



Nebraska Society News

Soil and Water Conservation Society

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Register Now For The Annual Meeting!

March 17th is the early registration deadline for the Annual Nebraska SWCS meeting. The Annual Meeting will run from Wednesday June 14 through Saturday June 17th. The Panhandle Members have set up a great event for all this year. Fort Robinson will be the place to be in mid June.

The registration deadline is much earlier than past years so act now. There really is no better time than the present to take a look at the enclosed agenda and complete the registration form.

All Annual Meeting registration information is available from our website: <http://incolor.inetnebr.com/dougg/swcs/>

By-Law Changes Approved

The proposed changes in the By-Laws for the Nebraska Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society have been approved by the membership. According to John Beckwith, Chair of the Election Committee, the changes were supported by over 90% of those voting.

The new By-Laws make several changes in the operations of the Board of Directors. Also, the Nominations Committee is charged with identification of candidates for officers for the Society. There were several other minor spelling and grammatical changes.

The cost of reproduction and mailing prohibit a wide distribution of the revised By-Laws to the membership. However individual copies can be requested from Gus Hughbanks, Chair of the By-Laws Committee. A few copies will be available at the Annual Meeting in Crawford. Look for the revised By-Laws on our website in the future.

You may contact Gus at (402) 437-4111 or e-mail him at Raymond.Hughbanks@ne.usda.gov

Golf Outing On 4th Year

We will be holding our 4th Annual SWCS Golf Event again this year in early September. The location and date still need to be set. Watch for information later on and/or email Dave Langemeier (dlangeme@inetnebr.com) for more information. Dave has used this event as a means of expanding our membership. In 1999, two memberships were given to nonmembers participating in the event. The cost of the two memberships were donated by current members and one organization.

RAFFLE

The Nebraska Chapter, SWCS year 2000 raffle continues through the Annual Meeting. To date the response has been slow.

The first prize buckle is of sterling silver, and has the serial number of "1". It has a value of \$120.00. Second prize is the same buckle in bronze. It has a value of \$16.50. These buckles were specially commissioned for the Soil Survey Centennial. They have the Centennial logo, the words "National Cooperative Soil Survey" across the top and "1899 Centennial 1999" along the bottom. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six (6) for \$5.00 and a supply is included with this newsletter. Plans are to have the raffle at the annual meeting at Fort Robinson.

Tickets have been included in this newsletter. Additional tickets can be downloaded and printed from our website at: <http://incolor.inetnebr.com/dougg/swcs/raffle2000.pdf>

SWCS Scholarships - UN-L Foundation

The Nebraska Chapter and the Northeast Nebraska Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society have a scholarship fund with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Foundation. The interest on this fund currently enables us to give two \$500 scholarships. Encourage students to apply for these available scholarships. Contributions to this fund also increase the dollars available for scholarships.

Lapel Pins

A new supply of Nebraska Chapter SWCS lapel pins have arrived. The Nebraska Chapter decided at the 1999 Annual Meeting to order an additional 100 pins. Two hundred of these have been sold in the past few years. The pins sell for \$5.00 each. They make good gifts and at the same time serve as a fund raiser for the Chapter. The pins are available from David Langemeier.

SWCS Caps

The Nebraska Chapter still has caps for sale. They have "Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Society" printed on them. Sale price is \$10.00. We encourage you to buy and sell the caps to raise money for the Chapter. We also have golf tees left from last year's SWCS golf event. Please contact David Langemeier. dlangeme@inetnebr.com

From the President's Desk

The Annual Meeting is fast approaching and I encourage all of you that are planning to go to Ft. Robinson to get your registrations in early so that we may plan accordingly. I think that Robin and Stephanie have done a great job in planning what promises to be an interesting and enjoyable meeting and I sincerely appreciate their effort.

It is also not too early to make plans to attend the National Meeting in St. Louis, July 8-12. After reviewing the preliminary program and registration materials there are many timely issues being addressed by the workshops, plenary sessions, tours and presentation during the concurrent sessions. I think the 2000 Annual Meeting promises to be very worthwhile and would encourage you to attend.

I was pleased that all of the proposed amendments to the by-laws passed although I was disappointed that only 59 of 196 ballots were returned. I feel that the changes we made will allow for a smoother transition of power and enable future officers of the chapter to assume their duties in a timely fashion. One of the major changes was to require that the nominating committee provide a list of

candidates for officers to the Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting. Gus Hughbanks has been working very diligently to find possible candidates and is encountering many of the problems that I encountered last fall. While he has identified at least one candidate for Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-President he has yet to find someone who is willing to serve as President. I would strongly encourage any of you might be interested in serving as an officer in our organization to contact either Gus or myself prior to the annual meeting.

Finally, it is time to begin planning for the 2001 annual meeting. At the annual meeting last June it was decided that the meeting should be in Southeast Nebraska. I would like to develop a program that addresses the professional development needs of our members and other natural resource professionals. I feel that such a program would be a great way to promote SWCS and potentially increase our membership. If you have any ideas or suggestions for next year's program or if you would like to help plan next year's meeting, let me know. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous summer, I hope to see you at Ft. Robinson.

Corey

Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Foundation

The Foundation announces its annual meeting to be held at 6:45 A.M. Thursday morning, June 15, 2000, at Ft. Robinson State Park; prior to the tour and program of the state meeting of the Nebraska Chapter, SWCS. The Foundation continues to award a scholarship each year. The Foundation By-Laws state that the ballot for Board of Directors is to be returned by mail to Paul Smith, nominating committee chair, prior to the annual meeting.

Norm Helzer, President

Ballot

*Soil and Water Conservation Foundation
For Board of Directors*

Vote for one.

Val Bohaty
 Ron Bauer

*mail ballot to: Paul Smith
Nominating committee chair
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