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President's Message

By Ken Bruene



As you can read in the articles in this newsletter, The Show-Me Chapter is busy. With our involvement in the Lacrosse conference next March and the Year 2000 Conference in July, there needs to be a continuing effort by all of us. If there is a specific area in which you would like to be of assistance with the Year 2000 Conference, be sure to contact Ross Braun, local arrangements co-chair. I'm sure many "bodies" will be needed at the conference.

In one of the newsletter items contributed by President-Elect **Bob Ball**, he mentions the fact that Headquarters is issuing an appeal for support from the various chapters for financial assistance to help upgrade the Society's computer hardware and software to, among other things, make them Y2000 compliant. (*Editors note: See this newsletter under Headlines*) This is a topic that will be on the agenda at July 23rd board meeting. If you have thoughts about this, contact any member of the board. Headquarters wants an answer by July 1, but I believe that they will accept help after that as well. Speaking of the next board meeting, if any one has other items that should be discussed, mention it to a board member or plan to attend the meeting in Columbia.

Congratulations to **Wanda and the rest of the Northeast part of the Chapter** for the successful NE Missouri Manure Management Conference. It's meetings such as this that make our Society recognized as filling a leadership position in the conservation/environmental sector as well as invigorating the Chapter. A "do nothing group" soon disappears.

Three months from now the meeting in Biloxi will be history. Do make every effort to attend. You will find it interesting and a chance to make new friends and visit old ones having the same basic interests as you do. I feel it is one of the best family-oriented conferences around. It is a great opportunity to have a bit of a vacation along with the business at hand. The fact that the meeting will be in St. Louis in 2000 makes it all the more important the Show-Me Chapter is there in force.

Enjoy the up-coming holidays-Memorial Day and the 4th of July. Do take some time to reflect on the real reason for both.

New Members: Member News

Renee Cook, Membership Chair, has been very busy since our last newsletter was published! In addition to this (wonderful) list of new members, she has sent along a copy of the Membership Proposal from SWCS National Headquarters. It appears in full inside this issue. Take time to read it - and take time to extend a warm welcome to the following:

David Ancell, Macon
Jim Boschert, Jefferson City
Kari Eck, Maryville
Shirley Peckman, Richards
Jim Plassmeyer, Jefferson City
Judy Stinson, Jefferson City

Ray Archuleta, Macon
Terri Bruner, Downing
Donna Menown, Jefferson City
Richard Pemberton, Madison
David Ritchhart, Warrensburg
Bill Wilson, Jefferson City

Allen Green Recognized for Outstanding Service. Allen Green, "Father of the Fall Forum" will receive an **SWCS Outstanding Service Award**, for his continued work on the Forum and long-term commitment to the Show-Me Chapter and SWCS. The award will be presented at the SWCS Annual Meeting and Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. Congratulations Allen!

Joe Dillard, Show-Me member, provided guest commentary for the May 1999 issue of Rural Missouri magazine. Titled "Whose Responsibility?," he discusses watershed stewardship and the mission of MoWIN (Missouri Watershed Information Network) which he directs.

Executive Council Highlights

by **Ross Braun**, Chapter Secretary

The quarterly chapter executive council meeting was held on February 26, 1999 at the NRCS state office in Columbia. Those present were:

Ken Bruene, Bob Broz, Ross Braun, Allen Voss, Wanda Eubank, Lynn Heidenreich, Bob Ball, Dave Johnson, Paula Price, and Larry Fischer.



• **Larry Fischer** gave the treasurer's report. We made a profit of \$793 from the raffle held at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference. Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) affiliate membership dues are now paid for 1999. All members should receive copies of the CFM newsletters and correspondence. The chapter has over \$8,700 in a savings account and over \$950 in the checking account. Larry will look into depositing some funds in a higher interest-bearing account, like a CD, to increase interest income.

• Chapter President, **Ken Bruene** announced that **Gary Van De Velde** will continue as chapter liaison to the Conservation Federation of Missouri with **Frank Gordon's** assistance.

• The **1999 Chapter Scholarship** was discussed. Council recommendations to the Scholarship Committee are: 1) Continue to award membership for one year and one \$500 and one \$300 scholarship. 2) The scholarship announcement should make the judging criteria clearer. 3) Publicity should be improved and should include schools, especially counselors, and the *Missouri Conservationist*, *Missouri Ruralist*, *Farm Bureau* magazine, *MFA* magazine, and the statewide *Rural Electric Cooperative* monthly newspaper. **Lynn Heidenreich** suggested that the essay topics be broader to encourage more people to enter. **Allen Voss** suggested that more students might apply if our scholarship was announced at the same time as similar scholarships. **Ken Bruene** will appoint a scholarship chair and the chair will select committee members.

• **Sarah Minor** reported that the chapter display is completed. The total cost was \$500 and she recommended that we budget an additional \$100 for repairs and updates during 1999.

• **Wanda Eubank** reported that the **NE Missouri Manure Management Workshop** is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th at the Hannibal Inn. **Ross Braun** encouraged all council members to consider holding a similar workshop in their area. The intent of the **West North Central Regional Conference** on Manure Management was to be a springboard for state and area workshops on this critical topic.

• **Wanda Eubank** thanked all the newsletter contributors. The Winter newsletter scheduled to be mailed March 5

will include the chapter web site address.

• **Bob Ball** presented an update on the **chapter web site**. The URL (address) has been changed to **http://www.cares.missouri.edu/swcs**. Bob met with **Chris Fulcher, Wanda Eubank** and **Ross Braun** to discuss web site content, inclusion of the chapter newsletter and general layout. All members should inspect the site and make comments to Chris. Council members will be listed on the web site with their phone number and email addresses. Members will not be listed on the site since it's difficult to keep the list up to date and some members do not want to be listed.

• **Ross Braun** reported on local arrangements committee efforts for the **St. Louis 2000 SWCS Annual Conference and Meeting**. All of the sub-committee chairs met on February 12th. The committee's goals are to put on the best conference ever, for the most people ever attending, and have fun doing it! Lots of current and new members from Illinois and Missouri have volunteered to help. **Bob Ball** requested that Ross prepare something to include on the chapter web page.

• **Ken Bruene** and **Bob Ball** reported on the **West North Central SWCS Regional Conference scheduled for March 28 - 30, 2000 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin**. The tentative title is "*Watershed Stewardship on Private Lands: Whose Responsibility?*" Concern was expressed about funding and attendance conflicts between the regional conference and the St. Louis 2000 national conference. Ross will express these concerns at the **West North Central Chapter Development Workshop** in March.

• **Bob Ball**, president-elect, chairs the **Fall Forum** this year. Bob distributed a list of potential themes and asked for input on themes, speakers, locations, etc. Discussion followed.

• The Long Range Plan committee – **Gary Van De Velde, Paula Price** and **Dan Silberberg** – are in the process of updating the chapter long range plan. **Lynn Heidenreich** submitted the conservation education section to the committee.

• **Wanda Eubank** gave the membership committee report for **Renee Cook**. We lost four members and gained six new members. **Ken Bruene** asked for volunteers to put together a packet. **Allen Voss** and **Bob Ball** volunteered to help put together a package or checklist of recruitment materials. **Paula Price** is the West North Central representative to the national membership committee. Paula reported that the committee is reviewing many, if not all, of the facets of membership recruitment and database maintenance.

• The council reviewed the past budget and annual work plan and developed the 1999 budget and work plan.

Membership: Proposed Dues/ Benefits Structure.

By **Renee Cook**, *Show-Me Membership Chair*

Membership is vital to the success of any association. President Pate said recently at the State of the Land Conference “We do not plan to be a Society that is a ‘guardian of the past’. We truly plan to be a Society that is:

1. respected and partners with other groups;
2. viewed as a knowledgeable source of creditable information that is: scientific, yet tempered by objective discussion of related social issues;
3. a group that people are excited to join and be active in, and
4. looked at as the voice of conservation on private lands-regardless of land use.”

Unfortunately, over the past five years, SWCS has seen a constant decrease in membership at all levels. This trend will not allow us to achieve what is outlined above. The SWCS Board of Directors is determined to increase membership income by 20 percent this year to strengthen the Society’s financial position and our credibility as an advocate for the conservation profession. The first step is to review and revise our membership categories, material benefits, and dues.

The main benefits to an SWCS membership remain:

1. opportunities to network with professionals from many disciplines through local, regional and international meetings

2. interaction and education through local chapters effective representation in policy circles on environmental, agricultural and conservation issues; and
3. helping to support the need for public support of conservation on Private Lands, including practical research.

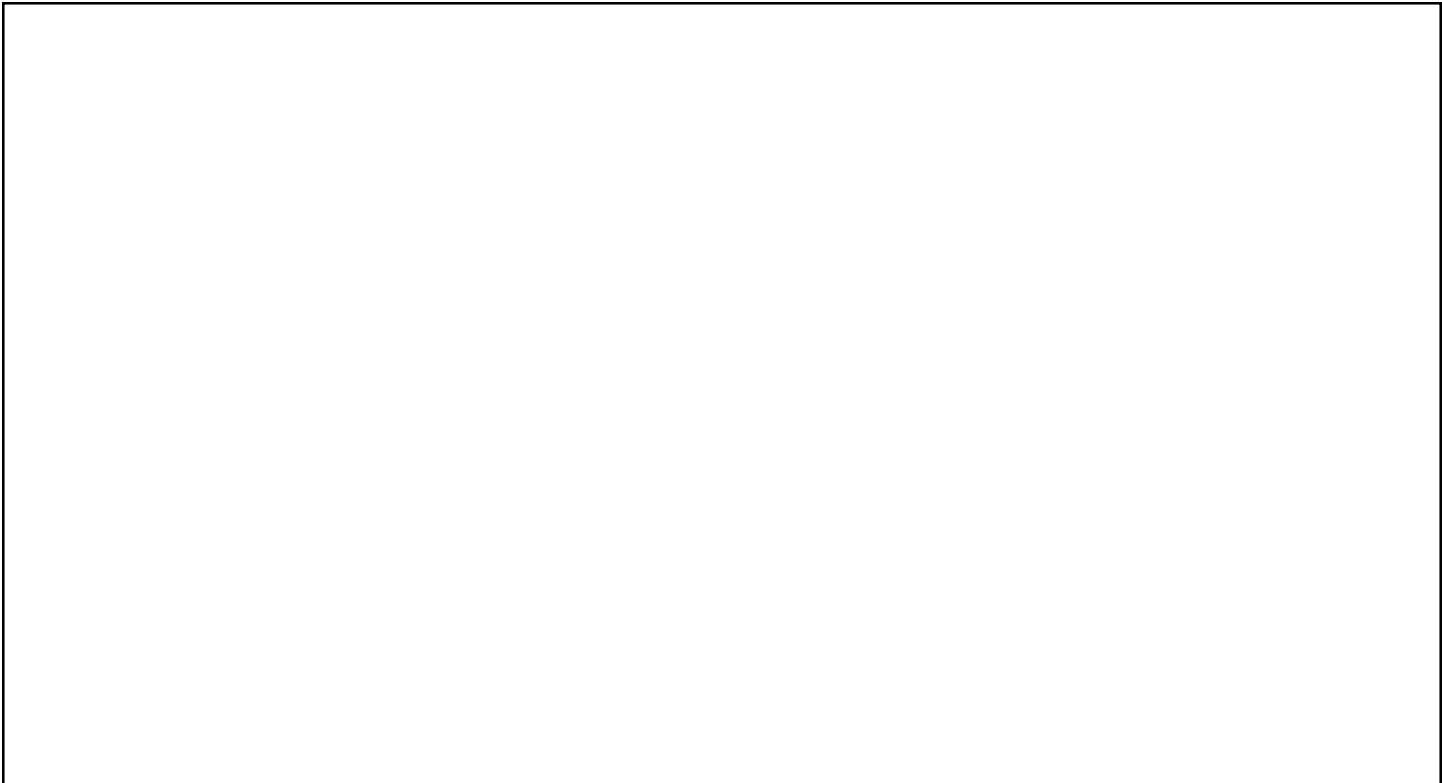
The Board is proposing to make the following major changes to current membership categories, dues, and benefits. They are looking to provide value-added services, increase the exposure of the Society, and provide recognition for members.

1. Rename current “Regular” and “Sustaining” member categories “Conservationist” and “Leader” respectively.
2. Add a new membership category called “President’s Club”.
3. Make chapter membership an automatic benefit of membership in the national organization (chapter membership is currently optional). Standardize chapter dues collected by headquarters (see chart for chapter dues rates).
4. Increase dues for Conservationist, Leader, and Life Members.
5. Scale benefits and recognition for different categories of membership to recognize higher levels of contribution by Leader and President’s Club members.

The chart below outlines the proposed dues structure and correspondence for your consideration.

If you have any thoughts or comments on this proposal, please contact me on or before Friday, May 28, 1999. Email: renee.cook@mostpeters.fsc.usda.gov

SWCS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND “MATERIAL” BENEFITS



--- **SHOW-ME CHAPTER 1999 WORK PLAN** ---

March

Executive Council & Committees meeting
(all members)

April

- Newsletter Mailed (Wanda Eubank)
- Mo. Natural Resources Conference meeting (Allan Johnston & steering committee)

May

- Newsletter Articles Due (5/21) (all members)
- Request for Award Nominations (awards chair)
- Fall Forum Committee meeting (5/7) (Bob Ball)
- IRS-990 form filed (5/15) (Larry Fischer)
- Scholarship Committee meeting (Lynn Heidenreich)

June

- Quad-Society Presidents' Council meeting (Ken Bruene, Bob Ball, Gary Van De Velde)

July

- Exec. Council & Committees meeting (7/23) (all members)
- Long Range Plan submitted to council (Silberberg, Price, Van De Velde)
- By-Laws Task Force meeting (7/1) (Policy Chair & Task Force)
- By-Laws Revisions submitted to Council (7/23) (Policy Chair & Task Force)

August

- SWCS Annual Mtg. @ Biloxi, MS (8/8-11) (all members)
- Newsletter Articles Due (8/20) (all members)
- Request Award Nominations (8/20) (Awards Chair)
- Scholarship Announcement (8/20) (Chair & Committee)
- By-Laws Revision Proposal to Members (8/20) (Policy Chair & Task Force)

September

- Newsletter Distributed (Wanda Eubank)
- Quad-Society Presidents' Council meeting (Bruene, Ball & Van De Velde)
- Fall Forum Planning Meeting (Bob Ball & Committee)

October

- Executive Council Nominations due (10/15) (all members & Elections Chair)

November

- Fall Forum (11/4) (all members)
- Exec. Council meeting @ Fall Forum (all members)
- Newsletter Articles due (11/19) (all members & Committee Chairs)
- Election Ballot to Editor (11/19) (Elections Chair)
- MNRC Raffle Tickets distributed (Raleigh Redman)
- Award Recipients selected (11/15) (Awards Chair)
- National Membership Week

December

- National Award Nominations to SWCS Ankeny (Awards Chair & President)
- Chapter Award recipients invited to MNRC (Awards Chair)
- Scholarship Entry Deadline (Scholarship Chair)
- Notify Council Nominees of Results (12/20) (President & Elections Chair)
- Annual Report to SWCS Ankeny (12/15) (President & Secretary)

January 2000

- MNRC Raffle Items secured (Raleigh Redman)
- Scholarship Recipients selected (1/2) (Chair & Committee)

February 2000

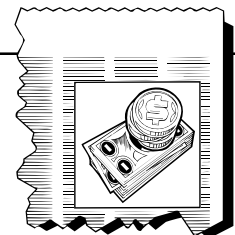
- Mo. Natural Resources Conference (2/2-4) (all members)
- Executive Council meeting (2/2)
- Chapter Business Meeting (2/3) (all members)
- Distribute Chapter Long Range Plan (2/3) (Silberberg, Price, Van De Velde)
- Quad-Society Presidents' Council meeting (Ball, Bruene, President-elect)

March 2000

- Newsletter Articles Due (3/17) (all members)

Notes from the Treasurer

by *Larry Fischer, Show-Me Chapter*



1999 CHAPTER BUDGET

Income

Chapter Dues	\$ 990
MNRC Raffle	840
Donations / Fund Raisers	830
Fall Forum	500
Savings / Interest	200
Natural Res. Camp Donations	100
Northwest Area Meeting	50
Southwest Area Meeting	50
Total Income	\$ 3,560

Expenses

Newsletter	\$ 950
Cons. Federation of Mo. Dues	270
CFM Delegate	100
Annual Meeting Delegate (Biloxi)	-0-
WNC Regional Conference	100
Scholarship	840
MNRC Raffle	50
Awards	400
Miscellaneous (stamps, phone, etc.)	150
Fall Forum	200
Natural Resources Career Camp	300
Membership Drive	100
Memorials	100
Total Expenses	\$ 3,560

Agricultural and Natural Resources Contacts in Missouri, January 1999

by Joe G. Dillard, Director of Mo-WIN
<http://outreach.missouri.edu/mowin>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: I am aware of five major projects to provide Missourians easier access to agricultural and natural resources information sources in our state. (If you know of more please let me know!) One is finished, the others are in various stages. They are:



List of Assistance Providers (LAP & 800 Directory - hard copy now, electronic later)

Edition #1 was printed (71 pages) and distributed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in November 1998. The target audience of this document is assistance providers who guide the public. It is intended as a portable, easy to update (three ring binder - holes punched) desk reference and is designed to be flexible. The last page is a feedback form for changes/additions/deletions/etc. It also has some very helpful appendices that have maps and locations of regional offices of various state and federal offices. For copies contact LAP, Technical Assistance Program, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Missouri Landowners Service Guide (hard copy and electronic)

An advanced draft of this guide has been developed by the Missouri Department of Conservation and will soon be out for review by the other collaborators - Missouri Department of Agriculture, USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA - Farm Services Agency, University of Missouri Outreach and Extension, Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Target audience is landowners looking for assistance on how to best manage their soils, crop lands, prairie/glades/savannas, grass land and forage, livestock, forest/trees/shrubs, wildlife, fish, endangered species, ponds & lakes, streams & rivers, wetlands, water quality, air quality, energy conservation, water recycling, recreation & history, and (believe it or not) other. It is intended to be a complete listing of all technical and financial assistance available to landowners in the state. Steve Hopper, President of the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, is the main motivator behind this project. Recently he approached the Missouri Watershed Information Network (MoWIN) about becoming involved in this project. The current proposal is that MoWIN will work with MDA, MDC, FSA, NRCS, MDNR, UOE and MASWCD to produce, maintain, and update an electronic version of this listing.

Missouri Agricultural and Natural Resources Conservation Directory (electronic)

This is a MoWIN project. The target audience is anyone looking for an entity (be it state, federal, NGO, or private) that deals with and/or provides the following: Education, Enforcement of Regulations, Research, Technical Assistance, Financial Assistance, Information, Monitoring, Advocacy, or a combination of the preceding in the natural resources or agricultural fields. Currently, no such directory exists. This is intended to be a complete listing of all entities that are involved in the agricultural and conservation of natural resources fields in Missouri. It will be a web-based, searchable database.

Implementation Assistance - Missouri's Nonpoint Source State Management Plan (hard copy soon, electronic later) The "Implementation Assistance" chapter of this plan drafted by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has similar information to the LAP document, but much more extensive verbiage about the authorizations, roles, and mandates of the various state and federal agencies and their sub-units in regards to agricultural and natural resources management in our state. The implementation assistance section of the NPSMP refers readers to an appendix with addresses and phone numbers for each agency discussed in that section.

County Contact List (electronic)

This electronic listing of "County Contacts" in the Agricultural and Natural Resources fields is an ongoing MoWIN project. The intended audience is anyone who wants to contact someone in the agricultural or natural resources fields. Thus, when you click on your county of choice or interest, you will have an address and phone number for each of the 19 entities listed and a brief explanation of the services they provide.

At first glance these lists appear duplicative (and to some extent they are), but collectively they provide all the information available in the best-possible formats. To capture it all in one form or format would be a formidable undertaking. My personal bias is that once all these projects are finished, we, in Missouri, will be in an enviable position of doing the best we can to aid our citizens in making the best-possible informed decisions about natural resources stewardship.

I believe that we should be proud of our efforts to inform the Missourians with what we have to offer in the three sustainable areas of natural resources (air, water, and soil) upon which we are so dependent for our health, economy, recreation, and well-being.

HEADLINES

News About People, Places and Things



The Northeast Missouri Manure Management Conference was held in Hannibal, Missouri on March 24, 1999. This spin off from the WNC SWCS Ames conference attracted 102 persons for a day of speakers and exhibits. **Show-Me members assisting with the event were: Ray Archuleta, Bob Ball, Ken Berry, Wanda Eubank, Jay Lingwall and Dave Rastorfer. Lynn Kilpatrick and Renee Cook appeared on the program.** Program folders are available from Wanda.

Letters to Congressmen

Letters were sent from **Craig Cox**, SWCS Executive Vice-President, to the U.S. Senate and House appropriations committee chairmen expressing his concern over the Administration's FY 2000 proposed budget for conservation programs within USDA. In addition, Show-Me Chapter President **Ken Bruene**, sent similar letters to each U.S. Representative and our Missouri Senators asking for their support for a stronger conservation program.

Fall Forum

"Challenges & Opportunities in Implementing the Animal Feeding Operation Strategy" is the tentative wording for the Show-Me Chapter Fall Forum to be held Thursday, November 4, 1999, between 9:30 a.m. and noon at the Runge Nature Center Auditorium. The target audience is livestock producers, livestock interest groups, environmental groups, state and federal agency personnel, livestock specialists from private and public sectors, and members of the general public who may have concerns about concentrated livestock operations.

West North Central (WNC) SWCS Leadership Training Session

Ross Braun and **Bob Ball** represented the Show-Me Chapter at the West North Central Leadership Training Conference held March 10-11, 1999, in Madison, Wisconsin. From two to five chapter leaders represented each of the WNC states: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

The purpose of this annual session was to: update chapter members on Society activities, help chapter leaders better assist the chapter and chapter members, and for chapter leaders to supply suggestions to SWCS Board Members and staff.

Charles Whitmore, NRCS Regional Conservationist, opened the session by noting that private lands need to become a national priority and that SWCS has a role in building that support through public awareness and educational opportunities. This emphasis could one day be reflected positively in the form of financial support from Congress.

Craig Cox, SWCS Executive Vice-President, discussed several issues and concerns with the group including: recent upgrading of the Society hardware and software to become Y2K compliant; various options to updating Society dues categories and amounts; trends in membership; and a new "millenium campaign" being conducted to gather financial support to upgrade the proprietary software currently being used to record and track membership.

The next leadership session will be held in LaCrosse, Wisconsin March 30-31, 2000.

Quad Society Meeting

A meeting of the Presidents and Presidents Elect representing the Quad Society's (Missouri Chapter, American Fisheries Society; Missouri Society of American Foresters; Missouri Chapter, The Wildlife Society; and Show-Me Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society) will be held Wednesday, June 9th at the Runge Nature Center, Jefferson City.

WNC Regional Conference.

"The Watershed Approach to Improving Water Quality: Fact or Fantasy?" is the theme for a two-day conference to be held March 28-30, 2000, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin to explore the status of watershed stewardship in the WNC region. For more information and to monitor progress regarding the conference, check the following website developed and maintained by **Chris Fulcher** for the conference:

<http://www.cares.missouri.edu/watershed/>

Preceding items contributed by President-Elect, Bob Ball. Thanks Bob!

Allan Johnston Reports the Latest from the MNRC 2000 Steering Committee

The first planning meeting for the MNRC 2000 was held at the MDC Headquarters Building in Jefferson City, Missouri on April 30, 1999. Program dates for next year's conference will be February 2-4, 2000. Since this will be the Millennium year, the planning committee felt the appropriate theme for the conference should reflect the past, present and future natural-resource conservation efforts that either have been—or will be—implemented in Missouri. The theme for MNRC 2000 will be *"Conservation – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"*.

A request was made for historic pictures and information regarding past Missouri conservation efforts. If you have any information of this nature, please call **Justine Gartner**, Program Committee Chair, at 417/895-6910.

The next planning meeting for the 2000 conference will be August 16, 1999; time and location of the meeting will be announced at a later date. Allan concludes his report "I encourage any 2001 conference program committee chairs to attend the planning meetings leading up to the next conference. Additional information on MNRC 2000 will be provided when it becomes available."



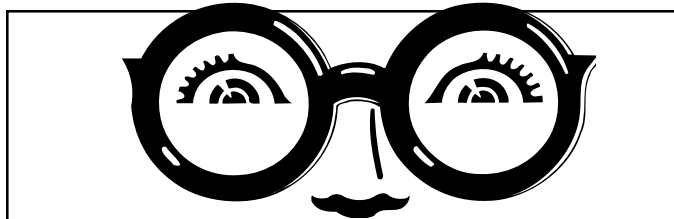
Ross Braun says "Congratulations Everyone. We just got word that the Show-Me Chapter has been selected to receive 3 awards for 1998!"

The SWCS Board of Directors chose the Show-Me Chapter to receive the *1998 West North Central Region Outstanding Chapter Award, Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award* for the annual Fall Forum, and a *Sustained Performance Award*.

The dedication of so many members, involvement of newer members and high-quality professional development activities are the main reasons that the Show-Me Chapter was selected for these awards. "Congratulations to all chapter members! It is your involvement, hard work and leadership that make our Chapter and SWCS great organizations."

The awards will be presented at the Biloxi, Mississippi, Annual Meeting & Conference on Saturday, August 7, 1999 during the International Advisory Council ("delegates' meeting") from 3 to 6 p.m. The Advisory Council meeting will be held immediately after the Chapter Development Workshop (7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, August 7th).

Ross says "I strongly encourage all of you to enroll in the Chapter Development Workshop at the Biloxi Annual Meeting. The workshop is a good place to exchange ideas with other chapters, expand professional development, and learn more about SWCS. Five Show-Me Chapter members participated in the workshop last year."



WHOOPS!

It appears that the aging eyes of your newsletter editor failed to catch an erroneous area code! Please correct the front page of the last issue of the newsletter to read as follows:

Kenneth Bruene, FAX: 913/551-7765

St. Louis 2000 Update

Contributed by **Ross Braun**

As you know, the Missouri and Illinois Chapters are collaborating to put on the best-ever SWCS Annual Meeting & Conference. **The conference will be July 8-13, 2000 at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis.** The Local Arrangements Committee (our two chapters) will host conservation tours, the hospitality booth, family night, transportation, activities for spouses, teens, youth, and a nursery.



Sarah Fast chairs the National Program Committee. The theme of the conference is "*Gateway to the Future: Conserving of Private Land.*"

The finance committee, chaired by **Gary Van De Velde**, met on April 30th to determine how much money is needed and to activate a strategy to secure enough funds. We expect a big profit but significant funds and other donations are essential to success.

More volunteers are needed! It works best when members decide the type of job they'd like to do and then contact the appropriate committee chair. Also, don't be surprised if someone calls to ask you if you help stock buses with cool drinks or work 4 hours at the registration desk.

St. Louis 2000 Committee Chairs

Conservation Tours: Duane Friend (217) 782-6515

Facilities: Debbie Bruns (573) 751-4932

Family Night: Kim St. John (309) 364-3979

Finance: Gary Van De Velde (573) 893-5188 ext.3

Hospitality: Marvin Brown (217) 241-6645

Local Contacts: Barry Hamilton (314) 830-3790

Nursery: Renee Cook (314) 992-2833 ext. 3

Publicity: Sarah Minor (573) 876-9360

Registration: Dan Silberberg (417) 532-7222 ext. 3

Spouse Activities: Steve Wilson (660) 885-5052

Student Activities: Tony Dohmen (573) 751-1398

Teen Activities: David Rahe (314) 830-3790

Transportation: Ed Weilbacher (618) 566-4451

Youth Activities: Martha Sheppard (217) 285-4114

Youth Activities: Jay Lingwall (573) 769-3512 ext. 3

Local Arrangements Committee Co-chairs:

Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant (217)-968-5512

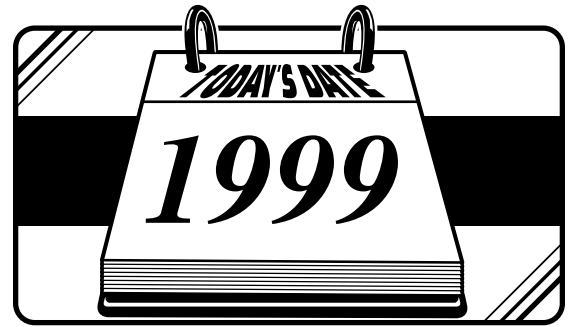
Ross Braun (573) 876-9426

Calendar of Events

Throughout 1999

Nationwide

Soil Survey Centennial. SWCS and its chapters are celebrating the National Cooperative Soil Survey (NCSS) Program's 100th anniversary including the opening of a new permanent exhibit "*Life Underground-Foundations of the Biosphere*" at the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History.



June 9, 1999 • Jefferson City

Runge Nature Center

Quad Society Meeting. Missouri Presidents and Presidents Elect of the American Fisheries Society, Society of American Foresters, The Wildlife Society and the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

June 11 - 13, 1999 • Columbia

University of Missouri

1999 Rivers & Streams Conference. Information on Stream Teams, monitoring programs, water issues, advocacy and law and designing a Web Page. Contact Sharon Clifford at 573/751-7298.

August 7 - 11, 1999 • Biloxi, MS

Bayview Hotel Grand Casino and Convention Center

1999 SWCS Annual Meeting. Theme: *Walk on the Wild Side*. Contact Ross Braun, 573/876-9426. Email: ross.braun@mo.usda.gov

November 4, 1999 • Jefferson City

Runge Nature Center

Show-Me Chapter Annual Fall Forum. Tentative topic: "*Challenges & Opportunities in Implementing the Animal Feeding Operation Strategy*". See inside this newsletter for other planning committee details.

Y2K and Beyond

February 2 - 4 • MNRC 2000, Tan-Tar-A Conference Center, Lake of the Ozarks. Contact Allan Johnston 573/243-1467 or email: allan.johnston@mo.usda.gov

March 28 - 30 • WNC Watershed Conference, Lacrosse, WI. *The Watershed Approach to Improving Water Quality: Fact or Fiction?* Contact Bob Ball at 573/876-0900. Email: bob.ball@mo.usda.gov

March 30 - 31 • WNC SWCS Leadership Conference, Lacrosse, WI. Contact Ken Bruene at 913/51-7142. Email: bruene.ken@epamail.epa.gov

July 8 - 13 • 2000 SWCS Annual Meeting, Regal Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Theme: *Gateway to the Future: Conserving Private Land*. Contact Ross Braun also see article in this newsletter.

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