

# SHOW-ME CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## The President's Corner

By Steve Wilson

Have you recruited a member lately?

Have you mentored a new member lately?

Have you talked with a new employee about professional development and SWCS Show-Me Chapter membership benefits?

### "Well, why not???"

Members' expectations are high today. In return for their dues, they expect communication on critical conservation and agriculture issues that is regular, timely, substantive and state-of-the-art. Even beyond these demands, a good communications program is the glue that holds a membership together and gives an association its identity. It is the vehicle for exerting the association's influence in professional, legislative and regulatory affairs. The Show-Me Chapter of the SWCS is moving forward with cutting edge communications

## Managing the Public's Trust Amid Competing Voices

By Diana Sheridan

The 2006 Missouri Natural Resources Conference is getting near. Registration is now open and the agenda will be posted on the web site in early December. Due to agency budget constraints, travel budgets are limited this year. In order to maintain a good attendance by SWCS members we are encouraging participants to consider sharing rooms or transportation to ease personal expense.

The agenda for technical papers, workshop and poster session have proven again to be a diverse composite of issues facing Missouri's natural

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technology - Interactive websites, e-newsletters, list serves, bulletin boards, effective database systems, international conferences, regional conferences, state-wide conferences.

What can we do better? Tell us. We as a Council need to know and we collectively, as a Society, need to know ....to make the job of recruitment simpler.

Please take the time to talk with your Councilperson and Area Director to improve the services you, as members, receive - as well as, how each member can get involved.

resources. This year, presentations will be made in the context of the Public Trust Doctrine.

The social events from years past remain intact including: Wednesday night Smoker, 5K Fun Run, Continental Breakfasts and the Awards Banquet/Dessert Social. Hope to see many of you there!

Please see the MNRC web site for conference registration and detailed program information at [www.mnrc.org](http://www.mnrc.org) or follow the link from the Show Me Chapter website, at [www.swcs.missouri.edu](http://www.swcs.missouri.edu)

## Fall Forum a Success

By Renee Cook

This year's Fall Forum was held in October at the George Washington Carver Farm in Jefferson City. Participants gained knowledge about phosphorus-based nutrient management and learned how it is affecting the agricultural industry. If you would like to view the agenda, photos, or download presentations from the forum, you can select SWCS Show-Me Chapter Annual Fall Forum on our website at <http://www.swcs.missouri.edu/>

Individuals or organizations that attended the forum could earn CEU's. Since the conference, we have received notification that 5 CEU's for nutrient management were approved under the

Certified Crop Advisor Program through the Missouri CCA Board. CEU's recognized by the Missouri Board are accepted by Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. CEU's offered at this workshop also count towards NRCS Certified Nutrient Management Planner's required CEU's.



### Did You Know?

President Theodore Roosevelt prohibited Christmas trees in the White House for fear of undermining his forest-conservation efforts.

## Attention: All SWCS Members – *Be a Winner*

By Steve Wilson

Due to overwhelming demand (sounds good doesn't it), the 2005 Show-Me SWCS Executive Council is pleased to announce a:

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Starting immediately all new or reinstated members and the member that recruited the new member or reinstated member is eligible for a Prize.

*You could be the winner!*



Starting right now, immediately, without delay all names of members meeting the qualifications will go into a pool for the name to be announced at the MO Natural Resource Conference, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. (Need not be present to win, but couldn't hurt.)

A \$75.00 Bass  
Pro Gift Card

## Online Balloting Coming to a SWCS Chapter Near You

By Kim Worth

For the first time, the Show–Me Chapter of SWCS will attempt to offer the option of placing your vote for next year’s officers ONLINE. The online balloting is currently scheduled to be available Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> thru Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Be aware that this voting period overlaps much of the holiday season, so VOTE NOW before you forget.

The online balloting is available from the chapter homepage, located at <http://swcs.missouri.edu/>.

After the voting period has ended, the Executive Council will discuss the pros and cons, and

## NW Area Luncheon

By Kim Worth

SWCS members in NW Missouri met at CT’s Walnut Street Grille in Cameron, MO during the afternoon of Friday, September 30, 2005. After the meal, Bev Maltzberger, NW Area Director, led the group in an ice–breaker and introductions.

The University of Missouri Extension program was well represented by the featured presenter, Craig Smith, who gave a PowerPoint presentation and led a discussion on “Water Pollutant Trading”. Craig, a Kansas native, is a Natural Resources Engineer in Gallatin, MO. He works in Harrison, Mercer, Grundy, Livingston, Caldwell and Clinton counties. Craig had also recently given his presentation at the WNC SWCS regional conference in Hannibal, MO. In his presentation he talked about the

trouble–shoot any problems that occurred with either the online or the hard–copy ballot process.

If you have a comment regarding the success of the voting or the method that you prefer, please contact your local Director or Councilperson – or any of the other Executive Officers listed on the directory page of the chapter website.



impact of various environmental strategies to improve water quality, the cost for water systems to the public, and the feasibility of implementing “water pollutant trading” in Missouri. “Water quality trading has a lot of potential, but it’s going to take several years,” he said.

After the speaker completed his presentation, announcements were made regarding the upcoming scholarship and award nomination deadlines, by Bev Maltzberger, Scholarship Chair, and Dave Johnson, Awards Chair, respectively. The last order of the day was a brainstorming session, led by Vice President Kim Worth, over the following topics: Social, Professional Development, Publicity, Recruitment, Student Chapters, Fund Raising, Please see *NW Area Luncheon* on page 4

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Award Nominations, Policy (State & SWCS). Every attendee participated fully in the discussion, and a number of excellent ideas were suggested. The group voted unanimously to have a NW Area meeting again next year, and a number of tour possibilities were suggested.

Kim would especially like to thank Bev, Craig, Dave, Jeremy Redden, and Lynn Leimkuehler for their support in holding one of the first NW Area SWCS meetings in recent, or distant, memory. Thanks guys! I look forward to seeing everyone at next year's meeting.

## Missouri Show-Me Chapter SWCS 2006 Executive Council Candidates

### PRESIDENT ELECT

**Kim Worth** – is a Soil Scientist for NRCS in the Gallatin, MO. MLRA Project Office. She graduated from MU in May 2002 with a BS in AgEd, married Ross Worth, and moved back to the family farm in Cameron to garden, remodel, and read. She became involved with SWCS in the fall of 2000 as she helped to re-found and lead the Central MO Student Chapter of SWCS as president. In her current position, she spends a lot of quality time with ArcGIS, some out in the field, and is responsible for most of the publicity and correspondence for the MLRA office. By running for MO Show-Me Chapter President, she would like to support SWCS activities, and encourage the furthered education of those in and around SWCS (especially in relation to soils and soil survey information).

### VICE-PRESIDENT

**Diane Bradley** – The NRCS has employed her for the past 15 years. Currently, she is located in the Bates/Cass County FOSA and serves as the District Conservationist. David, her husband, and Diane are the proud parents of two sons Daniel Aaron (6) and Dustin Scott (1 ½). She has been a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society from 1991 to the present and has served on the Fund Raising Committee for the past ten years. She has also previously served as President of the Chapter. Diane has assisted in the set up and manning of the society booth for the past 11 years at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference and has served as Arrangements Committee Chair and Social Committee Chair for the conference. Diane will be serving as chair of the Social Committee for the 2009 Missouri Natural Resources Conference. In the near future of the Show-Me Chapter Diane would like to see SWCS continue to increase and maintain chapter membership and involvement in chapter activities. She would like to maintain an awareness of our valued resources and concerns that we will be faced with in the next few years that will be very important in the continued work and efforts of our society.

**TREASURER**

**Lauren Cartwright** – began working with NRCS in the Missouri State office as an Agricultural Economist in January 2004. She joined SWCS shortly after that. Prior to joining NRCS she worked as an economist for the Army Corps of Engineers in Alexandria, VA. Her educational background consists of a BS in Forestry and Wildlife Sciences with a minor in Agricultural and Development Economics and an MS in Agricultural and Applied Economics from Virginia Tech. She has pursued her education and current career path to fulfill a desire to work to conserve natural resources and develop a better understanding of the complex nature of human interactions with the environment.

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**SECRETARY**

**Bill White** – is a Private Land Program Supervisor with the Missouri Department of Conservation in Jefferson City where he is an MDC liaison with USDA and coordinator for Farm Bill activities. He lives near Linn with his 2 youngest boys and wife, Diane. Bill's interests include hunting, camping and keeping up with his boys.

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**NORTHEAST COUNCILPERSON**

**Ashley Johnson** – is a Resource Conservationist for Shelby County. She has been located in Shelbyville for four years and previously worked in the Mexico and Kirksville Field Offices. Ashley started her career with NRCS in the Spring 1999 through the Student Career Experience Program in the Adair/Macon and Schuyler FOSA. She is an active member with a professional agricultural sorority from college, and has been a member with the Soil and Water Conservation Society since the spring of 2005. Her daily duties range from program signups to implementing conservation plans. She attends college career fairs in the fall for NRCS recruitment needs and has served on several training committees. Ashley and her husband live in Edina, Missouri with their 3 year old daughter, Kinsley. They enjoy boating, being outdoors and watching sporting activities. She would like to thank you for your consideration.

**Jay Lingwall** – is an Area Resource Conservationist for NRCS Area 2 located in Palmyra, Missouri. Jay's career began in Illinois with SCS as a technician and has continued for 25 years. He has been a SWCS member for over 20 years and has helped with several meetings, one regional meeting and two national meetings. SWCS is a valuable organization which needs to continually grow with new members to address the changing political and technical issues of natural resource conservation. Jay has previously served as a council person for NE Missouri and is willing to do so again.

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**SOUTHEAST COUNCILPERSON**

**Melinda Barch** – is the District Conservationist with NRCS for Maries/Osage and Gasconade Counties. She attended Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman, and began working for the agency in 1985 as a coop student. She has worked in eight counties in Missouri; and she has spent 3 ½ years in Iowa with NRCS. Melinda and her husband live on a farm in Maries County where they enjoy hunting, fishing and the county.

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### **CENTRAL COUNCILPERSON**

**Dean Martin** – As a son of an Air Force officer Dean and his family moved around a great deal. He attended three high schools. Dean then attended Iowa State University and earned a B.S. in Biology and a Masters in Water Resources. After a few years working with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources he accepted a job with the Missouri DNR as the Environmental Emergency Response Coordinator. He worked on emergency planning and response for 14 years. Dean has worked in the Soil and Water Conservation Program in Jefferson City for the past 11 years. He is the section chief for the Soil Science Section with staff located in 6 offices throughout Missouri. Dean believes one of the most important things we do as a society is to protect our land and water so that we, and the people who come after us, can enjoy its beauty and its bounty.

**Fred Young** – Fred is a soil scientist with NRCS, on the state office staff in Columbia. Born and raised in suburban Chicago, Fred headed to California after high school, and eventually graduated from college with a B.S. degree in soil and water science from the University of California at Davis. Fred started his career with NRCS as a student trainee in the soil survey program, worked in various California locations, then transferred to Alaska. From there he took a job in Guam, where he mapped several islands of the Marianas chain in the western Pacific. He came to Missouri nearly 20 years ago, and has since mapped soils in various counties of northwest and central Missouri, taught GIS and other courses at Lincoln University, and struggled through a PhD program at Mizzou. Fred has been a member of the SWCS for about five years, and has been an active participant and supporter of the Missouri Natural Resources Conference, where he has been involved in workshops, symposia, posters and displays on soils in Missouri.

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### **SOUTHWEST COUNCILPERSON**

**Diana Sheridan** – In October 2003 Diana began working with NRCS in the Greene County Field Office. Believing strongly in professional development, she soon became a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Diana had been attending the Missouri Natural Resource Conference for years as the Executive Director of James River Basin Partnership and saw the importance of the Conference and the Society's position as co-sponsor. In the winter of 2004 she was appointed the MNRC 2009 committee chair. Diana has come to know many SWCS members and enjoys interaction with them all through participation in that committee. She would be honored to serve as SW Councilperson.

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### **NORTHWEST COUNCILPERSON**

**David Ritchhart** – is a Soil Conservationists at the Higginsville NRCS office in Lafayette County. He has worked for NRCS since 1992 and been a member of SWCS since 1998. He lives in Warrensburg where his wife Janet teaches fourth grade. They have two children Kyle, 14 and Katelin, 10. He enjoys his membership with SWCS and would like to represent the NW area as councilperson.

## Missouri Show-Me Chapter SWCS 2006 Election Ballot

All members may vote for one candidate for each office by placing an "X" in the box.

Ballots must be postmarked by Friday, **January 6, 2005**

President Elect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Kim Worth</b>	Print and mail to: Tammy Teeter 1013 S. Sturgeon Montgomery City, MO 63361 FAX (573)564-3967 OR Vote on-line!	
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Diane Bradley</b>		
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Lauren Cartwright</b>		
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bill White</b>		
Northeast Councilperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ashley Johnson</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Jay Lingwall</b>
Southeast Councilperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Melinda Barch</b>		
Central Councilperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dean Martin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fred Young</b>
Southwest Councilperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Diana Sheridan</b>		
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