



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

September 5, 2013

IOWA BULLETIN NO. IA110-13-2

SUBJECT: ADM - SWCS IOWA CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION BY: SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

**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, 2014

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 workforce 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 4, 2013. The meeting will be held at Des Moines Waterworks, 2201 George Flag Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa 50321. Attached is a copy of the agenda and registration form. Registration is due to Jason Hart, Post Office Box 315, Redfield, Iowa 50233 by Thursday, September 26, 2013.

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 4 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.

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Jay Mar  
State Conservationist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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James Gillespie  
Director  
Division of Soil Conservation

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Des Moines Waterworks  
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Des Moines, Iowa 50321  
Board Room

## AGENDA

- 9:00 Registration – Meet at Des Moines Waterworks Board Room for Coffee and Pastries
- 9:30 Welcome and Introductions – Jason Hart, President elect
- 9:40 Iowa’s Nutrient Reduction Strategy – Iowa Department of Land Stewardship (IDALS)
- 10:00 Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Update – Doug Daigle  
Doug has been associated with various aspects of the hypoxia action plan for the last 18 years and is leading the charge in a reassessment of the movement in reaching the 2014 Hypoxia Action Plan goals.
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Des Moines Waterworks – Bill Stowe, CEO/ General Manager  
- Background and looking to the future.
- 11:45 Lunch (Ballots must be turned in by 12:00 pm to be counted.)
- 12:45 Business Meeting
- Call to Order – Jason Hart
  - Awards
  - Scholarships
  - Secretary’s Report – Hillary Olson
  - Treasurer’s Report – Alan Lauver
  - Membership Report – Alan Lange
  - Board Election Results
  - Adjourn Business Meeting
- 1:30 Des Moines Waterworks Tour (1.5 hours)
- 4:00 Social Time at El Bate Shop, 200 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Des Moines, Iowa  
- Round table discussion on upcoming SWCS projects

Auction will be held as a silent auction during the day. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Need Gluten free lunch option? Please check: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Iowa SWCS

Number planning to attend Social Time at El Bate Shop: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this registration form and payment to **Jason Hart, PO Box 315, Redfield, Iowa 50233.**