NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION SOCIETY
SWCS

Chapter Leader Handbook

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Nebraska SWCS

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CHAPTER LEADER HANDBOOK

Part 1

Leadership Introduction

Our mission is to foster the science and art of natural resource conservation.

The Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is the premier international organization for professionals who practice and advance the science and art of natural resource conservation. We believe sustainable land and water management is essential to the continued security of the earth and its people. Our goal is to cultivate an organization of informed, dynamic individuals whose contributions create a bright future for agriculture, the environment, and society.

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The Nebraska Chapter is organized for educational, scientific, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

● To advocate the conservation, protection, enhancement, and wise use of soil, water, and related natural resources;
● To develop and communicate statewide a knowledge base on the conservation, protection, enhancement, and wise use of soil, water, and related natural resources;
● To promote a stewardship ethic of soil, water, and related resources.

Nebraska By-Laws: http://nebraskaswcs.org/past-events---information.html

Chapter Website: http://nebraskaswcs.org/index.html

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SWCSnebraska/

NSWC Foundation: http://nebraskaswcs.org/nswc-foundation.html

CHAPTER GOALS:

1. Host the Chapter Meeting each year, moving location across the state.
2. CoCollaborate with Society for Range Management (SRM) and host a Technical Meeting in 2021.
3. Reach out to the members (57 past 5 years) that have not renewed membership. Obtain at least 10 members.
CHAPTER FUNCTIONS

• Annual Meeting
• Dave Langemeier Memorial Golf Tournament
• Legislative Breakfast
• Awards
• Conservation Education
• Scholarships
• Newsletter
• Professional Development
• Membership
• Assist/inform UNL Student Chapter

LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES:

Board of Directors

The Nebraska Chapter shall have a governing body known as the Board of Directors, consisting of one Board member elected by Nebraska Chapter members of each established section as described in By-laws and elected by members of that section, two At-Large Board members, elected by all members, one student member elected by all student members, and the five Nebraska Chapter officers described below. Each director and officer shall be a member in good standing of the Nebraska Chapter. Each Board member shall serve until his or her successor has been elected and has qualified. Board members shall be elected for 3-year terms, except as stated herein. The terms of office for elected Board members shall begin immediately following the Nebraska Chapter annual meeting or on September 1 if an annual meeting is not to be held. The term of the student Board member shall be for 1 year only. The student board member shall be elected annually by all student members of student chapters within Nebraska.

The principal officers of the Nebraska Chapter shall be the President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom shall be a member, sustaining member, or life member. Election to the Board is not mandatory for members to hold office. Officers shall be voting members of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall serve a one-year term that will begin immediately following the Nebraska Chapter’s annual meeting and serve until his or her successor has been elected and has qualified. Officers may succeed themselves, if so elected. See Appendix A for the current leadership.

Nebraska By-Laws: [http://nebraskaswcs.org/past-events---information.html](http://nebraskaswcs.org/past-events---information.html)
Nomination Committee: Responsible for obtaining members that are willing to serve in various open positions.

Election Committee: Responsible for managing elections when there is more than one member seeking an elected position, such as President, Vice-President or any of the board positions.

Finance Committee: Responsible for creating an annual budget, the handling of the Nebraska Chapter's funds and investments, and any other business matters of the Nebraska Chapter.

Standing or temporary committees:

Except as otherwise provided in bylaws, standing or temporary committees and issue/problem-oriented task forces may be established by the Board for any purpose within the scope of the objectives of the Nebraska Chapter. The President may establish special temporary committees for like purposes not otherwise provided. The President shall appoint the members of all committees and task forces, except as otherwise directed by these bylaws or the Board. All committees and task forces shall report on their activities as directed by the creating authority.

1. **Annual Meeting Committee**-Plan annual meeting

2. **Awards Committee**-Petition candidates for various chapter and International awards, submit nominations and inform awardees and invite individual to annual meeting to receive award

3. **Membership Committee**-Responsible for devising and carrying out promotional activities and publicity for the purpose of enlisting new members and retaining current members.

4. **Newsletter Committee**-Publish bi-annual newsletter to provide information to members about society events as well as technical topics related to soil and water conservation.

5. **Scholarship Committee** – Promote and announce scholarship program, gather applications and award scholarship winners.

6. **Website Editor**—Update website as needed; adding newsletters as published and other member information.

7. **Facebook Editor** – Publish at least one post each month relating to Soil and Water Conservation ideas.

8. **Dave Langemeier Memorial Golf Tournament** – Host a golf tournament each year.

9. **Legislative Breakfast** – Organize a breakfast with Nebraska Senators, NARD members and SWCS members.

10. **Historian** - Encourage members to send items of note about members throughout the state, to be added to electronic archives

11. **Student Chapter**
1. **Nomination Committee:** The nominations committee shall nominate and submit to the President not later than three months before the annual meeting a list of candidates whom the committee deems meets the qualifications for Board membership and who have consented to have their names appear on the ballot, including at least one candidate for each position to be filled. Refer to SWCS Chapter By-Laws Article 4; Section 4 – Nomination and Election Procedure

2. **Election Committee:** The Elections Committee chair shall receive, record, and safeguard the ballots as stipulated by Board policy. Committees and Task Forces. Refer to SWCS Chapter By-Laws Article 4; Section 4 – Nomination and Election Procedure and Section 5 – Election Committee
   - Obtain a list of the candidates from the nominating committee.
   - Obtain an updated membership list by region, utilizing email addresses, if no email then snail mail.
   - Prepare ballots for all regions with elections and distribute.
   - Receive ballots as of the deadline.
   - Tabulate results, verify, submit as per by-laws.

3. **Finance Committee:** A finance committee, including, but not limited to, the Treasurer, shall be appointed by the President to advise the Board and the officers regarding the annual budget, the handling of the Nebraska Chapter’s funds and investments, and any other business matters of the Nebraska Chapter.
1. **Annual Meeting**

The Nebraska Chapter will have an annual meeting, usually in June. The members and their guests are invited by email or phone calls. The meeting location rotates across Nebraska and a member of the Board will assist as the location occurs in his/her area. Typically, the social portion of the meeting will begin on the afternoon of Thursday and conclude Saturday morning.

It has been tradition to have a tour on day 1 and technical presentations on day 2. This decision is up to the planners and will depend on the availability of tours and speakers. The tours should be technical in nature. The tours cover the most recent emphasis in conservation. On day 1 there should be an opportunity for people to register, gather and meet up before the day 1 tour. On day 2, a banquet is held in the evening starting with a social hour to look at the Silent Auction items people donated for the event. The proceeds of the Silent Auction go to the scholarship awards.

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The Silent Auction begins at the opening of the Annual Meeting weekend. Members donate a wide variety of gifts, artwork, gift baskets, books. The final time to make a bid on an item is at the end of the happy hour that proceeds the banquet. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund. A note to members should be sent at least one month before the beginning of the Annual Meeting.

Dinner should be opened by the President. Following dinner, the Awards Chair and the President will present awards to the members. At the conclusion the Silent Auction items are announced, and members pay for the bids that they won.

The business meeting is held Saturday morning and will consist of the following:

- Officer Reports
- Secretary’s Report from past meeting
- Treasurer’s Report
- Scholarship Report – optional
- Regional Director Report – optional
- Old Business
- New Business
- Program - optional

The President shall preside over the annual meeting planned during his/her term, announce board and officer selections for the forthcoming year, and present the gavel to the newly appointed President at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

2. **Award Committee**

Present as many awards as possible each year.

It is important for a professional organization to recognize outstanding contributions in the conservation area. Awards do not have to be limited to members of a SWCS chapter. Consider professional contributions on the job, including conservation applications on the farm. Awards are a great incentive for SWCS participation, especially at annual meetings. Having a chance to attend an SWCS International Meeting to receive an award is a great way to see importance of international conservation and get pumped up to participate in local SWCS chapters.

- Keep a record of those who receive awards. See Nebraska awards descriptions in the By-Laws, Article 10, Section 1.
- Keep close contact with all members of the awards committee.
- Maintain lists of membership rolls to see who would be eligible.
- Ask members from the area of annual meetings to nominate candidates.
- Present lists of nominees to awards committee for selection by consensus.
- For international awards, pay attention to qualifications needed for each award and the maximum number your club can nominate. Match your candidates to the award.
- Notify winners for their approval, when and where the award will be given.
- Consider cost to site where award will be given. Some members can secure cost share of expenses; others cannot. Try to plan further locations for those who can. Send as many as possible award winners to locations affordable for those who will not receive cost share for travel.
• For an annual meeting, prepare the award certificates and get the local chapter president and other committee members to sign the certificates. Plan the presentation time with the local host on the agenda.

• For an international award, the committee should assist candidates with computer applications for submissions to Ankeny, but the nominee fills it out.

3. **Membership Committee**

   Responsible for devising and carrying out promotional activities and publicity for the purpose of enlisting new members and retaining current members.

   Membership lists are updated by the National office at [www.swcs.org](http://www.swcs.org). Each month the Membership Chair will receive the membership list that shows **New Members, Reinstated, Lapsed** and **Members** that will lapse this month. This is a nationwide list. The spreadsheet gives the Chair the opportunity to reach out to any category. Once a month, the Chair will review the lists provided and contact the member that has lapsed or not renewed. The Board of Directors can assist by making these contacts. A letter should be sent to the New Members (Appendix A) and those that have allowed membership to Lapse (Appendix B). Every quarter, the Chair should review the overall list from Headquarters (request the Nebraska specific list). Use this information to catch up on missing members and once again reach out by phone, email, letter and ask Board Members to assist.

   Use the overall list from Headquarters to update the Newsletter Chair. This is important to update periodically and share with the Newsletter committee. The newsletter is sent by email to most members. The list contains both emails and physical addresses.

   The Chair should work with the Facebook editor to create or update membership campaigns at least once a year. The Chair should reach out to various groups such as the Natural Resource Districts for the group membership and individuals that work for NRCS, University Extension and IANR, as well as US Forest Service. The student chapter at UNL should be updated each year.

4. **Newsletter**

   Responsible for publishing a bi-annual newsletter which serves to provide information to members on society events, accomplishments of members, scholarship information, and technical topics related to soil and water conservation. Content of the newsletter is obtained by submission of items from members. An invitation is sent via email to members asking for articles and photos for the newsletter approximately a month in advance of the publish date of the newsletter. The editor formats, proofs and finalizes the newsletters which are distributed via email to all members and posted on the Nebraska SWCS website “nebraskaswcs.org.”

5. **Scholarship**

   Responsible for soliciting student applications annually as funding allows. Potential funding is evaluated annually at the Chapter business meeting for both the UNL Foundations and the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation. Applications are received, saved/scanned, and distributed to a committee comprised of a diverse set of members.

Other duties:

• Corrrespond with student scholarship recipients and distribute funds;

• Obtain pictures, if possible;
● Notify statewide and local media of awards;
● Update application form and work with website manager.

6. **Website Committee**

The current website name “nebraskaswcs.org” is owned by the Website Committee Chair as part of their personal web host account. The Chapter reimburses the Chair for web site fees related to maintaining the website.

The basic format of the website is maintained by the Chair. Website updates are posted when events are scheduled, newsletters are created, or other chapter information becomes newly available.

The website name could be transferred to another individual’s web host account in the future as need dictates.

7. **Facebook**

● Monitor partner and other chapter’s sites for newsworthy posts (job announcements, policy items, events, etc.)
● Periodically post ‘Throwback Thursday’ items from Archives and use window clings and SWCS notebooks as prizes
● Use Facebook as a way of promoting various activities, such as scholarships, golf tourney, legislative breakfast, annual chapter meetings, etc.
● Include info in Chapter newsletter to encourage member use of Facebook page

8. **Dave Langemeier Memorial Golf Tournament**

This event is typically held in late August or early September at a public golf course in Lincoln.

Duties:
● Schedule a date with the golf course
● Solicit donations from sponsors (prizes for the golf tournament or cash donations)
● Send out registration information to members and other interested golfers
● Set up the golf tournament
● Handle registration and check in on the day of the tournament
● Coordinate scoring and award prizes after the tournament
● Send thank you notes to sponsors
● Write an article for the newsletter

9. **Legislative/Informational Breakfast**

This event has typically been held in January-February-March to coincide with the Legislative session, as well as the NARD legislative conference, which is attended by many members (NRCS and NRDs). However, it has been hard to schedule our breakfast on a day which does not compete with other “bigger name” organizations vying for senator’s attention.

Duties:
● Solicit topic ideas from chapter members and board in December
● Review the “activity calendar” of the Clerk of the Legislature. This usually has been done in person at the Capitol, but recently the Clerk’s office has provided a scan by email. A date when the least competition from other ag/natural resources activities is preferred.

● Work with members and speakers to select a date for their schedule

● Compose/send invitations to Senators, once room assignments at the Capitol have been published (Invitations are usually hand delivered by two members, however, they could be mailed)

● Work with list serve coordinator to send out meeting info

● Coordinate with volunteers to provide refreshments

● Work with Chapter secretary to provide summary for newsletter/annual report

10. **Historical/Archive**
Encourage members to send items of note about members throughout the state, to be added to electronic archives. These can include career milestones, newspaper/web articles, scholarship news, obituaries, pictures, etc.

Other duties:

● Once hard copy items are completely scanned and stored (as far as we know), work on a plan for distributing this archive to members. Options include copying complete archive to thumb drives for distribution on request, and finding a web host where this info can be categorized/grouped/displayed for member (or public) access

● Receive e-copies of items mentioned above, and store on external hard drive (up-load to web host, when available)

● Work with SWCS headquarters historian to obtain/provide Nebraska Chapter info

11. **Student Chapter Liaison**
Periodically, reach out to the Student Chapter and update the Student Chapter on events of the main Chapter.
Part 4

Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation

The Foundation was created in 1988 to provide financial and professional support for the mission of the Soil and Water Conservation Society in Nebraska. The Foundation’s purpose is to promote and support special activities in education, public information and research. The Foundation is registered with the State of Nebraska and IRS as a nonprofit corporation and accepts donations to carry out its mission. Five SWCS members are elected and serve as the Board of Directors. All SWCS members are members of the Foundation and can participate in business meetings, usually held at least annually in conjunction with the annual chapter meeting.

See Appendix E for brochure.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(w/ term expiration)

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The Nebraska SWCS Chapter President is a non-voting Member.
Part 5

Appendix

A. Current Chapter Leadership

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C. Sample letter to New Member

Welcome to Nebraska SWCS. The Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is the premier international organization for professionals who practice and advance the science and art of natural resource conservation. We believe sustainable land and water management is essential to the continued security of the earth and its people. Our goal is to cultivate an organization of informed, dynamic individuals whose contributions create a bright future for agriculture, the environment, and society.

Nebraska SWCS

Please take a minute to look at our Nebraska Chapter SWCS website and Facebook to see what we're doing. Thanks for keeping natural resource conservation as a priority in your busy life!

SWCS Membership Benefits

- Opportunities to network with and learn from professionals from many disciplines through local, regional, and international meetings.
- Interaction and education through local chapter membership in the United States and Canada.
- Subscription to the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, a multidisciplinary journal of natural resources conservation research, practice, policy, and perspectives.
- Effective representation in policy circles on environmental, agricultural, and conservation issues.

SWCS Headquarters

- www.swcs.org/join
- Call: 1-800-THE SOIL
- Mail 645 SW Ankeny Rd, Ankeny, IA 50023

If there are any questions at all, feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,

Claudia Stevenson
Membership Chair

President    Dave Bedlin    402-729-8134
Past-President    Robin Foulk    308-432-4618
Secretary    Darwin Hainricks 308-495-5000
Treasurer    Corey Brubaker 402-437-4104
Newsletter    Sarah Gray 308-632-2195 x 120
Membership    Claudia Stevensson 308-352-4776

Doug Garrison 402-643-4698 x 115
D. Sample letter to Member that has lapsed membership

Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Society
927 Central Ave.
308-352-4776 ext 105 phone
Claudia.stevenson@ne.usda.gov
http://nebraskaswcs.org/index.html

3/1/2018

Member Name
Street
City, ST zip

Dear Member Name,

Ooops… your membership has lapsed, and we would love to have you back in Nebraska SWCS. Please consider renewing your membership. I recommend using the automatic deduction from your employer. If you are retired (congratulations!) there may be a way to continue the automatic deduction, but if not, please join @ www.swcs.org/join 800-THE-SOIL. I can send you a membership form, if mailing a check is easier for you.

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Sincerely,

Claudia Stevenson
Membership Chair
E. Sample Membership Form – 2020 version

Soil and Water Conservation Society Membership Form

Instructions: Please complete, print, and return with payment to SWCS, 945 SW Ankeny Rd, Ankeny, IA 50023.

Name* ____________________________ *For Conservation Community Memberships, please provide a primary contact.

Company/Organization ____________________________

Home □ Office □ Street Address ____________________________

City ____________________________ State/Province ___________ ZIP/Postal _________

Phone ____________________________

Email ____________________________

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"...an investment in conservation and the advancement of related technologies that help Nebraska develop, promote, maintain and manage its natural resources..."
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Purpose

The Foundation was created in 1988 to provide financial and professional support for the mission of the Soil and Water Conservation Society in Nebraska. The Foundation’s purpose is to promote and support special activities in education, public information and research.

Financial Support

The Foundation encourages financial support from everyone who wants to invest in the future of our soil, water, air, plant and animal life...our natural resources.

Activities and programs supported by the Foundation include, but are not limited to...

- Youth Achievement Awards
- Public seminars on land and water quality issues
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