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President's Message



A Great New Year With A Great New Outlook

by **Bob Miller**, Show Me Chapter, SWCS

Our Past President **Diane Bradley** has led us into 2003 with an energized membership getting new folks actively involved. Diane has demonstrated her tireless drive to grab every opportunity to strengthen and build our chapter and has been a great mentor in preparing me for the Presidency.

The Show Me Chapter has been blessed with dedicated people serving multi terms, providing strength and consistency to build a strong foundation. Many of you will not remember anyone else but **Ron Redden** as Secretary, **Bob Ball** as Webmaster, **Curtis Gooch** as Membership Chair, and **Joe Dillard** as Treasurer. Joe Dillard hands the Treasurer role to **Rose Marie Hopkins**, Ron Redden hands the Secretary role to **Colleen Meredith**, and **Jennifer Petty** becomes our Membership Committee Chair. Bob Ball is continuing to serve until a Webmaster replacement is found.

Special thanks also to Nominations Chair, **Tammy Teeter**, for the active recruitment of nominees. We have many new faces on our Executive Council, and it was great to see a full slate of candidates. This demonstrates the strength of our Chapter.

It was great to see new faces, ideas, and excitement of our membership at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference and talk of attending the regional training conference at National Headquarters in Ankeny.

I am excited about the year ahead and continuing the theme of serving our membership. That's you, the most important part of our Chapter.

Our next Executive Council meeting is April 16, 2003, at the DNR office in Jefferson City, Missouri. If you have anything you would like the Council to consider, contact your area director, council person, or me.

Professional Conservationist Recognized For His Efforts

Robert (Bob) Broz, who has led the Water Quality efforts not only through the University of Missouri but throughout our state, was selected Professional Conservationist of the Year by the Missouri Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He received the award January 30th during the Missouri Natural Resources Conference in Osage Beach.

Robert (Bob) R. Broz came to the University of Missouri in 1993 as an Extension Associate for the newly formed Water Quality Program. Although he had very little experience in this field, the program director, Jerry Carpenter, had a hunch about this former agriculture high-school teacher who seemed to show so much enthusiasm and a strong willingness to learn. Mr. Carpenter was not disappointed.

Within the first four years, Bob took on numerous projects with great success, established himself as a source of water quality information for regional field faculty, and became the state contact for several federal environmental programs. It was no wonder that in 1998, following Mr. Carpenter's retirement, Bob was selected to lead the Water Quality Program into the new century.

Today, Bob Broz supervises a program that employs eight full-time extension associates,



Bob Broz, recipient of the Professional Conservationist of the Year.

New Members: Member News



By *Curtis Gooch, Membership Chairman*

On behalf of the Chapter, I would like to WELCOME all new members!!

The Show-Me Chapter continues to have a strong Chapter and is maintaining a high membership level within the West Central Region.

The Chapter had 34 new members join the Chapter this year. Attached is a list of new members for 2002. We as a Chapter started 2002 with 234 members and finished the year with 231 members as of January 1, 2003.

The decline in membership was contributed to a normal loss of retiree's and changing of careers or moves. The Chapter had set a goal of increasing its total membership to 251 for 2002 but came up short.

As we head into a new year, let's continue to improve the Chapter by continuing to recruit new members and promoting it through our actions and involvement.

The membership in each Area is:

Area 1 - Northwest.....	37	Area 2 - Northeast	48
Area 3 - Central	84	Area 4 - SouthWest	44
Area 5 - Southeast.....	18		

I would like to say Thank You! To all the members who have worked to recruit new members. Keep up the good work and continue to promote the Society as it continues to work for our Chapters Goals and promoting conservation in Missouri and throughout this great nation.

Scholarship Fund Raising Activities Results *By Michael W. Morris, Fund Raising Chair*

The annual SWCS Scholarship fund raising activities were completed for 2003 at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference held at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, MO. All of the proceeds from our fund raising activities support the SWCS Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Fund, which awards two scholarships annually. This year's activities included a raffle, silent auction, and a live auction held in conjunction with the other three professional societies sponsoring the MNRC.

The raffle generated approximately \$1200 in ticket sales for three prizes. The winners and prizes were as follows:

- 1st Prize: \$250 Bass Pro Shop Certificate to Steve Wilson
- 2nd Prize: Hand made Bowie Knife to Reggie Bennett
- 3rd Prize: Branson entertainment package to Carla Howe

I would like to express my appreciation to everybody who supported the raffle by buying tickets as well as those who assisted with the raffle by selling tickets and working the booth. This was truly a combined effort by a large number of people whose effort paid off.

The silent auction consisted of items and services donated by SWCS members and various businesses. Approximately \$620 was generated for the scholarship fund by this activity. I would like to thank all the members who donated items for this event



Fund raising activities netted the SWCS Scholarship Fund over \$1800.

and especially **DeDe Vest** who solicited a majority of the silent auction items as well as the 1st and 3rd place raffle items from various businesses.

This year the SWCS participated in a live auction held at the MNRC in which each of the sponsoring societies entered two items. The SWCS entered a handmade Bowie Knife that brought \$160 and a chair that was hand built and donated by **Craig King**. This chair sold for \$75 and was purchased by **Tammy Teeter**. She then discovered that this chair did not allow her feet to touch the floor thus she donated the

chair back to the Society for the silent auction with the stipulation it bring at least \$80. This price was quickly pledged by **Steve Wilson** who then was out-bid by **Tom Hagedorn** for a final bid of \$87.50. Thus, this one chair generated \$162.50 for the scholarship fund! This goes to show the effects of dedication...and Budweiser!

The results of this year's fund raising activities netted the SWCS Scholarship Fund over \$1800. As planning begins for the 2004 fund raising activities I would encourage each member to consider donating items that will help meet our financial obligations for the scholarship fund in 2004. If you have questions or wish to make a donation, you can contact me at (573) 796-3611.

Missouri Natural Resources Conference Attracts Students

Student Job Fair: The sixth annual Student Job Fair, held at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference, was a huge success. Over 118 students from all over Missouri met with conservation professionals to learn about potential careers and to develop relationships with employers. There were 30 exhibitors offering over 100 jobs. Some of the interesting job opportunities included gypsy moth trappers, urban wildlife biologist, Peace Corps, USGS mapping systems, and fisheries biologists.

Professionals from the MDC Wildlife, Private Lands, Forestry, and Science Divisions, along with NRCS employees Gena Michalson, Kim Worth, and Ross Braun reviewed resumes to

help students be more competitive in their search for jobs.

Natural Resources Career Camp Students: Eight Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC) students participated in the 2003 Missouri Natural Resource Conference. These students provided an exhibit about the camp, attended workshops, and networked with natural resource professionals. The students will be attending the University of Missouri - Columbia and Lincoln University during the summer of 2003 for their second year of camp. NRCS employees (and SWCS members) Drenda Weir,

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Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Submitted by **Ron Redden**, 2002 Missouri Show-Me Chapter Secretary



October 24, 2002 - Columbia, Missouri

Present: Bob Ball, Diane Bradley, Ross Braun, Joe Dillard, Frank Gordon, Dave Johnson, Andrea King, Craig King, Bob Miller, Mike Morris, and Ron Redden.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by **Diane Bradley**, Chapter President.

Ron Redden presented the minutes to the previous meeting held on August 29, 2002. **Joe Dillard** made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by **Craig King** and so approved.

Joe Dillard presented the Treasurer's Report. It was reported that the Beginning Total Assets for the period (August 29-October 24, 2002) was \$17,465.20. During the reporting period the Total Income was \$1,701.69 and the Total Expenses or Decrease was \$1,142.98. The Ending Total Assets for the reporting period was \$18,023.91. A motion was made by Ron Redden to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller and so approved.

Diane Bradley routed recently received correspondence. A letter was received from the Hoosier Chapter SWCS giving their thanks for supporting the silent auction in Indianapolis. The proceeds will be used to support their education program in Indiana. A letter was received from Anheuser-Busch Companies indicating that unfortunately, after careful review, they will not be able to respond favorably to a request to contribute to the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Diane also indicated that letters had been recently sent to several individuals and an organization for their support of the endowment.

Ross Braun mentioned that the West North Central Leadership Development Workshop will be held in Ankeny on March 11-12, 2003. It is hoped that the Iowa State University will offer a training session. **Diane Bradley** also noted the excellent round of speakers at the conference in Moline. Approximately 125 were in attendance. It was the consensus of those attending that the conference was excellent.

Craig King reported that the 2003 State Environthon competition will be held May 1 at the Lincoln University in Jefferson City. The chapter's contribution to the State Environthon was discussed. In January 2002, the Executive Council made a decision to use more of our funds to promote professional development among our own membership and, as a result, our contribution to the Environthon was reduced to \$300. The chapter did request that the other three organizations making up the Quad Society each match our \$300. The American Fisheries Society contributed \$300. The remaining \$600 was made up through a contribution by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Craig indicated that plans are currently underway for the 2005 National Environthon to be hosted in Missouri.

Bob Ball provided a MoWIN Advisory Council Report. He mentioned that the chapter is a partner in the Watershed Information Network. Bob is the Advisory Council Chairman and Gary Baclesse represents the chapter on the Executive Board. Bob announced that East-West Gateway is a new MoWin partner.

Diane Bradley presented a membership report for **Curtis Gooch**. Curtis has not been able to get needed membership list from Ankeny; however, he hopes to have one by the November

6 newsletter deadline.

Ross Braun indicated that he is seeking out student leadership at SWMS for a student chapter. This chapter may couple with an existing club.

It was announced that **Tammy Teeter** needs names for nominations for chapter elections by October 28. Ballots will be mailed about November 6 with an approximate deadline for their return by December 17. **Diane Bradley** will try to notify nominees of the election results by December 20.

Andrea King announced that the newsletter deadline was November 6. She needs an article on the Fall Forum and nominations for elected offices. Andrea said that cameras are needed at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference events for newsletter pictures and that she needed a listing of the times for the executive council and general business meeting at the conference.

Bob Miller reported on the upcoming MNRC to be held January 29-31. A single call for papers and workshops resulted in more than could be provided for. Registration has been increased from \$25 to \$30. Bob also reported that the chapter picked up a couple of new members at the Fall Forum. Bills for most of the Fall Forum expenses have been turned in. Bob noted that the Missouri Farm Bureau again provided refreshments for the morning break and the MDC provided the afternoon refreshments.

Mike Morris provided a Fund Raising report. Mike has sent out solicitations for raffle and silent auction items. Mike asked council members for ideas on silent auction items.

Dave Johnson announced that he needs names for national awards. Names of several chapter members have already been submitted for national award consideration. Dave is also still seeking names for consideration for chapter awards. A motion was made by Craig King and seconded by Ron Redden to present Raleigh Redman with a chapter President's Award in recognition for his 10 years of service as chair of the Fund Raising Committee. The motion was so approved.

Under new business, **Bob Ball** indicated that the chapter's web site had been updated. An events page and a link to the MoWIN web site have been added.

Bob Miller made a motion to accept the revisions made to the chapter's recently developed Application for Personal Development Funding. The motion was seconded by Joe Dillard and so approved.

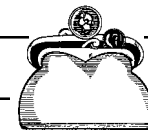
Diane Bradley asked the council to reconsider a decision made at the August meeting regarding a request for personal development funding costs incurred by **David Speidel** associated with his trip to the SWCS Conference in Indianapolis to present two posters on nutrient management. A motion was made by **Mike Morris** and seconded by Bob Miller to approve David's request in the amount of \$115. The motion was so approved.

A motion to approve an Application for Personal Development Funding for **Larry Fischer** in the amount of \$264 for lodging and registration to attend the WNC Regional Conference held in Moline was made by **Ron Redden**. **Craig King** seconded the motion and it was so approved. **Diane Bradley** will notify David and Larry of the executive council's decisions.

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Notes from the Treasurer

by Joe Dillard, Treasurer



Treasurer's Report

October 24, 2002 - January 29, 2003

Ending Total Assets*, January 29	\$16,800.00
Beginning Total Assets, October 24	\$18,038.91
Net Change in Assets for the Period	\$ - 1,238.87
Total Income or Increase for Period	\$264.56
Fall Forum	15.00
Interest on savings account - Oct., Nov., Dec.	93.87
Interest on checking account - Oct., Nov., Dec.	.94
Brommelsiek Fund Investment Value Change	154.75
Total Expenses or Decrease for Period	\$1,503.43
Fall Newsletter & Ballots - A&S Printing	260.84
Postage for Raffle Donations	28.49
Professional Development Expense, Larry Fischer	264.43
Professional Development Expense, David Speidel	115.00
Conservation and Educators Award Plaques	220.60
Frames for Award Certificates	89.41
Postage Stamps	8.41

*Asset Distribution

Conservation Employees Credit Union (CECU)	\$14,331.34
Savings Account Balance	14,330.42
Checking Account Balance	.92
Edward Jones**	\$2,468.70
Betty Broemmelsiek Endowment Fund	2,468.70

** Invested in the Growth and Income Fund of the Investment Company of America (Account No. 650-11108-1-8)

Natural Resources Conference

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Walter Lane, and Shawn Anderson, USDA Liaison Officer, Bernadette Miller, and the NRCC committee hosted this activity for the students.

Pepper Martin, U.S. Forest Service (retired), received a prestigious award from the Society of American Foresters at the conference awards banquet. Pepper is a founder of the Career Camp and received the award primarily due to his dedication to the NRCC.

High School sophomores in Missouri are competitively selected to participate in the two-year Natural Resources Conservation Camp. The program provides opportunities to learn about natural resource management and conservation techniques and to interact with conservationist and natural resource managers. During their first year, students participate in activities at the University of Missouri Forest Environmental Center near Poplar Bluff. The center is a 200 acre complex with classrooms, dormitories, and a cafeteria and is located in a 7,000 acre state forest adjacent to Mark Twain National Forest and Lake Wappapello. During the second year, the students spend one week at the University of Missouri - Columbia and one week at Lincoln University. In addition, second year participants also have a one-week experience in the work environment of a natural resource management or conservation office for a week.

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<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Chapter Dues	\$1,100	\$1,086
MNRC Raffle	1,700	1,658
Fall Forum	500	756
Interest	500	311
WNC Conference Seed Money Return	500	0
Commemorative Walnut Gift Boxes	0	100
Transfer from Savings Account	2,000	1,450

TOTAL INCOME **\$6,300** **\$5,361**

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Administration and Funding		
MNRC Raffle	50	213
Conservation Federation Dues	275	331
Newsletter	600	664
Awards	400	311
Stamps and other Supplies	75	24
Other	100	0
Professional Development		
CFM Delegate	125	110
SWCS Annual Meeting Delegate	225	0
Membership Opportunities: (WNC Rep, WNC Leadership Development Workshop, SWCS Annual Conference, and SWCS Chapter Development Workshop)	975	609
Fall Forum	50	510
Legislation, Public Policy and Public Affairs		
Scholarship	1700	1500
BB Endowment Contribution	0	500
Natural Resources Career Camp	300	0
Envirothon	300	300
Website Maintenance	300	300
WNC Conference Seed Money	500	0
Membership Growth and Involvement		
Membership Services	325	289

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$6,300** **\$5,361**

Betty Broemmelsiek Endowment Fund value as of December 31, 2002 was \$2,468.70. Total 2002 contributions were \$1,000.00. Total contributions to date are \$2,900.00.

Chapter Notes

Thank you for presenting me with the Professional Conservationist Award. I want each of you to know that any award that I have ever received has been from not just my efforts but through the association and work of a number of individuals. Each person has caused me to think about my own position on conservation issues and to expand my ideas on the importance of what we do as conservationists and educators. I am honored to receive this award from the Show-Me Chapter.



Bob Broz

2002 Activities & Highlights



The following are completed and projected Chapter activities and highlights included in the Missouri Show-Me Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society Year 2002 Annual Report:

- Executive Council meetings were held in April, June, August, October, and January during the Missouri Natural Resources Conference January 29, 2003. In addition one General Meeting was conducted. Minutes of these meetings were included in the four quarterly newsletters that are available on the chapter website. <http://swcs.missouri.edu>
- Chapter President, **Diane Bradley**, President-Elect, **Bob Miller**, and Past President, **Gary Baclesse**, served on the MNRC Quad Societies Leadership Council, which is comprised of the top leadership from four professional natural resource societies in the state: Missouri Wildlife Society, Missouri Society of American Fisheries, Missouri Society of American Foresters and the Missouri Show-Me Chapter, SWCS.
- The Executive Council developed a Chapter 2002 Action Plan of Work and Operating Budget as well as reviewed/updated the Long-Range Plan for years 2000 - 2005.
- A \$300 donation from the Chapter to the Missouri State Envirothon Competition provided T-Shirts for participating high school students.
- The Chapter supported 6 officers/members to attend the WNC-Leadership Development Workshop in Ankeny, Iowa on March 27 - March 28, 2002.
- The Chapter hosted and manned the SWCS Booth during the National Society of Range Management Conference held in Kansas City from February 15 - February 17, 2002. We had seven members help with this project.
- The Chapters Northeast Region conducted a SWCS sponsored tour at the NEMO Ethanol Plant with over 50 participants.
- The Chapter sponsored along with the Central Missouri Student Chapter SWCS a "Careers In Conservation" meeting for undergraduate students at UMC on March 21, 2002. There were 8 students in attendance plus chapter members. **Bob Ball, Bill Kurtz, Bob Broz, Ross Braun, and Steve Anderson** assisted in conducting the meeting.
- Executive Council meetings were held in April at Prairie Forks and the August meeting was held at the The Discovery Center in K.C. providing an educational opportunities.
- Chapter Past President **Gary Baclesse** serves on the Conservation Federation of the Missouri Board of Directors as the Chapter's Liaison to the federation.
- Chapter Director of the Northeast Area, **Craig King**, serves on the State Envirothon Committee as the Chapter's Liaison to the committee.
- Chapter Past President, **Gary Baclesse**, serves on the MoWIN Advisory Council as the Chapter's Liaison to the council.
- The Chapters Southwest Region conducted a SWCS sponsored tour in conjunction with the Miami Creek/Drexel Lake 319 Field Day with over 104 participants.
- Along with local chapters of the American Foresters, the Wildlife Society, the American Fisheries Society, our chapter co-sponsored the Missouri Natural Resources Conference at Tan-Tar-A Marriott Resort at Lake Ozark, Missouri,

a three-day conference titled "Facing Resource Issues in the Midwest-From Research to the Field". Over 18 workshops and technical sessions on rivers, soils technology education, and wildlife. Over 1,100 people attended this conference.

- At least 12 Chapter members attended the 2002 SWCS Annual Meeting at Indianapolis, Indiana. Chapter members were responsible for at least 2 of the posters, 4 technical presentations, and the Chapter President attended the SWCS chapter development workshop.
- Chapter President developed a new member letter that is mailed out to all new members welcoming them to SWCS and the MO Show-Me SWCS Chapter.
- Developed a MO Show-Me Chapter Membership Brochure that outlines the chapter highlights and activities with a membership form.
- Conducted a membership drive that included the mailing of packets to all NRCS, MDC, and UE&O staff. This resulted in approximately 10 new members.
- The Chapter sponsored the SWCS Chapter Booth display and 4 members to attend the North Fork Watershed Project 3rd Annual Regional Watershed Conference, "The Land Your Community, Everyone's Watershed", Tuesday, July 30, 2002.
- The Chapter awarded one \$1,000 and one \$500 scholarship during our Chapter business meeting January 30, 2003. The scholarship committee updated the brochure, announced and provided news releases for this year's Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Conservation Scholarships. The Chapter website includes a scholarship feature.
- Chapter President made a presentation to the students participating in the NRCS Student Career Experience Program on membership and benefits of SWCS.



Peggy Lemons and Judy Stinson were selected Educators of the Year by the Missouri Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Educators Recognized

Peggy Lemons and **Judy Stinson**, who have worked together as a team in providing the leadership necessary to promote and develop an educational program through the Envirothon, was selected Educators of the Year by the Missouri Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. They received the award January 30th during the Missouri Natural Resources Conference in Osage Beach.

There is no question that if not for Peggy and Judy the Missouri Envirothon would not have become what it is today. Through their enthusiasm and motivation, the contest has grown from ten teams competing in 1998 to 70 teams in 2002. With five students per team, that is 350 students being exposed to the importance of natural resource issues and potential natural resource career paths.

As the Envirothon grew, they spearheaded efforts to develop bylaws and a board of directors. They are responsible for instituting the seven regional competitions in order to continue the opportunity for new teams to compete in the Envirothon. At the international level, Peggy represents Missouri on the Canon Envirothon Board. Judy serves as the at-large member of the Canon Envirothon Executive Committee representing the United States.

Nothing is out of reach for these two as they are responsible for Missouri hosting the international competition in 2005. This will be a huge logistical and financial undertaking with a proposed budget of \$200,000. Neither Peggy nor Judy has shown any hesitation in Missouri's ability to do the preparation and raise the money needed for an excellent competition. They know it will require extensive organization using help from a myriad of people and organizations.

A very important point to remember is that Peggy and Judy are not employed solely to support the Missouri Envirothon. Peggy has worked as the Cole County District Clerk since 1985 and is now the District Manager. In addition she is also the Executive Secretary for the Missouri Association for Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Judy has worked as the Environmental Education and Information Specialist for DNR since 1998. They both wear many other hats in their regular work responsibilities, but the Envirothon hat is clearly a favorite.

Chapter Appreciation Awards

At the Show-Me Chapters annual business meeting on January 30, 2003, Chapter Appreciation awards were presented to **Raleigh Redman**, **Kathy Anderson**, and **Gary Baclesse**.

Raleigh Redman has served on the fund raising committee as both a member and chairman for over twelve years. The funds raised with the raffle and silent auction at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference annually is what supports the Chapters scholarship program. Without the funds, there would be no scholarship program.

Kathy Anderson received an Appreciation Award for her dedication and

service to the Chapter in publishing the Chapter's Quarterly Newsletter. She prepares a pdf file of the newsletter that is posted on the chapter website. In addition she prints hard copies of the newsletter to be mailed to the members without email access. In addition she has provided other publishing services to the Chapter inexpensively and of the highest quality.

Gary Baclesse has served as the President Elect, President, and Past President of the Show-Me Chapter the past three years. His dedication, leadership, and direction to the Chapter have proven to be invaluable.



Raleigh Redman is presented a Chapter Appreciation Award for his fund raising efforts.

Scholarship Winners Announced

The 2003 winners of the Betty Broemmelsiek Scholarships are **Sara Muri** and **Jamie Bequette**. Applicants were given the topic "Wetlands in MO: Challenges, Problems or Opportunities." Applicants had to submit an essay discussing their opinions on the topic. Application information was sent to all high schools in the state. A total of eight applications were received.

Sara Muri was the \$1000 scholarship recipient. She is a senior at Jamestown High School in Jamestown, MO. Sara plans to attend the University of Missouri in Columbia this fall and major in Ag Journalism. Sara was presented a certificate at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference Jan. 31, 2003 at Tan-Tar-A.

Jamie Bequette was awarded the \$500 Betty Broemmelsiek Scholarship. She is a senior at St. Genevieve High School in St. Genevieve, MO. Jamie plans to attend Jefferson College in Hillsboro this fall and major in Environmental Science.



*Sara Muri
Scholarship Recipient*

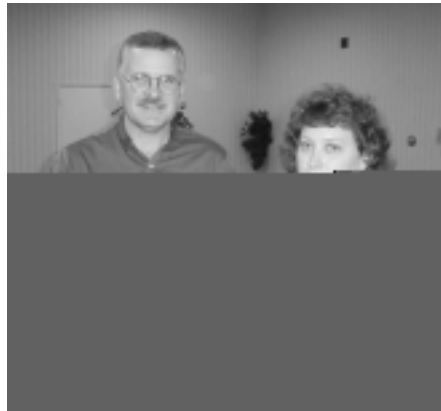
Award Winners



President's Awards

At the Show-Me Chapter's Annual Meeting, which was held on January 30, 2003 at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference, President **Diane Bradley** presented six individuals with "Presidents Awards".

Bob Miller received recognition for all of his work and effort in putting together the Chapters Fall Forum for 2002. Others recognized were **Ron Redden** for serving as the Chapter Secretary for the past three years, **Joe Dillard** for serving as Chapter Treasurer for the past two years, and **Mike Morris** for three years of service to the Chapter as Southwest Councilperson, Southwest Director, and Vice President. Also recognized was **Curtis Gooch** for serving as Chapter Membership Committee Chairman for the past three years and **Dave Johnson** for serving as the Chapter's Awards Committee Chairman for the past four years.



Bob Miller



Ron Redden



Mike Morris



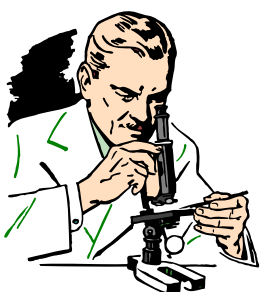
Curtis Gooch



Joe Dillard



Dave Johnson



Soil Scientists: Coming To An Area Near You!

New Major Land Resources Area (MLRA) Offices have opened in six locations around Missouri. In times past these offices were known as Soil Survey Offices. The move, made in early July, spread out the Soil Scientists across the state for more complete coverage and easier access. The MLRA Offices are generally staffed by four NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) Soil Scientists and teamed with an Area Resource Soil Scientist working out of the Area Office.

In the past, soil surveys have been conducted on a county by county basis, leading to a total of 106 soil surveys for Missouri, and some of the soil mapping in Missouri is over 30 years old. The soil survey "update process" removes the soil survey from the influence of political boundaries to those of physiographic regions, such as the loess river hills, Ozark Highlands, and Mississippi Valley alluvium.

The main duty of the MLRA Office is to study these areas, update the existing soil surveys, and collect supporting lab data across the area. Soil Scientists will be using knowledge, exper-

tise, and new technologies such as GIS (Geographic Information Systems) in the update process to improve soil survey information and interpretation.

The MLRA Office is also dedicated to education and delivery of soil survey information and technical services. Producers are able to request services such as site-specific investigations, assistance on using soil surveys, soil sampling, and many other services. NRCS Soil Scientists may be requested by schools and youth groups to visit a class, conduct an experiment, or advise the Envirothon and Soil CDE team.

Soil survey in Missouri has made a change for the best. In many ways Missouri is pioneering the next step of the soil survey process across the nation. As strongly as NRCSers have been involved with SWCS in the past, SWCS cannot help but benefit from this advancement within the agency. Both Missouri SWCS and the MLRA offices have the opportunity to improve upon this relationship, especially in encouraging environmental education and awareness. MLRA offices can be located by calling the Daviess, Henry, Stoddard, Marion, Greene, and Franklin county Field Offices and selecting the MLRA office from the extension options.

Conservationist Recognized

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specialists and staff. He has personally secured funding in excess of a million dollars, and has been the recipient of numerous awards for his water quality efforts. He oversees 6 grant-funded projects (totaling more than \$1.5 million in funding), has coordinated several statewide training courses, and serves as a resource for water quality and environmental projects throughout the state.

Mr. Broz is dedicated to the Land Grant University and the mission to extend the University resources to the state's citizens. His goal is to help Missourians find the right mix: protect their environment, retain economic viability, and stay within regulatory compliance. He sits on a wide variety of committees, from national to local grassroots to University. As the Water Quality Program Director Mr. Broz has been very involved in the Missouri Watershed Information Network (MoWIN), MSEA/ASEQ, From the Grass Roots Up Grant, Water Quality Nonpoint Source Short Course Update, Missouri Manure Management Action Group, The Missouri Water Festivals Project, and Long Branch Watershed Project. In addition Bob has written and assisted in writing many University Outreach and Extension Guidesheets and Special Reports.

2002 Highlights

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held October 8 - 10, 2002. Approximately 15 chapter members attended (**James Sturm, Gary Baclesse, Bob Ball Ross Braun, Tabitha Madzura, Bob Miller, Diane Bradley, Allan Johnson, Dennis Shirk, Ron Redden, Ken Bruene, Dan Downing, Larry Fischer, Liz Cook and Larry Pollard**). There were 6 presenters and 1 exhibitor from the group.

- Executive Council developed a Missouri Show-Me Chapter Application for Professional Development. This tool will be used for members to apply for funds budgeted for workshops, conferences, and other events to assist with expenses incurred during attendance.

Calendar of Events

- **Missouri Show-Me SWCS Chapter Executive Council Meeting**, April 16, 2003, DNR Building, Jefferson City, MO.
- **Missouri State Envirothon**, May 1, 2003, Lincoln Carver Farm, Jefferson City, MO.
- **58th Annual SWCS Annual Convention**, "The Columbia River: Conserving A Legacy Of Life", July 26-30, 2003, Spokane, Washington.
- **National Envirothon**, July 22 - August 1, 2003, Maryland.

New Address for SWCS Headquarters



With the recent residential construction surrounding the SWCS headquarters building, the City of Ankeny has annexed our land into the city causing us to get a new mailing address. The phone number remains the same 1-800-THYE-SOIL (843-7645) or 515-289-2331. Please use the following address:

Soil and Water Conservation Society
945 SW Ankeny Road
Ankeny, IA 50021

Executive Council Minutes

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Ross Braun announced that the vests left from the SWCS Conference held in St. Louis were sent to Washington. The Washington SWCS chapter will only be charged the necessary cost to cover shipping expenses. Credit will be given to the Missouri and Illinois chapters.

Mike Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by **Craig King** and so approved.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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