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President's Message



by Gary Baclesse, Show-Me Chapter President

The Executive Council is going to be looking at using the email and Internet Technology for the newsletter. Everyone on the Executive Council is in favor of using the technology to save the chapter money but also want to make sure that everyone gets the newsletter and that the transition is as smooth and professional as possible. There are several issues and concerns with using the technology, which include the fact that not everyone has access to the Internet and not all members provide an email address. At this time, the plan is to send out the June newsletter paper copy to all the members and to test the email/Internet technology with only the council members. If the test is successful and the email addresses for all the members can be obtained, the next newsletter may be viewed and printed on-line. Please let your area council person or director know your thoughts on using the Internet Technology for the newsletter.

I would like to encourage everyone to sign up a new member and to get actively involved. If possible, plan on attending the National SWCS Meeting in South Carolina August 5 through August 8, 2001. There are a number of interesting educational and informational topics at the meeting and lots of things for the family to do while at the conference. I have found the national conference to be very educational and a source of professional development that I could not get anywhere else. In addition, the family and social events have proven to be very popular and fun for all. Check the conference out on the Internet.

(On the Lighter Side) I am reminded of the work that we all do each time I go to one of the places I love the most in our state. My family owns a cabin on the Gasconade River in Gasconade County. The Gasconade River can be beautiful and tranquil during this time of the year, or it can be just the opposite. One of the most natural and interesting things about the Gasconade River is the fact that it is still a wild river that reacts to changes in weather related to rainfall events. At times, heavy rains in the right place can change the river into a raging silt laden flow of water capable of doing whatever it wants to the stream channel and floodplain. During these natural events, the channel continues to change as it meanders from one place to another. The changes in the channel that occur are not always fast and clearly not always noticeable at first, but they do naturally occur. That is one reason that I have always taught my children to respect the river's changes, and to never take its tranquil appearance and clean water for granted. I know that the work the members of this organization do helps to protect the natural resources in the Gasconade River Basin as well as the other basins in the state. As a benefactor of your work, I thank you, my children thank you, and my grandchildren (if I ever have any) thank you.



Missouri Native and Developer of Important USLE Equations Passes Away

contributed by SWCS Conservogram, <http://www.imakesnews.com/swcs/>

Walter H. "Walt" Wischmeier died at 90 years of age on February 10, 2001. Wischmeier became well known for developing the Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE), which was published by the US Department of Agriculture.

Walter H. Wischmeier was born January 18, 1911 in Lincoln, Missouri. He was raised on a central Missouri farm and graduated as valedictorian from High school in 1928.

In 1940, he moved to Columbia, Missouri to begin a 36-year career in Federal-State cooperative soil and water conservation research interrupted only by military service during World War II. He continued his professional education at the University of Missouri during this period and obtained a B.S. degree in Business and Public Administration. At graduation, he was awarded the Delta Sigma Pi gold key for the highest scholastic rank in his School's graduating class.

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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.

Glen Boettcher - St. Charles **Keith Williams** - Springfield
Jennifer Hammontree - Clinton **Holly Lang** - Kirksville
Joseph Calhoun - Chillicothe

As always, please drop me an e-mail if you have made a change of address, if you need any membership applications or payroll deduction forms. Let's keep up the good work and continue to recruit *NEW* members.

National SWCS Membership News

by Paula Price, National SWCS Membership Committee Member

As a member of the National SWCS Membership Committee, I feel compelled to write this little blurb to remind you that a vital organization remains such through a strong membership base. Organizations like the Soil and Water Conservation Society are finding it difficult to maintain/grow in the 21st Century. Wouldn't it be great to become an example?

In an effort to address the need for a strong nationwide membership base our committee is reviewing a prior campaign work plan that includes a Marketing Plan for SWCS Membership. Items in this plan are: A) The individual recruiting program, the role of chapters, and membership prospect list-building, and B) retention and renewal.

Thought for the day: Sharing the Soil and Water Conservation Society with others you know could be the best gift you've ever given them.

Members in the News

Mike Wells, Assistant State Conservationist in Missouri, is going to retire June 1, 2001, after 34 years with NRCS. He is not completely retiring, in the sense of say going fishing, hunting, golfing, etc., but to go work with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as the Chief of Water Resources/Deputy Director of the Division of Geology and Land Survey.

Arrangements have been made to honor Mike with a retirement dinner at the Peachtree Banquet Center, 120 E. Nifong Blvd., Columbia, MO, on Friday, June 15, 2001.

The Soil and Water Conservation Society

Membership's Employers

Academic institution	13%
Conservation district	13%
Private industry	5%
USDA-ARS	3%
USDA-ERS	< 1%
USDA-Forest Service	1%
USDA-FSA	1%
USDA-NRCS	32%
Self-employed	3%
EPA	< 1%
State conservation agency	6%
US Dept of Interior	1%
Landowner	< 1%
Retired	11%
Job not associated with conservation, but concerned	1%
Other	10%

Freeland Honored as Missouri's Soil Conservationist of the Year

Randy Freeland has displayed outstanding leadership and management in soil conservation by managing the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Technical Services Team while supporting requests from various natural resource partners that address complex soil and water resource issues.

The primary function of NRCS is Conservation Technical Assistance, which is helping people practice positive procedures in resource management. Randy and his staff provide essential technical guidance and support that is so critical to ensuring that soil and water conservation practices are applied properly either to solve or to prevent resource management problems from occurring.

Randy's role as the State Resource Conservationist is to develop and maintain technical standards and guides that serve as a basis for relating to the fields of agronomy, forestry and water conservation for the state.

Noteworthy accomplishments made by Randy and his staff include completing 26 grazing schools in 1999 involving 780 producers, and over 82,900 acres (nearly 23,000 miles) of buffers have been installed on Missouri farms in the form of filter strips, riparian forest buffers or field borders.

Randy's dedication to his career has earned him the title of



Ike Lovan, President of Conservation Federation of Missouri, presents Randy Freeland the Soil Conservationist of the Year Award for 2000.

the Conservation Federation of Missouri's Soil Conservationist of the Year Award for 2000.

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

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



March 30, 2001 • Jefferson City, Missouri

Present: **Gary Baclesse, Diane Bradley, Ross Braun, Pam Cornelius, Joe Dillard, Curtis Gooch, Andrea King, Craig King, Lynn Leimkuehler, Bev Maltsberger, Mike Morris, Raleigh Redman, and Gary Van De Velde.**

✍ **Gary Baclesse**, president, called the meeting to order at 9:05. Gary welcomed all of the council members and indicated that he was looking forward to this year.

✍ **Ron Redden** presented the minutes from the chapter's January 31, 2001 meeting. Lynn Leimkuehler motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Morris and so approved by the council.

✍ **Joe Dillard** presented the treasurer's report. *See Notes from the Treasurer on Page 4 for details.* It was noted that the \$130, listed as income from the 2001 raffle, should be included with the \$1,273.20 noted as being received from the raffle and silent auction. This resulted in a total of \$1,403.20 income received from the raffle and silent auction. It was also noted that the \$500 expense for scholarships only takes into consideration the first place scholarship. **Lynn Leimkuehler** motioned to approve the treasurer's report with the clarifications as noted. The motion was seconded by **Pam Cornelius** and so approved by the council.

✍ There was discussion to have the financial records audited at this time since **Larry Fischer** had turned the treasurer's responsibilities over to **Joe Dillard**, the newly elected treasurer. **Mike Morris** made a motion to request **David Howard** to audit the records. The motion was seconded by Joe and so approved by the council. **Raleigh Redman** will contact Mr. Howard.

✍ **Gary Baclesse** passed around a folder of new correspondence for review.

✍ **Gary Van De Velde** announced that the Missouri Conservation Federation will be recognizing **Randy Freeland** as the Soil Conservationist of the Year. Randy is the State Resource Conservationist for the NRCS.

✍ **Gary Baclesse** indicated that as part of new chapter business, we needed to discuss upgrading the chapter display. **Ross Braun** indicated that we usually borrow a board from NRCS and stick our own photos on it. This display is out of date. It was noted that **Bob Ball** recommends a table top nomadic photo mural. A total cost of \$2,000 was recognized and consideration should be given to including a light if one can be included in the total cost approved. **Mike Morris** made a motion to approve the purchase as recommended by a committee made up of Bob, **Diane Bradley**, and **Sarah Minor**. **Lynn Leimkuehler** seconded the motion and it was so approved by the council. It was also noted that committee will get drafts of the photos that are to be included on the display.

✍ **Chris Fulcher** and **Bob Ball** have served as Webmaster for our Internet site. Bob has checked into the costs to update our website. One quote received was for \$249/year with the \$100 setup fee being waived if payment was made by the year. This could be included in the budget if the council was interested. Questions were raised as to how often the site would be updated. [During the discussion of the budget this item was included at a cost of \$300.]

✍ **Raleigh Redman** led a discussion as to what to do with

the 70 walnut boxes still left over after the MNRC. Discussion was made regarding sanding off the St Louis logo and we had received a quote of \$2.22/each for brass nameplates. **Curtis Gooch** made a motion to order 70 nameplates. **Lynn Leimkuehler** seconded the motion and it was so approved.

✍ **Raleigh Redman** discussed the successful raffle and silent auction and recommended that the scholarships be increased from \$500 and \$300 to \$1,000 and \$500, that each recipient receive one year's free membership (\$50), and that \$150 be approved for postage and miscellaneous expenses. **Ron Redden** made a motion to approve Raleigh's recommendation with a total cost of \$1,700. The motion was seconded by **Diane Bradley** and so approved by the council.

✍ **Gary Baclesse** led a discussion about the possibility of establishing an endowment fund for scholarships. The thought was that members would be more likely to contribute if an endowment had been established. **Bob Ball** is looking for any member with experience in establishing an endowment.

✍ **Gary Van De Velde** mentioned that **Joe Dillard** and **Dan Philbrick** will be assisting him on reviewing the by-laws. A question was raised as to whether or not Ankeny needed to approve changes made to the by-laws. It was noted that there is a statement in the bylaws that the chapter bylaws will not be in conflict with the bylaws of the parent society and it was agreed that Ankeny did not need to approve changes. The Plan of Work indicates that the council will review the bylaws in October, distribute proposed changes in November (newsletter), and members vote during the month of December (deadline). Ballots must be mailed 30 days before ballots are due or at least 30 days prior to a meeting where a vote will be counted.

✍ **Ross Braun** indicated that there were lots of questions at the West North Central SWCS Chapter Leadership Workshop regarding how we did our national conference and the MNRC. On the national level, Ross indicated that the SWCS Board of Directors is considering eliminating the *Conservation Voices* publication and including the same types of articles in the *Journal of Soil & Water Conservation*, similar to the format of the Journal before *Conservation Voices* was added. Currently, grants are keeping our publications going. Also, while our chapter membership is up, membership is down on the national level. At the West North Central Leadership Workshop it was decided that any state chapter that has a net increase of 6 members or more will receive \$250 from the WNC's account.

✍ The WNC-SWCS Regional Conference will probably be held in the Quad-City area and the next WNC Leadership Development Workshop will be held in Ankeny on March 7-8, 2002.

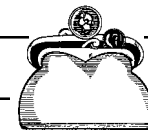
✍ **Gary Baclesse** indicated that he will be attending a MDC Focus meeting that is being held in Jefferson City on April 6-7. He asked for ideas that we would like to see presented as coming from our chapter.

✍ **Diane Bradley** made a motion that **Sandy Rikoon** be contacted to see if he was interested in serving as the Central Area Councilperson since that office has been vacated by **Jay Truitt** who resigned after accepting his new job in Washington, DC. **Bev Maltsberger** seconded the motion and it was so

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Notes from the Treasurer

Joe Dillard, Treasurer



February 1, 2001 - March 30, 2001

Total Assets \$19,089.84

Savings Certificates (4)..... 6,351.10

54955 \$1,083.12 Matures April 7, 2001
 55781 2,000.00 Matures May 11, 2001
 55073 1,632.17 Matures June 2, 2001
 55131 1,635.81 Matures August 11, 2001

Bank Balances - (2 accounts) 12,738.74

Savings (4.08% interest) Account Balance ... \$12,397.18
 Checking (no interest) Account Balance 341.56

Scholarship Tax Deductions \$\$\$

by Ross Braun, Scholarship Co-Chair

Were your income taxes too high last year? Tax deductible donations may be made to the Missouri Show-Me Chapter AND they may be dedicated to the chapter's scholarship program (or any other projects). The Missouri Show-Me Chapter is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so all donations are tax deductible.

Providing educational and financial support for students is a valuable component of professional societies like SWCS. The Show-Me Chapter scholarship program is an excellent way for us to reach out to support Missouri's brightest high school seniors and college undergraduates. To be eligible, students must pursue a college degree in any aspect of natural resource management.



Through successful fund raising efforts last year by **Raleigh Redman, DeDe Vest** and their committee, we will offer one \$1,000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship this year. Scholarship recipients also receive a one-year membership in SWCS and our chapter. Scholarships may only be used for tuition and are paid directly to the educational institution.

An announcement will be published this summer in our newsletter and web site and sent to students' advisors at high schools and colleges throughout Missouri. Members may also want to cultivate interest and distribute brochures to potential candidates, their families and teachers. Scholarship brochures are available from Lynn Heidenreich at (636) 397-3343. Scholarships will be awarded at the chapter's annual business meeting during the Mo. Natural Resources Conference.

Bob Ball is currently pursuing establishment of a scholarship endowment account to establish permanent funding for our scholarship program. All donations made to the chapter's scholarship will be used to help establish the endowment. A donation for our scholarship is an investment in the future.

Income \$2,723.27

Raffle and Silent Auction \$1,403.20
 Interest (February) 35.49
 Membership Dues from Ankeny 479.00
 Check from DNR 760.00
 Interest (March) 45.58

Expenses \$4,990.31

Conservation Federation Delegate \$109.00
 Natural Resources Conference Booth 36.38
 Plaques & Awards for Annual Meeting ... 523.50
 Natural Resources Career Camp Contr. ... 500.00
 MO Forage & Grassland Council Donation ... 2,500.00
 Environthon Donation 750.00
 Award Certificates 10.00
 2 Student Memberships 50.00
 Postage 11.43
 Betty Broemmelsick Memorial Scholarship ... 500.00

Net for the period -\$2,267.04

Conservation Federation Report

by Gary Van De Velde



The Conservation Federation of Missouri's Annual Meeting was held March 30 through April 1. One of the most important happenings is the passage of resolutions. The resolutions give the federation staff guidance for making sure legislators, government, and others understand what good conservation ethics are.

This year's twenty-six resolutions presented were: Support of funding for Wetland Reserve Program, Quality Deer Management Education, DNR Policy for Camping at State Parks, Experimental Elk Release, St. Charles County Levee 15, State Statutes regarding Levees and Wetlands, Conservation Federation/Public Relations, 25th Anniversary Conservation Sales Tax Drive, Support for the Actions of the Governor's Advisory Committee of Chip Mills, Title Support of funding for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, The Garrison Diversion, Gravel Mining, Riparian Corridors, Recreational use of lakes and streams, Prairie Chicken Grant, Natural Areas System, Glass containers, Livery, January firearms deer season, Support of Missouri Products Association Forest Landowner Education Program, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Federation Leadership for Mark Twain National Forest Management Forums, Jug Fishing, and Extend Spring Turkey Season for archery only.

If you have questions or would like to see the pertinent resolution give me a call.

Missouri State Envirothon Competition



The 4th Annual Missouri State Envirothon Competition was held on May 3rd at Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Twenty-one teams competed in the areas of soils, aquatics, wildlife, forestry and the 2001 conservation issue, urban non-point source pollution. In addition, each team presented a solution to a conservation problem relating to the 2001 conservation issue.

The state competition features the top three teams from each of Missouri's seven regional competitions. These teams rotate through all five challenge stations as well as the oral presentation.

After a morning of hands-on natural resource testing and problem solving, the students relaxed with their teammates for a pizza lunch. Then it was back to the rotation schedule to finish testing. It is really a tight schedule for the students.

The winners of the Missouri State Envirothon are as follows:

- First Place - **Norborne High School**, Norborne, MO
- Second Place - **Lincoln High School**, Lincoln, MO
- Third Place - **McCluer North High School** (Little Creek Nature Center), St. Louis, MO

The Missouri Envirothon promotes environmental literacy, teamwork and hands-on natural resource problem solving. Teams are made up of five students, grades 9-12. The winner of the state competition advances to the Canon National Envirothon Competition. This year the national competition is July 23rd through July 28th in Raymond, Mississippi (just outside of Jackson). The Norborne team, coached by Susie Franklin, will be competing at the Canon National Envirothon in July.

This is an excellent opportunity for the students to have fun and learn at the same time. Not to mention the chance at a \$2,500 scholarship from Canon for each member of the winning team at the national competition. The Envirothon is North America's largest high school natural resources competition with

over 40 states and 5 Canadian Provinces competing at the national level. The 2002 Missouri State Envirothon Competition will be held May 2, 2002.

The Show Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society provided funds for the purchase of T-shirts for all contestants.

For more information about how to get involved with the Missouri State Envirothon, please call your local Soil and Water Conservation District Office. You may also call Peggy Lemons, Missouri State Envirothon Chair, at 573-893-5188 Ext. 3.



Top to bottom:
1st: Norborne High School
2nd: Lincoln High School
3rd: McCluer North High School



Conservogram Updates

by Bob Ball, Past President

Dennis Pate, West North Central Regional Director, Des Moines, Iowa, stated the Society is combining the "Journal" and "Voices" publications into one document in an effort to continue delivering quality information of interest to our members, but at a greatly reduced cost. The new publication will also contain an abbreviated "Conservogram" that will also be mailed to members electronically every two months. Dennis said that because of help from the chapters, the Society is now approaching having email addresses for 70% of the SWCS members. However, he still makes a plea for those who haven't provided their email addresses to Society to email Rhonda Feeley (rondaf@swcs.org) and provide her your current email address.

The "Conservogram" can now be viewed on-line, or you can sign-up to receive it electronically: <http://www.imakenews.com/swcs/>. The Society intends to phase out the printed Conservogram at the end of the year, but that timing is highly dependent on getting more email addresses. You can help by emailing Ronda, or by signing up for the Conservogram at the above website.



Going Electronic

The Missouri Show-Me Chapter is moving quickly towards making greater use of electronic mail and the Internet to keep members informed about Chapter and Society activities. A few changes are in store for those members with email and Internet access as Gary Baclesse discussed in his President's Message. However, it will be business as usual for members not yet able to go "on-line".

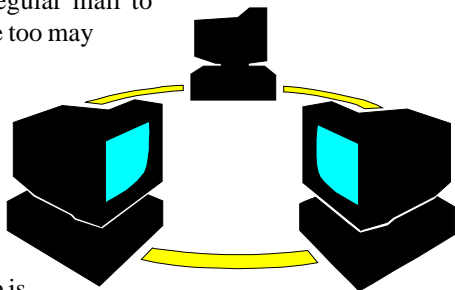
You may not realize it, but we've been posting full versions of chapter newsletters at our website since 1999. Check it out! First, visit our website at: <http://swcs.missouri.edu>. Then, click on the "Newsletters" feature button in the left margin. You will see "chapter newsletters on-line". Just click on the date you want to view, and give the file a little time to load. Although you may not be able to edit the file on-line, you can capture portions of the text electronically and use elsewhere at your convenience.

Members without Internet access, or who just prefer receiving a hardcopy instead, can continue receiving Chapter newsletters through regular mail. If you are in this situation, you merely need to notify **Curtis Gooch**, Membership Chair by the end of June.

The Society is considering alternatives to the existing paper "Conservogram" mailed to all SWCS members quarterly. A two-page newsletter format mailed electronically is one option. Currently, the chapter intends to continue with the current newsletter length and format changing only the primary method of distribution from regular mail to email. However, we too may one day opt to reduce the size of each newsletter, but increase the frequency of distribution.

Upgrading the chapter's website is also high on the Council's priority list. We are considering a proposal from a company that specializes in website development and maintenance. Contracting with a private company will improve the functionality, appearance and performance of our chapter website.

Additionally, we will have access to a "list serve" making it very easy to send and receive electronic mail without compromising telecommunications systems owned and managed by our employers. This will also make it easier for members to access the council. On the Show-Me Web Site you will find a listing of all chapter members and corresponding email addresses. **You are requested to notify Curtis Gooch by the end of June of any needed corrections or additions to your email address.**



Regional Watershed Conference

Water Quality: What Goes Around, Comes Around, a regional conference targeting the North Fork and Neighboring Watersheds, will be held on **Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at the Student Union at Truman State University**. Conference registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the program will run from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This symposium is designed for **Agricultural Producers and Ag-Related Businesses and Producers, Commodity Groups, Developers and Planners, Educators, Elected Officials, Extension Councils, Farm Bureau Members, Organizations with Water Quality Programs of Work, Power Suppliers, SWCD Boards, and Water and Wastewater Treatment Professionals**. The program features both speakers and exhibits.

There will be a small registration fee to help defray the cost of the group luncheon, break refreshments and conference handouts. Registration is requested to ensure adequate food and materials. **To obtain a brochure and registration form, call or write Wanda Eubank at the North Fork Project, CCWWC, 34146 Route U, Stoutsville, MO 65283. Phone: 573/672-3221, FAX: 573/672-3238, Email: weubank@nemonet.com.**

The North Fork Salt River Watershed Project provides information, training, and opportunities to network on water quality issues. It is a project of the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission and University Outreach and Extension. Region VII, US Environmental Protection Agency, through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, has provided partial funding for this project under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

Show-Me Chapter Invited to Missouri River Symposium

by S. Corey Brubaker, Nebraska Chapter SWCS Past-President

The Nebraska Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society along with several other agencies and organizations is sponsoring a symposium on the Missouri River as part of their 2001 annual meeting. **The symposium will be held on June 14 and 15 at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City.** The purpose of the symposium is to explore some of the key issues related to the use and management of the Missouri River and learn about the ongoing efforts to restore some of the wildlife habitat along the Missouri River Corridor. Thursday's session will include presentations on a variety of topics related to the history, use and management of the river. These include issues related to water quantity, water quality and wildlife habitat. Friday's session will feature a tour of the Hamburg Bend Project, a wildlife habitat restoration project along the river, as well as selected wetland restoration projects on the Iowa side. The tour will conclude with lunch aboard the Belle of Brownville.

We would certainly welcome interested members of the Missouri Chapter to join us for this symposium. Interested individuals can contact me for additional information and registration materials by calling (402) 441-7180 or sending me an email to sbrubaker1@unl.edu.

Quad Societies Leadership Council



The Chapter Presidents, President-Elects, and immediate Past Presidents (or Chairmen) representing the Missouri Chapters of the Wildlife Society, Society of American Foresters, the American Fisheries Society, and the Show-Me Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society comprise an informal body referred to as the "Quad Societies Leadership Council". This twelve-member Council has a dual purpose: to inform and update all four societies on environmental issues and activities of common interest; and, to offer general guidance to the Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC) Steering Committee. This guidance is provided with the understanding the Steering Committee has the ultimate responsibility and authority to annually plan and manage the Missouri Natural Resources Conference.

The Council meets twice each year to discuss common issues in natural resources management, to update one another on

their respective chapter activities, and to discuss topics pertaining to the annual Missouri Natural Resources Conference. The chairman for this body serves a 1-year term that rotates annually in keeping with the society responsible for hosting the conference. The chairman is responsible for compiling a current membership list for this group, maintaining an electronic mail listserve, scheduling meetings and preparing agendas, and otherwise distributing information on natural resource issues or concerns of common interest to the societies.

The Council's first meeting each year begins at the conclusion of the Missouri Natural Resources Conference. The second Council meeting is often scheduled in coordination with an MNRC Steering Committee meeting during the summer. These meetings are informal and typically adjourn in 2-3 hours.

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Executive Council

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approved by the council.

✍ **Andrea King** announced that the newsletter would be mailed out on either April 2 or April 3. She asked for news regarding members or calendar information. There was also some discussion regarding the possibility of making the newsletter available in the future as an email attachment.

✍ **Gary Baclesse** led the executive council through the draft budget for the year 2001. One of the items noted was that when revisions are made to the bylaws, the fiscal year for which the chapter operates under needs to be identified. Primary discussion items of the draft budget expense items included: increasing newsletter costs to \$1,100.00, increasing the scholarship program to \$1,700.00, allotting \$200.00 for expenses for the annual meeting delegate, and earmarking \$2,000.00 for up-

date of the chapter display, \$2,500.00 for the Mid-America Grassland Evaluation Contest, \$300.00 to update the website, and \$240.00 for name plates for walnut boxes.

✍ **Gary Baclesse** announced that the next executive council meeting is planned for June 15 to be held in Columbia (possibly at the NRCS State Office). The meeting will begin at 9:30 am. Also, **Diane Bradley** indicated that the tentative date for the Fall Forum is October 16 and the location is being planned for the Runge Center in Jefferson City. October 24 is being considered for the backup date for the Fall Forum.

✍ **Pam Cornelius** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Curtis Gooch** seconded the motion and it was so approved by the council.

Wischmeier

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In 1953, he was transferred to Lafayette, Indiana, to establish and operate the USDA-ARS-SWC National Runoff and Soil Loss Data Center in Cooperation with Purdue University. He held professorial rank in the Agricultural Engineering Department at Purdue and contributed very significantly to the research and graduate program of the department.

In 1961, he became the Research Investigations Leader, Water Erosion, for the Corn Belt Branch of Soil and Water Conservation.

Much of the erosion-control information and techniques in use today throughout the United States and much of the rest of the world were developed by Professor Wischmeier and other researchers with whom he worked closely. His efforts in adapting research knowledge for soil and water conservation have had a tremendous impact in preserving the soil and water resources of our nation and thereby maintaining a quality environment. Professor Wischmeier's most widely known and appreciated contribution is the Universal Soil Loss Equation which he first published in 1958 and which he continued to refine and improve during his career. This equation is used in current Federal Legislation for implementing farm conservation programs and has been applied to every piece of nonfederal land in the United States. It has also been applied in nearly every other country in the world for conservation planning. Solution of the equation provides farm planners with alternative cropping systems and management practices to minimize soil erosion.

In 1991, Walt was inducted into the ARS Science Hall of Fame. During his career, he also received two USDA Superior Service awards, the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award from the Soil and Water Conservation Society in 1997, was elected to four honor societies, and had a social erosion conference given in honor of his retirement.

His professional memberships included Soil and Water Conservation Society, Agronomy Society, Agricultural Engineering Society, Statistical Society and Geographical Union. He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, American Association of Retired Persons, Exchange Club, and MCL Coffee Klatch.

Wischmeier retired from his position with ARS, USDA on December 31, 1975. He was subsequently awarded the status of Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Engineering by Purdue University.

Calendar of Events

- 🏠 **2nd Annual Mid-America Grassland Evaluation Contest**, June 11-13, 2001, Cape Girardeau, MO.
- 🏠 **Missouri River Symposium** sponsored by the Nebraska SWCS Chapter, June 14-15, 2001, Nebraska City, NE.
- 🏠 **Show-Me Chapter Executive Council Meeting**, June 15, 2001, Columbia, MO.
- 🏠 **Regional Watershed Conference**, Tuesday, July 31, 2001, Student Union at the Truman State University, Kirksville, MO.
- 🏠 **Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference**, August 5-8, 2001, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Register by June 30, 2001 for Early Bird Registration Fees.
- 🏠 **Chapter Development Workshop** held during SWCD Annual Conference, August 4, 2001, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
- 🏠 **Show-Me SWCS Chapter Fall Forum**, October 24, 2001, Runge Center in Jefferson City, MO.

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