



Natural Resources Conservation Service
210 Walnut Street, Room 693
Des Moines, IA 50309-2180

September 17, 2012

IOWA BULLETIN NO. IA110-12-4

SUBJECT: ADM - SWCS IOWA CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

PURPOSE. To inform all employees of the date, location, and attendance policy for the Iowa Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Annual Meeting.

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2013

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Division of Soil Conservation (DSC) believe that membership, active involvement, and participation in professional societies is important for the purposes of maintaining and enhancing our capabilities in professional resource management. Such membership and participation not only helps in developing a professional work force but also in accomplishing our mission and enhancing the public perception of our professionals. Other intangible benefits associated with professional society involvement include:

- ~ Higher agency visibility and enhanced reputation or respect through employee professional interactions, participation, and networking with others;
- ~ Employee growth in both ability and knowledge;
- ~ Enhanced effectiveness of professionals in carrying out programs;
- ~ Enhanced employee morale, self-esteem, and motivation, and
- ~ Development of leadership qualities in employees.

The Iowa Chapter SWCS Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012. The meeting will be held at Pioneer Hi-Bred, 7100 NW 62nd Ave, Johnston, Iowa. Attached is a copy of the agenda and registration form. Registration is due to Paul Miller, 5558 Kensington Circle, Johnston, Iowa 50131 by Thursday, October 4, 2012.

All NRCS and DSC employees who are SWCS members are encouraged to attend this meeting and will be authorized 8 hours of official time to attend the meeting, if October 12 is a scheduled workday. Prior approval from your supervisor is required. No overtime or compensatory time is to be incurred. No government expenses are authorized in connection with attendance at this meeting. Government vehicles are not to be used for transportation.

Again, NRCS and DSC value active participation in professional societies and will continue to provide support within budgetary constraints.

/s/Jon Hubbert
Acting State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service

/s/James Gillespie
Director
Division of Soil Conservation

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Pioneer Hi-Bred
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Johnston, IA 50131
Carver Conference Center, Room 1C

AGENDA

- 9:15 Registration – Meet at Pioneer Hi-Bred Carver Conference Center
Coffee and pastries
- 9:50 Welcome and Introductions - Sheila Cox, President
- 10:00 Farm Bill Update and Development – Tina May, Senate Agriculture Committee
Highlights of the Farm Bill conservation provisions and discussion on the process of Farm
Bill development.
(Tentative)
- 10:45 SWCS Update – Jim Gulliford, Executive Director, SWCS
- 11:15 Pioneer Conservation Perspective – Nancy DeLong, Sr. Business Engagement
Manager, Pioneer Hi-Bred
- 11:30 Nabbing Nitrates video
- 11:45 Lunch (Ballots must be turned in by 12:00 p.m. to be counted)
- 1:00 Business Meeting
Call to Order – Sheila Cox
Awards
Scholarships
Secretary’s Report – Hillary Olson
Treasurer’s Report – Alan Lauver
Membership Report – Alan Lange
Board Election Results
Adjourn Business Meeting
- 2:00 Pioneer Hi-Bred Tour (greenhouses, research labs, etc.)
- ~4:30 Social Time at Miller residence, 5558 Kensington Circle, Johnston.
View stormwater management practices in place.

Auction will be held as a silent auction during the day or at the social time in the evening. If you wish to donate an item for the auction please bring it with you and check it in at the registration table.



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NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS/COMPANY YOU WORK FOR: _____

Are you a member of SWCS? _____ Yes _____ No

Registration (Checkmark price):

Member

\$20.00 – Meeting, Lunch, Tour

Non-Member

\$25.00 – Meeting, Lunch, Tour

Number: _____ Registration Cost: _____ Total Payment Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to Iowa SWCS

Number planning to attend after meeting social _____

Please mail this registration form and payment to **Paul Miller, 5558 Kensington Circle, Johnston, IA 50131.**