done along the Mississippi River.

The business meeting was called to order by President Steve Hollister at 12:23 P. M. at the Melvin Price Visitor Center in East Alton, IL.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report for the 2005 Annual Meeting was reviewed. A motion and second to approve the minutes were made and a unanimous voice vote followed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Mark Kaiser reported on the Chapters finances. The current balance is \$15,196.38. A motion to approve the budget was made and a second secured. A unanimous voice vote was taken.

Old Business: The president thanked the directors, section directors and committee chairs.

New Business: Kim St. John announced this years' award winners:

The Chouteau Island Coordination Team, Merit Award

The Great Rivers Land Trust, Merit Award

Bob Frazee Announced the **new officers:**

President	Harry Hendrickson
President Elect	Rich Stewart
Vice President	Kent Bohnhoff
Secretary	Shannon Allen
Treasurer	Mark Kaiser

Steve Hollister thanked everyone for the support that they had shown him in his year as President. The gavel was passed to Harry Hendrickson. In Harry's opening remarks he outlined what he felt were our strong points and things that we can continue to improve upon.

* Continue to bring diverse people together to keep the water clean and practices on the ground.

* Work on issues that will be coming up in the 2007 Farm Bill.

* Continue to attract younger professionals to our membership.

* Work jointly with membership and board to accomplish the above issues.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and passed.

The group was taken on the confluence greenway tour.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shannon T. Allen

AGENDA for Business Meeting

Call to Order	Harry Hendrickson President
Minutes from 2006 Annual Mtg.	Shannon Allen Secretary
2006 Financial Report	Mark Kaiser Treasurer
2006 Audit Committee Report	Steve Hollister
Old Business	
New Business	
Award Presentations	Martha Sheppard Awards Chair
Outgoing President's Comments	Harry Hendrickson
Presentation of New Officers	Alan Gulso Election Chair
Rich Stewart, President Kent Bohnhoff, President Elect Annette Holmes, Vice President Mark Kaiser, Treasurer Shannon Allen, Secretary Harry Hendrickson, Past President	
New President's Comments	Rich Stewart
ADJOURN	

2007 Award Recipients

The **Special Recognition Award** is presented to **Lt. Governor Pat Quinn** for his natural resource conservation achievements. Specifically, he has led the Illinois River Coordinating Council, secured state funding for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, advocated for rain gardens and other innovative stormwater management initiatives, helped to protect Plum Island as an Illinois Audubon Society sanctuary, supported the Illinois River Management Conferences, helped save the Illinois Riverwatch Program, advocated “mud-to-parks” use of dredged sediment, and served on the Great Lakes Commission. Lt. Governor Quinn cannot be here today, so we will be making a formal presentation of this award at a later date.

The **Merit Award** is presented to **Julianne Buck of the Morris Community Foundation** for her distinguished work in establishing the Illinois Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. Due to her grass-roots organizational leadership, representatives of Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kendall, and Will counties have taken initial steps in the formation of this organization to cooperate and coordinate natural resource conservation and development in the upper Illinois River watershed.

Commendation Awards are presented to

- **Mark Kaiser** for his painstaking, prompt, and responsible work as chapter treasurer over the past seven years.
- **Martha Sheppard** for resourcefully organizing the first annual fall section tour which demonstrated agritourism and recreation initiatives on highly erosive and marginal lands.
- **Kent Bohnhoff** for competently organizing the January 2007 Illinois Chapter annual meeting and conference featuring energy and agriculture.
- **Kim St. John** for thoughtfully serving over several years as Illinois Chapter Awards Chair and frequently securing

national SWCS recognition for Illinois awardees.

- **Shannon Allen** for faithfully and capably serving as Chapter Secretary for the past two years and for serving as a liaison with certified professional erosion and sediment control specialists in Illinois.
- **Jim Rospopo** for publishing the Illinois Chapter newsletter for the past seven years and maintaining the email distribution system.
- **Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant** for dutiful service as advisor to the University of Illinois--Student Chapter of SWCS, for exceptional service and representation of Illinois on the international SWCS board, and for creative membership recruitment work.

Past Illinois Award Recipients

2006 The Chouteau Island Coordination Team, Merit Award

The Great Rivers Land Trust, Merit Award

2005 The Governor's Conferences on the Management of the Illinois River System, Merit Award (Dr. Steven Havera and Robert Frazee)
Ecowatch Environmental Monitoring Program, Merit Award (Joel Brunswold, Director of Illinois Department of Natural Resources)

Joan Erickson, Merit Award

2004 Jim Kinsella, Honor Award
The Clean Water Celebration, Merit Award
Special Recognition-Jim Rospopo, Sharon Hartzold, Harry Hendrickson

2003 James L Rutherford, Harold and Kay Scholl
Excellence in Conservation Award
Kimberly St. John, Commendation Award
Dr. Michelle Wander, Honor Award

About SWCS

Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization—founded in 1943—that serves as an advocate for conservation professionals and for science-based conservation practice, programs, and policy. SWCS has over 7,000 members around the world. They include researchers, administrators, planners, policymakers, technical advisors, teachers, students, farmers, and ranchers. Our members come from nearly every academic discipline and many different public, private, and nonprofit institutions.

SWCS chapters throughout the United States and Canada conduct a variety of activities at local, state, and provincial levels and on university campuses. These 75 chapters represent the grassroots element of the organization. Each chapter elects its own officers, organizes conservation forums, and formulates local recommendations on land and water conservation issues.

Our mission is to foster the science and art of natural resource conservation. Our work targets conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources on working land—the land used to produce food, fiber, and other services that improve the quality of life people experience in rural and urban communities. We work to discover, develop, implement, and constantly improve ways to use land that sustains its productive capacity and enhances the environment at the same time.

We pursue our mission through a combination of research, education, and advocacy. Our ongoing activities and special projects are designed to:

- Improve the practice of conservation by fostering the development of state-of-the-art conservation practices and systems.
- Improve conservation policy by bringing science and professional judgment to bear in shaping local, state, provincial, and federal policy.
- Enhance the capabilities of conservationists through training and professional development.
- Sustain the ethic and spirit of professionalism among conservationists through networking and mutual support.

Soil and Water Conservation Society-Illinois Chapter 2006 Annual Financial Report (11/1/05 – 10/31/06)

Checking Account

Beginning Balance: 11/1/05		
11/1/05 CD Value:	\$10,439.16	
11/1/05 Checking balance:	\$ 4,757.22	
	TOTAL	\$15,196.38
Income:		
Chapter Dues	\$ 967.50	
Interest	\$ 56.79	
Chapter Annual Meeting	\$ 790.00	
Chapter Hats, shirts	\$ 16.05	
CD Interest (5/3/06)	\$ 680.03	
Voided Check #624	\$ 13.93	
	Subtotal income:	\$ 2,524.30
	Total funds:	\$17,720.68
Expenses:		
Awards/Frames	\$ 99.03	
2,581 "Scoop on Soil" CD'S	\$ 2,473.88	
Chapter Annual Meeting	\$ 616.10	
Quarterly Board Meetings	\$ 214.27	
Newsletter/Postage	\$ 147.14	
SWCS Booth @ AISWCD Decatur Meeting	\$ 75.00	
FFA Student Savings Bond	\$ 50.00	
Filing/Recording Fees	\$ 5.00	
Website Domain Registration	\$ 89.55	
SWCS Chapter Hats, shirts, logos	\$ 15.65	
Student Travel to SWCS National Mtg.	\$ 500.00	
	Total Expenses:	\$ 4,285.62
	Ending Balance (10/31/06) (Checking Acct)	\$ 2,995.90

Certificate of Deposit

5/3/06	New 15 Month CD:	\$10,000.00
	Interest earned to 10/31/06:	\$ 249.04
10/31/06	CD Value	\$10,249.04
	TOTAL FUND BALANCE; 10/31/06:	\$13,244.94

Submitted by Mark Kaiser, Treasurer