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President's Message



by Gary Baclesse, Show-Me Chapter President

The chapter was well represented by several members at the 2001 National SWCS Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. You will see some pictures of members and a listing of the members who attended in this edition. The ocean, beaches, and the weather were beautiful for the families who went to the conference. The sessions were well attended and a lot of information was provided to the participants. My wife enjoyed the ocean, beach, and weather for me.

The issue for the society is membership. Members provide the funding needed to allow the Society to grow and to provide the conservation materials and publications we need. Craig Cox informed the delegates that even with the advocacy work being done on the farm bill to support the technical assistance and conservation programs; total membership dropped 400 since January 1. Craig was concerned with the amount of time the farm bill work was taking and was asking the delegates for input. The delegates were appreciative of the work the society was doing.

What can be done to retain those members who are retiring and what needs to be done to get new members? Craig mentioned that the Society will be combining the best of Conservation Voices and the Journal into one publication and doing other cost-saving measures as a result of the continued loss in membership. He was excited about the regional team concept to work on the issues.

I was proud to accept the Outstanding Chapter Award during the delegates meeting. I really accepted the award for the work that the chapter did in 2000 under the leadership of Bob Ball and his officers and council members plus other committee chairs who took on a lot of work. So many of the members contributed time and effort to the 2000 national conference and the natural resources conference in addition to the work that was done on the fall forum and the work that the executive council does all year. I feel this award reflects what the chapter accomplished.

On the lighter side... While in South Carolina, my wife Marsha and I learned some of the language and sayings. Being so close to the ocean, it seemed every time I went to the room my wife was gawn. I knew my wife was enjoying her self because when she did come to the room, she was grinnin' like a baked possum. My wife and I did get to eat supper in some good restrunts while we were at the conference. When we were finished eating, we were as full as a tick. My wife stayed as busy as a bumblebee in a bucket of tar and was as happy as a full hog in a mudhole. The beaches were purdy and we both were steppin' high like a rooster in deep mud. That's all folks.

"Whose River Is It?"

Concerns and Issues on the Proposed Flow Regime of the Missouri River"

October 17, 2001

MDC Runge Conservation Nature Center • Jefferson City

Registration: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM • Program: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lunch on Your Own: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM • Program: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM



Photo credit: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

The Missouri River is 2,341 miles long and drains one-sixth of the United States. It is home to about 10 million people in 10 states and 28 Native American tribes. In the past 60 years, one-third of the river has been channelized and another third impounded.

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New Members: Member News



By Curtis Gooch, Membership Chair

Welcome

Please Welcome the following new members to the Show Me Chapter:

Sarah Szachnieski - NRCS - Warrenton

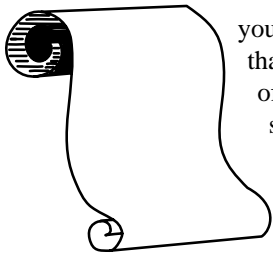
John Knudsen - DNR - Herman

Jodi Moulder - MDC - Camdenton

Membership Update and Challenge

Currently our Chapter has fallen behind in membership by 6 members from this time last year. I realize that this is a busy time of year and the topic of our Society is not on the top of our daily TO DO list. But if all of us would make an effort to discuss our Society with other co-workers, customers and other agency personnel that share the same conservation interest, we can continue to grow.

I would challenge each member of the Show Me Chapter, to simply discuss and ask at least 2 new people to join our Chapter and Society this month. If we all make an effort to do this and with a 500 batting average we could greatly increase our membership and make us a stronger Chapter.



For those of you that may have let your membership laps or forgot to send in that renewal notice laying in that stack of other mail, I encourage you to reconsider and send in your renewal today.

Let's put the Chapter Challenge on our TO DO List today and let's watch our membership GROW!!

As always please contact me anytime for membership applications or automatic payroll deduction forms.

Scholarship Endowment - Temporary Committee

A temporary committee is being formed by President Gary Baclesse to develop a strategy to identify prospective donors to the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship endowment and to initiate personal and written contacts. Chapter members who are either willing to serve on this committee or who have suggestions about potential donors are urged to contact either Gary (573) 751-5677 or Bob Ball (573) 876-0900.

Member News

On June 26, 2001, **Michael Morris** and his wife had a new addition to their family, a baby boy. His name is Tyler Michael and weighed 7 lb. and 9 oz. and measuring in at 19 inches long. Mike said he has already received several comments that Tyler is already taller than he is. Congratulations to the Morris Family!!!

As you may have noticed on the front page, we have a new Central Area Councilperson, **Sandy Rikoon**. Sandy will be replacing Jay Truitt as Jay resigned to move to Washington D.C. Please welcome Sandy to the Executive Council!

In Memory

Dr. David Lesczynski, professor of agriculture at Truman State University, passed away suddenly on August 4, 2001 at the age of 55. He was an active member of the Soil & Water Conservation, supporting numerous events and running for chapter office. David regularly sponsored and brought students to the annual Mo. Natural Resources Conference. He was a valuable mentor and provided guidance to develop many young men and women into professional conservationists. His conservation friends will miss him.

David and his wife, Bettie, have three children: Erin, 21; Kevin 18; and Megan, 16. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Catholic Newman Center in Kirksville, Missouri or to his children's education fund. (Bettie Lesczynski, 602 College Park Drive, Kirksville, MO 63501.)

David served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971 with a tour in Vietnam. He received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and his Master's and PhD in soil physics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Lesczynski has been an agriculture professor at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. for the past 18 years.

A Call To Service

by Michael W. Morris, Nominations Committee Chair

Each year the Show Me Chapter of the SWCS seek out members who are willing to serve on the Executive Council as Area Council Representatives and Chapter Officers. As Chairman of the Nominations Committee, I am responsible for collecting the names of these members and with the help of Ross Braun, setting up a ballot that goes out in the November news letter for each member to cast their vote for the person of their choice. I have asked the F.Y. 2001 Area Directors, Officers, and Representatives to help in finding members who are willing to run and serve on one of these leadership positions. With their help, I am confident that members will be found who will be willing to serve the Show Me Chapter for F.Y.2002. However, I would like to take this opportunity to invite our membership directly to consider volunteering to run for one of these leadership positions in 2002.

In 1999, I was asked to run for the Southwest Area Councilperson position for F.Y.2000. I was told this was an excellent way to learn about all the activities and 'workings' of the Society. I was fortunate enough to be elected to this position which then automatically makes me an Area Director the following year. I am grateful for this opportunity, as it has truly been a learning experience. I now have a far greater understanding and appreciation for the SWCS and the local Show Me Chapter that we belong to. As I was encouraged in 1999, I now encourage you to consider running for a Council position. Both you and the Chapter will benefit from the time you spend in one of these positions.

If this 'call to service' has motivated you as I hope it has, please contact your Area Council Person or Director ASAP to discuss these opportunities more, or you may contact me as I would be happy to discuss these opportunities with you. My home phone number is (573) 796-3611. My workday number is (660) 826-3339 Ext. 3.

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes submitted by **Ron Redden**, 2001 Chapter Secretary



June 15, 2001 • Columbia, Missouri

Present: **Bob Ball, Diane Bradley, Pam Cornelius, Joe Dillard, Chris Fulcher, Bob Hagedorn, Andrea King, Craig King, Lynn Leimkuehler, Mike Morris, and Ron Redden.**

✍ **Diane Bradley**, President Elect, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

✍ **Ron Redden** presented the minutes from the March 30, 2001 Executive Council meeting. Lynn Leimkuehler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mike Morris and so approved.

✍ **Joe Dillard** presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Mike Morris to approve the report, seconded by Craig King and so approved.

✍ **Diane Bradley** reported that much research had gone into finding information regarding the selection of a chapter display and that the selection had been narrowed to two choices. Prices were received within the amount budgeted for this year. After discussion, Bob Hagedorn made a motion to purchase the nomadic pop-up display, Lynn Leimkuehler seconded the motion and it was so approved. Diane will order the display. A committee of Diane, Bob Ball, and Sarah Minor will make proposals for the graphics to be displayed and bring the proposal back to the council. Diane indicated she was open to suggestions from chapter members as to what should be displayed.

✍ **Andrea King** discussed the use and cost savings of electronic mail for distribution of the chapter newsletter. The council recognized that because not all members have access to email, we will never be able to utilize 100% electronic mailing. In addition, hard copies are needed for handouts at chapter activities and for attachments to the chapter's annual report. Bob Ball made a motion to go to electronic mail for those with email addresses and send hard copies to those that do not. The motion was seconded by Lynn Leimkuehler and so approved.

✍ **Bob Ball** led a discussion regarding the chapter's website. Currently, Chris Fulcher and Bob are maintaining the site. Because of time constraints, Chris is no longer able to provide the free service to the chapter that we have received in the past. Several alternatives were reviewed. One alternative included a proposal from the private sector to host, update, and provide ongoing maintenance to our site. Chris indicated that CARES could host and maintain our site at a cost of \$42/hour (later corrected to \$45/hour). Chris indicated that CARES could also provide us with mass email service. Bob Hagedorn made a motion to continue to utilize the services of CARES. The motion was seconded by Pam Cornelius and so approved.

✍ **Bob Ball** briefed the council on the efforts that had taken thus far regarding the establishment of the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. It is the intent that this endowment fund will be established in the name of Betty Broemmelsiek to award student scholarships annually to deserving students. This endowment will continue in perpetuity and funds will be invested conservatively for long-term growth. An endowment fund has been targeted in the amount of \$40,000 and capable of generating sufficient income to support two (2) \$1,000 scholarships annually. Mike Morris made a motion to authorize the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial

Scholarship Endowment Fund. The motion was seconded by Pam Cornelius and so approved.

✍ The council next reviewed the operational guidelines for the endowment fund. A motion was made by Lynn Leimkuehler to approve the guidelines as presented by Bob Ball. Craig King seconded by motion and it was so approved.

✍ **Bob Hagedorn** made a motion to provide \$2,000 for initial costs to establish the endowment funds with the fund to reimburse the chapter as soon as monies are available. Monies provided to the fund are to be used to print 1,500 brochures at an estimated cost of \$900 and \$1,100 for other necessary expenses incurred to establish the fund. The motion was seconded by Joe Dillard and so approved.

✍ The council discussed the procedure used in the past for selection of the chapter delegate to the SWCS National Conference and who is responsible for making the selection. No action was taken.

✍ **Bob Ball** made a motion that the chapter president names a temporary committee to complete development of chapter officer job descriptions. When developed, the job descriptions should be brought to the council for approval and then posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Joe Dillard and so approved. Diane Bradley indicated that she was willing to serve on the committee and Joe indicated that he would send Diane a copy of the job descriptions currently adopted by the Fisheries Society.

✍ As a follow-up to earlier action taken by the council, **Craig King** made a motion to revise our budget to allow for the \$2,000 expenditure to establish initial costs for the endowment fund. The motion was seconded by Mike Morris and so approved.

✍ Adjustments were made to the Plan of Work. The Fall Forum date was recognized as being October 17, 2001 and Lynn King Heidenreich's name was removed at her request as Chair of the Scholarship Committee and replaced with Ross Braun. Pam Cornelius made a motion to approve these revisions. The motion was seconded by Lynn Leimkuehler and so approved.

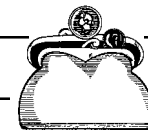
✍ In other chapter business, it was noted that the chapter by-laws will be brought before the council at the October meeting for review.

✍ It was mentioned that **Raleigh Redman** was to be reimbursed \$30 for expensed incurred in association with the walnut boxes and that names should be submitted to Mike Morris as chair of the Nominations Committee for election of next year's officers.

✍ **Diane Bradley** recognized that **Allen Green** had been named State Conservationist for the State of Colorado and would be leaving at the end of the month. She recognized Allen for all he had done in the last 12 years as a Show-Me Chapter SWCS member. Mike Morris made a motion to have a plaque made and presented to Allen on the behalf of the chapter. The motion was seconded by Pam Cornelius and so approved. It was planned that the plaque will be presented to Allen on June 27.

✍ The next council meeting will be held on August 29, 2001 in Jefferson City. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Notes from the Treasurer



Joe Dillard, Treasurer

April 1, 2001 - June 15, 2001

Ending Total Assets, June 15	\$19,092.56
Beginning Total Assets, April 1	<u>\$19,089.84</u>
Net Change in Assets for the Period	\$ 2.72

Asset Distribution

Savings Certificate	\$ 1,635.81
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Bank Balances - (4 accounts)	\$17,456.75
Union Planters	
Savings (4.07% interest)	15,722.43
Checking (no interest)	46.68
Conservation Employees Credit Union (CECU)*	
Savings (4.180% APY Interest)	1,687.63
Checking (3.040% APY Interest)	0.01

Total Income for Period.	\$ 297.60
Bank Account Interest (March - not reported last period)	43.47
Bank Account Interest (April)	42.08
Bank Account Interest (May)	51.78
Accrued Interest on CD 54955 (Matured April 7, 2001)	36.81
Accrued Interest on CD 55781 (Matured May 11, 2001)	67.99
Accrued Interest on CD 55073 (Matured June 2, 2001)	55.45
Money to open CECU Accounts02*
Total Expenses for Period.	\$ 294.88
Print Newsletter	294.88

* Two CECU Accounts were opened on May 22, 2001 (1 cent was donated to open a checking account and 1 cent was donated to open a savings account).

Mid-America Grassland Evaluation Contest

The second annual Mid-America Grassland Evaluation Contest was held in Cape Girardeau, MO on June 11 - 13, 2001. This contest began in Missouri as the Grassland Evaluation Contest in 1981, where District Contests were held for the FFA students. In 1995, it was expanded to include a State Contest where the top teams from each of the District Contests met at a central location and tested their knowledge face to face. In 2000, the first Mid-America Contest was held inviting other states and expanded to include 4-H teams.

The Missouri Forage and Grassland Council became the sponsor of the National Level Contest and chose the name Mid-America Grassland Evaluation Contest. In 2001, the contest included teams from Arkansas, Ohio, Missouri and West Virginia, with a total of 13 teams. Teams from Louisiana registered, but were unable to attend due to the flooding in their state. There were 7 FFA teams and 6 4-H teams, and they competed head to head.

The contest at all levels consists of 4 sections which students rotated through at 25-minute intervals. The sections are Grassland Condition, Soil Interpretation, Wildlife Habitat and Plant Identification.

Awards were presented to the top three 4-H teams, top three



FFA teams and the overall high scoring team. Individual awards were presented to the top high scoring individuals in both FFA and 4-H as well as the overall high scoring individual. Listed below are the award winners.

4-H Team Awards:

- 1st Place Garland County 4-H, Arkansas
- 2nd Place Van Buren County 4-H, Arkansas
- 3rd Place Franklin County 4-H, Arkansas

FFA Team Awards:

- 1st Place Fulton FFA, Missouri
- 2nd Place Columbia FFA, Missouri
- 3rd Place Worth County FFA, Missouri

Overall High Scoring Team: Fulton FFA, Missouri

High Scoring 4-H Individual:

Evan Watson, Van Buren County 4-H, Arkansas

High Scoring FFA Individual:

Garrett Portra, Fulton FFA, Missouri

Overall High Scoring Individual:

Garrett Portra, Fulton FFA, Missouri

Fred Martz, President of the Missouri Forage and Grasslands Council, presented the High Scoring Team and Individual Awards.

Mark Kennedy, Committee Member, served as emcee for the evening and congratulated the winners. He also wished everyone luck in returning to the 2002 Mid-America Grassland Contest scheduled for June 10-12, 2002.

New National Award

The Scholl Excellence in Conservation Award recognizes and provides a cash award to individuals who creatively and effectively provide technical assistance in conservation planning and plan application. The award may be given to Society members and nonmembers. Up to three awards will be presented annually with cash awards ranging from \$800 to \$1,200 depending on annual income from the Scholl fund.

Criteria for the award include results of assistance (before conditions versus after results); changes and improvements in soil, water, land use, wildlife habitat quality, aesthetic values, and community economics; length of conservation work; com-

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Announcements



Missouri to Host 2005 Canon Envirothon

The Missouri Envirothon Executive Committee is proud to announce that Missouri will be the site of the eighteenth annual Canon Envirothon in the summer of 2005. This will be the first time that Missouri will host this event. The site is located at Springfield on the Southwest Missouri State University campus.

The Canon Envirothon is North America's largest and fastest growing environmental competition. Teams of high school students from across Canada and the United States test their knowledge of wildlife, forestry, aquatics, soils and a current conservation issue that changes each year. Teams compete by applying their knowledge and problem-solving skills in these areas. The best teams advance through regional, state and provincial competitions to the Canon Envirothon championship, which each year is held in a different state or province.

The learning experience and competition takes place in a variety of outdoor and indoor settings. Students are engaged in hands-on activities, which range from using scientific equipment, studying and analyzing soil and forest samples, to measuring tree heights. The program focuses on developing teamwork, cooperation and problem-solving skills.

Norborne High School from Norborne, MO competed in this year's Canon Envirothon that was held in Raymond, Miss. They placed 25th out of 49 teams.

Judy Stinson from the department's Soil and Water Conservation Program and co-chair of the Missouri Envirothon, was elected to the Canon Envirothon Executive Committee as the US Member at Large at the annual summer meeting.

The Missouri Envirothon is sponsored by the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Conservation, Conservation Federation in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the University of Missouri Extension.

If you would like more information about the Missouri Envirothon, call Peggy Lemons at 573-893-5188, ext. 3 or Judy Stinson at 573-751-4932.

Updated Website

Check out the updated Show-Me Chapter Website located at <http://swcs.missouri.edu>. Just click on the address or navigate to the site to find out about Events, Newsletters, Scholarships, History, Membership and other exciting information about the chapter.

Now posted on the website includes information on the Missouri Natural Resources Conference and Missouri Show-Me Chapter Fall Forum. Also included on the site is information on "Seeking Common Ground For Conservation", a proposal by the National Soil and Water Conservation Society to provide guidance and support on conservation issues for the next Farm Bill. The Society has been working hard to provide input on the next Farm Bill, check out our website for more information.

Get in the habitat of checking the website for updated information. See what the Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Show-Me Chapter are doing for you!

Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Endowment



The Missouri Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is proud to announce a campaign to endow the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship in soil and water conservation and related natural resources. It is fitting that this scholarship be created to honor Betty's commitment and service to youth education and her tireless promotion of Missouri's Soils, Water, and State Parks Sales Tax.

The endowment will enable the Missouri Show-Me Chapter, SWCS, to provide financial assistance for students planning to pursue studies with a natural resource conservation orientation. Through the careers of these students, Betty's legacy will endure in Missouri and elsewhere for generations to come.

The Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established June 2001 in accordance with "Operational Guidelines" approved by the Executive Council. Gifts are designated in honor of Betty Broemmelsiek, an advocate for soil, water and state parks and especially for conservation education in the State of Missouri.

All gifts will be invested and managed by designated fiscal agents for the Endowment under the Guidelines adopted by the Executive Council with the right to invest and reinvest as occasion dictates. Interest accruing on the principal will provide financial assistance to high school senior or undergraduate college students selected on a competitive basis planning to pursue studies with a natural resource conservation orientation.

The Endowment will continue in perpetuity to benefit students in accordance with criteria established by the Scholarship Committee of the Chapter. The funds will be invested conservatively for long-term growth to provide current and future income with a goal of awarding at least two \$1000 scholarships to worthy students annually. All donated funds will be used solely in support of this endowment. Tax deductible contributions may include:

- * Gifts of cash
- * Gifts of securities
- * Corporate matching gifts
- * Planned gifts
- * Testamentary gifts
- * Life insurance
- * Real estate

The targeted funding level for the endowment is \$40,000 with a minimum of \$10,000 invested before making distributions.

To learn more about the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship and opportunities for giving, please ask for a representative of the Missouri Show-Me Chapter, SWCS at (573) 876-0900 or view the Chapter's website at: <http://swcs.missouri.edu>. A brochure, gift card and return envelope will be mailed to prospective donors.

2001 Annual Conference



Views from a Missouri Attendee

by Pam Cornelius, Southwest Councilperson

If there was one word to describe my trip to the 2001 SWCS Conference in South Carolina, it would probably be...whew! My husband, son and I traveled by car to the conference and once we got there I think we were in constant motion. I was there doing an oral presentation on our 319 project, and my husband Dale did a poster presentation on revegetation of prairie stream corridors.

We arrived at Myrtle Beach on Sunday, Aug. 5th and were able to check into our room at the lodge before noon! (I don't believe that happened too often at our conference in Missouri last year.) The Kingston Plantation where they had the conference was well equipped and large enough to handle the numbers that attended. It was right on the beach, and the rooms and villas were spacious and very clean. Family members had access to the health club located there, or they could just hang out at the beach.

It was a good thing we were able to get into our room early, as my husband needed to get some supplies to hang a "root-box" right under his poster. (It was a Plexiglass box of prairie cordgrass roots showing how dense they are.) The South Carolina members directed on how to get to a Wal-Mart nearby, so soon we had the wire and hardware we required. We got his presentation put up, then got acquainted with the layout and looked over the room I would be presenting in the next day. We attended the welcome reception put on that evening and visited with SWCS members from many different states. The food was very good that evening, and yes, they had some of the southern favorites such as grits, BBQ pork, and black-eyed peas. I must say, however, that the boiled peanuts must be an acquired taste!

Later, I had time to look at all the other poster presentations, attend the silent auction, and see the exhibit on Hugh Hammond Bennett. One of our own SWCS members, Dennis Shirk had a great poster presentation on spring development for livestock water too. At the last minute, our teenager decided that he might want to go to on the aquarium trip coming up the next day! We were told that it was sold out, but to check early in the morning for cancellations. We gratefully headed back to the room for a much-needed rest.

Early on Monday morning, I rushed over to the staging area for tours to leave, and was able to get our son's ticket and got him on the bus. This was a real trick, because as you know teenagers do not like to get up very early on summer mornings. Dale and I were then able to attend the morning welcome session which included a very interesting slide presentation and narrative on native SC plants and animals by naturalist Rudy Mancke. We were then free to attend the various concurrent sessions by the numerous presenters. I attended David Howard's oral presentation on Wetland Restoration along the Blackwater River, and he did Missouri proud. I may be prejudiced, but I thought it was one of the best talks that I attended. I gave my presentation later that afternoon, and I felt it went fine, other than the microphone at the podium was a little tall for short people. Some presentations on coastal ecosystems, environmental education associated with the dairy industry, and water quality projects in watersheds in the eastern states were good as well.

That evening, for the family social, they had scheduled a trip to the Dixie Stampede. (Yes, I know they have the same

thing at Branson, but we don't go there anymore since the traffic got so bad!) We went, and had a fun time. I would say that the activities for the family members and spouses were good, but some of them really sold out quickly. I don't think they were prepared for how many people registered at the last minute or at the conference itself!

After the conference was over, my family and I stayed in the Carolinas for a family vacation. Yes, it was hot there too in August, but at least they have fresh seafood. We ate at some fantastic seafood places, went deep-sea fishing, and in Georgetown, SC there were alligators on the walkways at our motel. (I took pictures from my room to prove that one!) All in all, it was a well-planned conference; they must have been taking notes in St. Louis last year when we hosted. If you have not been to an annual conference, it is an opportunity you as a member should take advantage of. Besides, I learned some cool southern phrases down there. Just don't let them put slaw on your BBQ sandwich, a northerner has to draw the line somewhere!

Missouri members and spouses attending the National SWCS Conference in South Carolina include the following:

Dennis Shirk (poster)	Peter Los , UMC (Poster)	
Bob Ball (Presentation)	Raleigh Redman	
David Howard (Presentation)	Tony Bittiker	
Gary Baclesse	Tabitha Madzura (Poster)	
Allen Green	Ross Braun	Kathy Green
Claire Buffaut (Presentation)	Zeyuan Qiu (Poster)	
Pam Cornelius (Presentation)	Dale Cornelius (Poster)	
Allan Johnston (Presentation)	Peter Scharff (Poster)	
Ray Evans	Randy Miles (Presentation)	

In addition, several of these members brought their families with them.



A group picture of Missouri members enjoying the conference. From left are Raleigh Redman, Bob Ball, Ross Braun, Allan Johnson, Claire Baffaut, Tony Bittiker, Gary Baclesse, Zeyuan Qiu, and Tabitha Madzura.



Gary Baclesse accepts the **Show-Me Chapter West North Central Region Outstanding Chapter Award** during the **Chapter Delegates' Meeting** while at the **National SWCS meeting** in South Carolina. This award reflects the accomplishments and dedication of the **Show-Me Chapter members** for their work in year 2000.



While at the family social event during the national meeting, **Allen and Kathy Green** talk with **Bob Ball** and **Marsha Baclesse** (spouse of Gary) about the move to Colorado.

National Award

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munity attitude changes; results achieved through voluntary efforts versus regulatory; and impacts on co-workers as a result of teaching while providing other service. Selection is based on demonstrated leadership, creativity, and dedication to assisting landowners, communities, and other local organizations and government.

Nominations will be accepted from individuals, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and other appropriate sources. Nominations must be submitted to the local SWCS Chapter for review. Each chapter may submit up to two nominations each year.

Allan Johnston during a presentation at one of the concurrent sessions at the **National SWCS Conference** in South Carolina. The title of the session: **“Wetland Mitigation and Watershed Management in Rural Landscapes”**



Claire Baffaut with the **University of Missouri (FAPRI)** gives presentation entitled: **“Evaluation of Alternative Mangement Practices in the Miami Creek Watershed.”**

David Howard gives presentation entitled: **“Wetland Restoration in the Blackwater River Watershed.”**



Gary Baclesse during a presentation at the **Chapter Development Workshop** at the **National SWCS Conference**.

Whose River Is It?

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These changes have provided important benefits for Missouri River Basin citizens but also significantly altered the ecosystem. Today, numerous fish and wildlife species are federally listed as endangered, threatened or species of special concern (fish - pallid sturgeon and two birds - The piping plover and interior least tern).

The river flow is regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) which controls the large main stem reservoirs on the upper river. The Corps works to balance many, sometimes competing uses of the river system: flood control, navigation, irrigation, hydroelectric power generation, municipal and industrial water supplies, water quality, recreation, and fish and wildlife, including endangered species, through their Master Water Control Manual (Master Manual). Any decision made about one use may impact others.

The 1988-92 Great Plains drought so negatively impacted the upper basin recreational economy and lower river navigation that it prompted a review of the Corps Master Manual, which governs reservoir operations. This review focused attention not only on river water allocation issues, but also on the fish and wildlife resource problems. In 1994, the Corps conducted public hearings for the Master Manual Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The hearings clearly demonstrated the many, and sometimes conflicting, human demands made upon the river system.

A Proposed Plan to change the flow regime of the Missouri River has hit a few snags along the way. This could have an impact on the many uses of the river system and raises many concerns and issues to be addressed.

This forum will allow different views on the proposed flow regime of the Missouri River to be expressed and debated. Flood control, navigation, irrigation, hydroelectric power generation, municipal and industrial water supplied, water quality, recreation, fish and wildlife, including endangered species and other issues will be open for discussion.

Timelines & Deadlines

Chapter Scholarship Offered

The Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship provides financial assistance to students planning to pursue studies with a natural resource conservation orientation. The first place award is \$1,000 and the second place award is \$500. Payment is made directly to the college or university. All high school seniors and undergraduate college students from Missouri are eligible.

Scholarship selection is based primarily on a topical essay, with attention to recommendations, leadership experience and academic achievement. The theme of this year's essay is the same as the October 16th Fall Forum, "Whose River Is It? Issues and Concerns." Essays should answer the question "What are your opinions on the Missouri River management issues and why do you feel that way?" The 3 to 5-page essay must include a description of the various issues and BOTH the pros and cons of the options for each issue.

Members are encouraged to provide scholarship announcements to local news media, organizations, and schools. Contact Ross Braun (573) 876-9426 for news release, additional information and the application packet. The announcement will soon be posted on the chapter web site, <http://swcs.missouri.edu>. Completed application packets must be postmarked by December 1, 2001.

Calendar of Events

- 🏠 **Show-Me SWCS Chapter Fall Forum**, "Whose River Is It?" October 17, 2001, Runge Center in Jefferson City, MO.
- 🏠 **Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship**, application packets postmarked by December 1, 2001.
- 🏠 **Missouri Natural Resources Conference**, January 30-February 1, 2002, Tan-Tar-A Resort.
- 🏠 **3rd Annual Mid-America Grassland Evaluation contest**, June 10-12, 2002

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