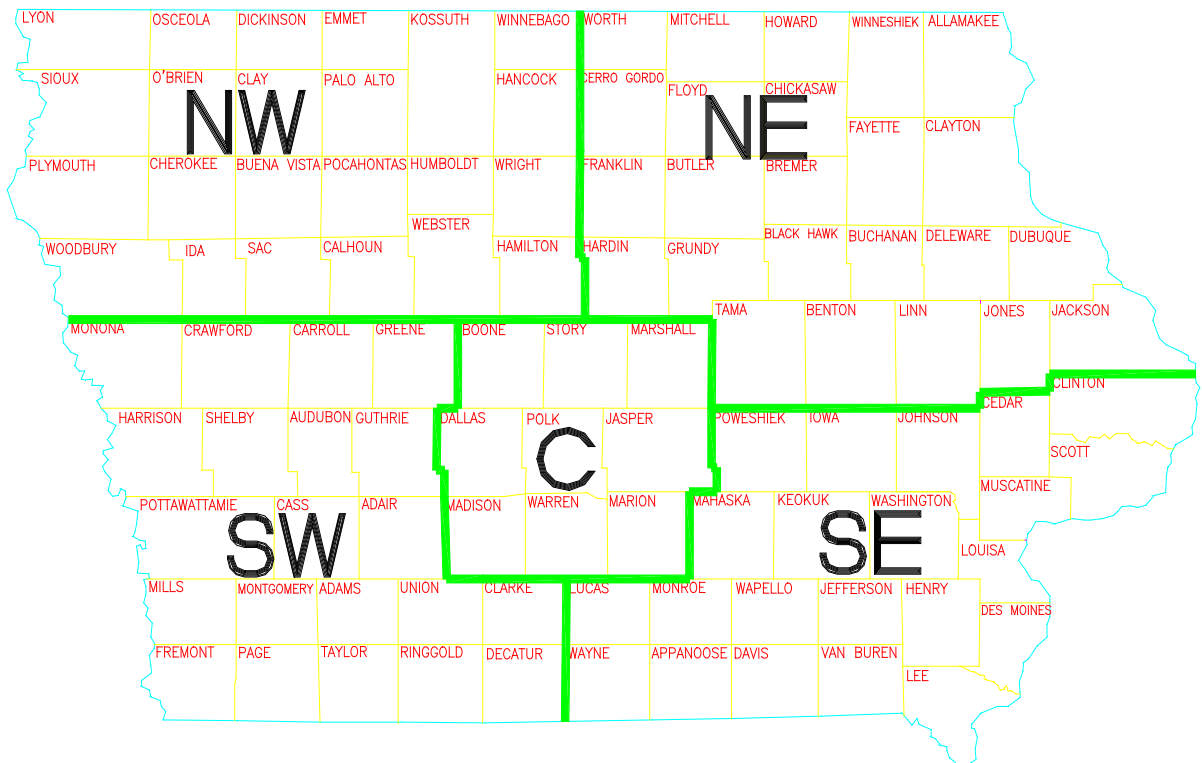


IOWA CHAPTER SWCS



HANDBOOK

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is a private, non-profit scientific, and educational organization devoted to the conservation of land, water, and related resources worldwide. Its mission is to advance these resources to meet the needs of present and future generations by creating a variety of forums to identify, analyze, and formulate workable recommendations on land and water management policy and issues. The Iowa Chapter of the SWCS is dedicated to wise use and wise management of resources.

The distinctive characteristic of the organization is its multidisciplinary, multi-institutional membership. Some members conduct applied or basic research; some teach in the land and water related sciences; some work with landowners and operators in applying conservation practices or systems to the land. Others practice soil and water conservation, on their own or public land. Many others may not be employed or studying directly in a natural resources field, but have a profound interest in the stewardship of natural resources.

IOWA CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this chapter of the SWCS reflect those of the Parent Society. In order to advance the science and art of good land use, as well as to promote conservation of soil, water, and related renewable resources, our specific objectives are:

1. Support the several arts, sciences, and professions that have to do with the conservation of our renewable natural resources in such a manner as to encourage sound formulation and development of the best possible system of land and water management.
2. Sponsor and carry out programs to help bring about a better understanding of the need for conserving our renewable natural resources to the end that conservation becomes an intimate part of the thinking, doing, and living of city and country people alike.
3. Encourage research and demonstration that will contribute toward a better understanding of the means by which more effective conservation methods can be developed and put into practice.
4. Encourage high ethical standards on the part of all those who are professionally engaged in the furtherance of improved use of land and water.
5. Work with other conservation agencies and organizations in support of their conservation efforts.
6. Work for the early adoption of a long-range, country-wide land and water policy as a guide to all agencies, organizations, and individuals in their renewable resource conservation activities.
7. Recognize noteworthy achievements by individuals, agencies, and organizations that have assisted in planning, developing, and carrying out resource conservation programs.
8. Publish and encourage publication of information that will aid in the development and adoption of improved concepts and practices in conservation.
9. Encourage and assist with the development of improved educational programs on conservation in elementary and secondary schools, in colleges and universities, and in adult education fields.
10. Inspire public recognition of the urgent need for a complete country-wide inventory of our renewable natural resources at the earliest possible date so that more rapid progress may be made in getting more land used within its capabilities.
11. Strive for a better appreciation and understanding of the importance of conservation of renewable natural resources on a world-wide basis.
12. Augment the concepts of conservation so they include not only better use of soil, water, grass, forest, and wildlife resources in the economy of the world but aesthetic and human values as well.

In order to achieve these objectives, the chapter has developed a Long Range Plan and an Annual Plan of Work, both of which can be found in this handbook.

IOWA CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

The Iowa Chapter (#49) was issued a charter at the National SWCS (then Soil Conservation Society of America – SCSA) Meeting on October 26, 1950, in Detroit, Michigan. The Iowa Chapter is a member of the Society's West North Central Region.

Territory

The Chapter covers all of Iowa. It is organized on a statewide basis, and divided into five areas (see map on cover). Each area has an elected chairperson. One area activity per year is required by the bylaws. Additional educational and social programs are encouraged for each area to supplement the activities of the Iowa Chapter.

Rules Governing Chapter Business

A copy of the chapter bylaws can be found in the appendix.

IOWA STUDENT CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

Student Chapters exist where 10 or more student members have petitioned SWCS to establish a student chapter, and have approval from the Society for a charter. Continued leadership will be provided by an advisor to the group. The advisor must have an interest in students and in conservation of our renewable natural resources. The Iowa Chapter President also designates a chapter member to be a liaison with each Student Chapter. Student Chapters may qualify for outstanding chapter and chapter achievement awards.

Current Student Chapters are located at:

Iowa State University

IOWA CHAPTER OPERATIONS

Officer Responsibilities

Officers are to carry out the business of the chapter according to the bylaws. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP.

Meetings and Chapter Business

The Executive Committee governs the chapter's business as allowed in the chapter's bylaws. Executive Committee meetings are called by the Chapter President. They are normally held in:

- November
- January
- April
- June (in conjunction with the summer meeting)
- August
- September (in conjunction with the annual meeting)

Alternate meetings can be held the other six months if desired and can be in person or by conference call.

General membership meetings are held as follows:

- Annual Meeting – September
- Summer Meeting – June

Committee Activities

All committees will be appointed by the President or President-Elect.

Each committee shall elect a chairperson and prepare a written report of the committee activities. Committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend Executive Committee meetings and give reports of their activities (Chairpersons should at least report activities to the president so that he/she can report them at Executive Committee meetings).

IOWA CHAPTER POLICIES

The Chapter will reimburse the delegate (delegate is voted on by the Executive Committee, and is normally the Chapter President).

Within the Hugh Bennett Fund, a memorial fund in honor of Harold Boehmer has been established.

Chapter Life Membership dues will be 10 percent of the amount paid for Life Membership in the Parent Society.

A rotation for summer meetings is established as follows:

- SE Area
- NE Area
- NW Area
- SW Area
- Central Area

IOWA CHAPTER POLICY STATEMENTS

The Chapter has two Policy statements:

- Land Use Policy adopted June 19, 1981

- Water Quality Policy adopted October 10, 1986

The Policy statements can be found in the Appendix.

SWCS MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

Membership Benefits

- * Effective representation in policy circles on environmental, agricultural, and conservation issues.
- * Opportunities to network with, and learn from, professionals from many disciplines through local, regional, and international meetings.
- * Interaction and education through local chapter membership in the United States and Canada.
- * Journal of Soil and Water Conservation.
- * Discounts on books and conference or workshop registration fees.
- * Lapel pin and membership card.
- * Student memberships are open to full-time high-school students, university undergraduate or graduate students.

For more information regarding membership go to www.swcs.org.

Iowa Chapter Membership

Classes of membership are the same as for the Parent Society. No one can be a member of the Iowa Chapter without first being a member of the Parent Society. Dues are set by the Executive Committee.

IOWA CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Executive Committee consists of 11 elected positions: the Chapter President, President-Elect, Secretary, Membership Chairperson, Treasurer, five Area Chairpersons, and the immediate Past-President. These officers serve a two-year term, with the exception of the President-Elect. The President-Elect will automatically succeed the President to facilitate a smooth transition from one administration to the next. Chapter Officers may be selected from any type of membership in the Chapter. The Officers shall be elected annually from the membership and shall perform the duties of their respective offices until their successors begin their duties immediately after the annual meeting. Also, the Student Director is appointed to serve on the Iowa Chapter Executive Committee.

Duties of each officer and the Executive Committee can be found in the Chapter Bylaws, and include the following:

President

Preside at meetings, establish committee chairpersons, make appointments to committees/task forces, hold meetings with committee chairpersons when possible, stimulate committee to function, establish task forces, be responsible for all official business matters, serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee, and represent the chapter at various functions.

President-Elect

Must be close to the program planning operations of the Chapter (Annual Meeting), and in the absence of the President, assumes those duties. Serves as chairperson of the Meetings Committee. The President-Elect should be prepared for the day when he or she becomes president. Serves as a member of the Nominations Committee.

Immediate Past-President

This person serves in an advisory capacity, and helps to provide stability and continuity to chapter functions. He/She serves as chairperson of the Nominations and Bylaws Committees. Is responsible for an annual review of the Chapter Officers' Handbook

Secretary

Keeps minutes of all regular and special meetings of the chapter, writes letters for the Chapter, keeps correspondence and Chapter information properly filed, makes purchases at request of the president or Executive Committee, and keeps officers and membership currently informed of special plans or events.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the safe keeping of all chapter funds. The Treasurer shall pay bills on the order of the President or the Executive Committee in accordance with the bylaws and shall keep an account thereof. The accounts shall be audited at the close of each year by the Audit Committee. The treasurer shall prepare an annual report and financial statement for presentation at the annual meeting.

Membership Chairperson

Maintains an accurate and up-to-date record of all Iowa Chapter members in all membership categories. Sees that chapter dues are collected from Parent Society members. Serves as chairperson of the Membership Committee.

Area Chairpersons

Each of the five area chairpersons is a regional leader, and must provide leadership in the following:

1. Membership recruitment, retainment, and development
2. Having an active membership
3. Conducting area activities
4. Plan summer meeting when it is the area's responsibility
5. Nominate people for awards
6. Assist in development of the Chapter's Long Range Plan

Student Director

The student director will be a voting member of the board of directors of the Iowa Chapter of SWCS. The student director will also participate in all board activities and functions. The student director will be a liaison to the student SWCS chapters in Iowa and will be responsible for all communications between chapter officers.

DUTIES OF IOWA CHAPTER STANDING COMMITTEES

By-Laws Committee

Committee is chaired by the immediate Past-President.

Goals and Objectives

To have up-to-date bylaws with which the chapter will function.

Activities

The committee is responsible for preparing drafts of any changes deemed appropriate in the Bylaws. These need to be prepared and sent out for membership review prior to any effort to adopt them, as per the chapters' Bylaws.

Information Committee

Chairperson is appointed by the President. An automatic member of the committee is the chairperson of the Newsletter Committee.

Goals and Objectives

To make the Iowa public, especially the conservation element, aware of the Iowa Chapter of SWCS, its goals, and its objectives. To prepare and implement a program of publicity for the Chapter using all available news media which are adapted to the furtherance of the objectives of the Society and Chapter.

Activities

Publicize upcoming meetings; prepare news releases and photos from chapter meetings; work with the media to have them in attendance at meetings; set up news conferences; publicize position statement, etc. adopted by the chapter; prepare exhibits; maintain a listing of media contacts; work with the newsletter chairman to see that items such as the above are included in newsletters; and develop and sponsor educational and informational meetings in conjunction with other chapter committees. Work closely with the webmaster of the iaswcs.org website to make sure current and up-to-date information is available.

Meetings Committee

This committee is chaired by the President-Elect.

Goals and Objectives

The committee is responsible for developing the agenda for the annual meeting. The program content will be timely, informative, and of interest to the members. Program contents will be prepared in time to get the materials to the Newsletter for proper publicity of each event.

Activities

1. Obtain program suggestions from the Executive Committee, Committee Chairpersons, and individual members.
2. The Annual Meeting is held per the bylaws.
3. The summer meeting is held in June, generally the second or third weekend. The location rotates each year as per the listing on page 9. Generally, the activities of the Friday are: morning – travel, social, and sporting activities, afternoon – informative activities; an informal evening meal. Saturday morning allows for committee meetings and a Chapter business meeting.
4. Chapter meetings will be planned to allow for business, technical subjects, and informational exchange of ideas between members, with time for committee work and social enjoyment.
5. A well-conducted meeting reflects good planning, including adequate arrangements, organization of personnel, full discharge of personal and committee assignments, and flexibility in meeting unexpected situations.

6. Make complete arrangements for the summer and annual meeting. This includes choosing a meeting date, meeting site, and arranging a program – both technical and social.
7. Try to do a special activity each year that might stimulate an additional interest in attendance and for which members can participate.
8. Arrange for publicity to tell members and the general public about meetings. Use the Chapter newsletter for this purpose.
9. The Meetings Committee will evaluate the past meetings. What has been successful at the Annual and Summer Meetings? What has been a failure?

Membership Committee

This committee is chaired by the Membership Secretary.

Goals and Objectives

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| Chairperson: | ~ | To retain current members and take action to reinstate those delinquent. |
| | ~ | To keep an up-to-date roster of current members in all membership categories. |
| | ~ | To select committee members to represent the chapter. |
| | ~ | To call meetings, as needed, for purposes of conducting committee business. |
| Committee: | ~ | To develop and carry out programs and promotions which will encourage new members to join, and retain current members. |
| | ~ | To add new members in all membership categories. |
| | ~ | To remind current members to ask others to join. |
| | ~ | To develop current rosters of potential members by the “target” agency or organization. |

Activities

To see that all SWCS members pay Iowa Chapter dues. Conduct mailings to members delinquent in paying chapter dues. Conduct mailings and/or telephone campaigns to reinstate past members. Work with other chapter committees on specific membership campaigns. Encourage Chapter Life Membership among those that are eligible.

COMMITTEES TRADITIONALLY USED BY THE IOWA CHAPTER

Audit Committee

The Chairperson is appointed by the President. Usually the committee consists of two to three people.

Goals and Objectives

To make sure that the Treasurer's book accurately account for the chapter's funds.

Activities

Conducts an audit of the books at year's end, or during the year if, for some reason, there is a change in the Treasurer. Submits a report on the audit at the Chapter's Annual Meeting.

Awards Committee

The Chairperson is appointed by the President.

Goals and Objectives

To recognize outstanding members of the Iowa Chapter and others through the Society and Chapter Awards Programs.

Activities

Must keep all chapter award nomination forms up-to-date. Must keep all members informed of deadlines for award nominations, where to obtain forms, and assist in preparation of the award nominations. Review award nominations and recommend winners of the awards to the Executive Committee.

Advocacy Committee

The Chairperson is appointed by the President. All committee members must have a strong interest in, and good understanding of, the legislative process and natural resource politics. Committee members, ideally, will be from a variety of professions, and represent various sections of the state, and the various disciplines within the membership.

Goals and Objectives

To keep legislators apprised of chapter attitudes and policies on legislative matters, both at the state and national levels. The committee will keep the chapter informed of legislative and other government activities of interest to them. It will also recommend actions to the Executive Committee for promoting chapter opinions and positions to policy makers at all levels of government.

Voice support or opposition to legislative actions on issues of concern to the chapter – upon approval of the Executive Committee.

Nominations Committee

Chaired by the immediate Past-President. Usually consists of two to three members, one of which is the President-Elect.

Goals and Objectives

Responsible for establishing a slate of candidates for office to be sent out with the announcement of the Annual Meeting, in the September newsletter (including a short biographical sketch of each candidate).

Activities

The committee is to review the membership roster and develop a list of candidates (no more than five, and no less than two) for each chapter office up for election. These candidates must have agreed to have their names placed on the ballot. Committee members prepare ballots, tally the vote, and announce the new officers at the Annual Meeting. Encourage all on the ballot, if elected, to attend the Regional Chapter Development Workshop.

Scholarship Committee

The Chairperson is appointed by the President.

Goals and Objectives

This committee, plus the President, is responsible for receiving funds to establish scholarships or for adding to existing scholarships, for reminding members of deadlines for nominations for scholarships, for selecting winners as per the David Schnur, Newman Lyle, and Krsnak-Runyan-Ward Scholarship guidelines, and for keeping a record of scholarship recipients.

Activities

Suggestions for use of the Newman Lyle monies must be ready for the Executive Committees' April meeting. Suggestions for the recipient(s) of the David Schnur Scholarship are ready for presentation to the Executive Committee at its' June meeting.

Student Activities Committee

This committee consists of the Parent Chapter-Student Chapter Liaisons appointed by the President.

Goals and Objectives

To coordinate the activities of the Parent and Student Chapters. To help Student Chapters have a role in the Parent Chapter's activities. To keep the Executive Committee informed on ways in which the Parent Chapter can assist the Student Chapters.

Activities

Meet at least twice a year with the Student Chapter. Attend Executive Committee meetings to act as a liaison between the Parent and Student Chapters.

IOWA CHAPTER TASK FORCES

Purpose

These are, quite simple, temporary committees. When their objective is completed, the task force is abolished. The Executive Committee and/or President can establish task forces. The President appoints the chairperson, who in turn, finds other members to round out the task force.

Current Task Forces

Iowa Resource Enhancement Program (REAP)

Iowa REAP is a program to fill unmet needs, through additional revenues, to protect and enhance Iowa's natural resource heritage for the 21st century. Emphasis is on Iowa's soil, water, and other natural resources; completion and renovation of facilities; and providing education and research for the long-term wise management of these resources. Iowa REAP represents the combined efforts and support of many individuals and organizations. It represents the concerns and needs identified by many Iowa citizens. This program has been developed and recommended by an alliance of Iowa conservation organizations after evaluation of existing programs and identification of natural resource needs.

Iowa Environmental Council

IOWA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Following is a brief synopsis of each scholarship fund that is available through the Chapter.

David L. Schnur Memorial Scholarship

David Schnur was a member of the conservation minded Ralph Schnur family in Story County. He was killed in a machinery accident while installing conservation practices on the land. This scholarship was set up in 1986 with funds donated by the family of David Schnur, interest from which is used for the scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide those already employed in a resource related field a chance to further their education and career.

Newman Lyle Scholarship

On December 26, 1961, Helen S. Lyle stated that it was her desire to establish a scholarship for worthy teachers and students in the field of soil and water conservation. The Newman Lyle Scholarship is in honor of the late Newman Lyle, who for a number of years served as a soil district commissioner and also as a member, director, vice-president, and president of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

The Iowa Chapter has the responsibility of administration of the scholarship funds. This will be the duty of the Executive Committee of the chapter. The Scholarship Committee will recommend how the funds will be used. It is mutually agreed that only the interest from the investment of the fund is to be used for scholarships, unless, and until the Society and the Iowa Chapter agree that there is justification for use of part or all of the principal for these or other purposes.

Krsnak-Runyan-Ward Memorial Scholarship

The Krsnak-Runyan-Ward Memorial Scholarship is offered by the Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District through the Iowa Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society to residents of Iowa who are interested in pursuing a career in the field of natural resources management. This scholarship will be made for one academic year with the goal of encouraging students to enter the field of natural resources management.

David Krsnak and Diane Runyan were Soil Conservation Service employees working with the Black Hawk County Soil and Water Conservation District in 1982 when they were killed in a rare accident while inspecting tile installation for a terrace project. Vance Ward was also a Soil Conservation Service Technician assisting the District, who died in the same year following a lengthy illness.

This memorial scholarship is dedicated to attracting promising young people to help complete the work of these outstanding individuals whose careers were cut short.

Note: See the attached scholarship eligibility guidelines and application form.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Please be aware that you must be a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society for at least 1 year to apply for these scholarships.

Opportunities for scholarships are as follows:

1. **Research Scholarship**—made possible by Kenneth E. Grant
2. **Soil Conservation Scholarship**—made possible by Donald A. Williams
3. **Student Leader Conservation Scholarship**—made possible by Melville H. Cohee

For information on the following scholarships go to www.swcs.org.

IOWA CHAPTER AWARDS

The following is a description of the awards specific to the Iowa Chapter. However, the Chapter can also make nominations for International SWCS awards. This is an excellent way to recognize outstanding chapter members, non-member organizations, and even the Chapter itself. If you have ideas on recipients of any awards, they need to be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee ahead of the established deadlines.

Bryon W. Lodwick Pasture Management

This award was begun in 1976 to recognize excellence in pasture management. The funds come from the interest on a \$1,000 gift to the Chapter from Mr. Lodwick on December 31, 1975. Application consists of a written “report” of accomplishments in the area of pasture management. The completed nomination is due to the Awards Chairperson by September 10.

Excellence in Conservation Reporting

This award has two categories – Print and Broadcasting. Nominations are due to the Awards Chairperson by September 10, and must consist of a narrative on the contributions of the person being nominated.

Friends of Conservation

Awarded to an organization or group that does not have natural resource conservation as a primary objective, but does have an effective program in that field.

A narrative substantiating the facts of what the group has done is due in the hands of the Awards Chairperson by September 10.

Managed Natural Areas Recognition

This award, established on June 21, 1987, is to recognize landowners or managers for exemplary management in maintaining the integrity of the states remaining natural vegetative areas. An application is available in the Appendix. Applications are due by August 30 of each year.

Presidential Citation

Awarded at the discretion of the Chapter President to individual(s) who have made outstanding contributions to development of the Iowa Chapter.

Land Treatment Recognition

Proposal was reviewed at the June 21, 1987, Executive Committee Meeting. Is still in the developmental stage, and is being pursued by the Awards Committee (see plans in the Chapters’ five year plan – Awards Committee section).

INTERNATIONAL SWCS AWARDS

Individuals and Organizations Eligible	Award Category	Purpose	Number Awarded Annually
I. Society Members	Fellow	Recognizes exceptional professional achievement coupled with service to the Society.	Up to 0.1% of members
	Outstanding Service	Recognizes distinguished service to the Society over a long and sustained period (10 years minimum).	Up to 0.1% of members.
	Commendation	Recognizes members for service to their chapters (members having received other Society awards are also eligible).	A chapter, council of chapters, Board member or officer may nominate 1 individual.
	Conservation Research	Recognizes a SWCS Society members or teams of members whose research has led to exceptional improvements in soil conservation, water conservation, and/or related natural resources research.	No more than 4 awards will be presented per year.
II. Society Members and Non-Members	Hugh Hammond Bennett	Recognizes extraordinary national and international accomplishments in the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.	One, then only if a suitable candidate is nominated.
	Honor	Recognizes people for outstanding accomplishments compatible with Society objectives.	Up to 10
	Merit	Recognizes noteworthy conservation activity or products of organizations, agencies, or firms.	As many as meet the standards.
III. Chapters	Outstanding Chapters	Recognize overall program of a SWCS chapter.	One per region and one student chapter.
	Chapter Achievement	Recognize an outstanding single chapter activity	Up to five.
	Sustained Performance Award	Recognizes one chapter for continuing excellence and overall programming over a period of more than two years.	One
	Professional Development	Recognizes one chapter for its efforts in conducting and/or sponsoring professional development programs during the past year.	One

Award nominations for Individuals are due to SWCS Headquarters by December 12 each year.

Award nominations for Chapters are due to SWCS Headquarters by mid February each year.

ENDOWMENT AND FOUNDATION FUNDS

The SWCS's foundation program includes nine funds – an endowment fund to ensure adequate support of programs into the future and eight foundation funds, used for special annual programs. These funds are used to finance ongoing projects, such as the scholarship programs; for timely special projects, such as meetings and publishing efforts; and for operating expenses, such as unexpected or planned capital improvements.

Hugh Hammond Bennett Endowment

Of top priority are funds for the Hugh Hammond Bennett Endowment. As an endowment, only interest income is used to ensure adequate support of programs into the future. Within the Iowa Chapter, a memorial fund in honor of Harold Boehmer* has been established.

Development Fund

Both the principal and interest from this fund are used for such projects as capital improvements, general operations, and special projects. This fund appeals to donors who wish their gifts to be available to SWCS now to meet current timely needs.

Walter E. Jeske Memorial

This memorial helps defray the expenses of speakers at SWCS's annual meeting, ensuring that the event is a worthy educational activity.

Building and Ground Maintenance Fund

This fund enhances the up-keep and landscaping of SWCS's Headquarters, built almost entirely with gifts.

Chapter Activities Fund

Initiated by Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Moldenhauer, the fund provides interest-free loans to SWCS chapters to carry out special projects.

Scholarships in Conservation

The SWCS presents scholarships annually to college juniors and seniors enrolled in natural resource curricula.

Donald A. Williams Soil Conservation Scholarship

This project provides scholarships to SWCS members working in conservation, but who wish to improve their competence through further study.

Kenneth E. Grant Research Scholarship

This program annually provides a scholarship for graduate-level research on a topic of interest to SWCS.

Special Student Fund

Projects initiated by SWCS's Student Advisory Council are funded from these monies.

How You May Give

Donors may designate gifts directly to one of the nine programs. Also, gifts may be offered in honor or memory of a loved one, friend, or colleague in recognition of their services to conservation. Use of these Honor and Memorial Accounts are designated by the individuals who establish the accounts

* Harold Boehmer was a Past Chapter President, and Area Conservationist with the SCS in Mason City at the time of his death in 1983.

OTHER SWCS PROGRAMS

Insurance – Life and Medical

Term life insurance and medical insurance programs are available through SWCS. Contact the Headquarters in Ankeny for additional information.

Managed Natural Areas – A Recognition Program

The SWCS has a program to aid members and others in becoming acquainted with the value of native vegetation in conservation work, landscaping, beautification, recreation, and environmental improvement.

One phase of work has been to develop a program for recognizing managed areas of native vegetation. Eligible areas are those which are being used for forestry, grazing, wildlife, recreation, nature center, watershed protection, scientific study, or similar purposes.

Areas nominated for recognition are observed, researched, and evaluated under the supervision of the Society. Upon approval, the leaders, managers, or owners of such areas are presented with a “certificate” by the Society.

Copies of the nomination form and a list of recognized managed natural areas may be obtained from SWCS Headquarters.

Certified Professional Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist

Laws governing misuse of land and water resources and damages inflicted on others by erosion and sedimentation problems have been passed in many states and provinces. These laws create a need for the services of professionals trained in proper erosion and sediment control methods. Such professionals increasingly must be able to show evidence of their qualifications.

A certification program identifying professionals qualified for educational, scientific, and service activities with public and private agencies in the erosion and sedimentation fields is in the public interest. The SWCS has joined with the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) to develop standards and procedures for certifying persons qualified in erosion and sedimentation control.

Certification is based upon scholarly preparation, knowledge, and experience. Professionals listed on the Registry will: a) meet the educational and practical experience standards; b) subscribe to the Code of Ethics; and c) qualify for particular identification of special abilities. A Review Panel passes on the credentials of each application for certification. All decisions of the Panel pertaining to eligibility for certification and inclusion in the Registry must be considered final after due provisions for an appeal.

Information and applications can be obtained from SWCS Headquarters.

Educational Cartoon Booklet Sales

In 1955, SWCS initiated its’ educational cartoon booklet program to help young people comprehend the importance of natural resources to life and to learn how people affect the use of those resources. Since then, more than 24 million copies have been distributed to young people throughout the United States and Canada, with approximately 700,000 copies distributed in Iowa.

Currently, there are seven different booklets available, as well as a teacher’s guide for each. They are generally considered acceptable for grade school children in grades 4 through 6.

The SWCS pays commissions to the Iowa Chapter for booklets and teacher’s guides purchased from within the boundaries of the chapter.

Chapter members should become familiar with the booklets. Members should inform others about the booklets. Solicitation of businesses, civic organizations, conservation districts, government agencies, and others to purchase the booklets for distribution at schools, fairs, summer camps, and other places is helpful.

Promotional brochures and sample sets of the booklets and teacher’s guides are available from the SWCS Headquarters.

APPENDIX

CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

IOWA CHAPTER

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society shall be the Iowa Chapter #49 (hereinafter referred to as the Chapter). The charter was issued on October 26, 1950, at the National Meeting of the then Soil Conservation Society of America, at Detroit, Michigan.

ARTICLE II - Territory

Section 1. The Headquarters of the Chapter shall be the address designated by the selected secretary.

Section 2. All of Iowa shall be included in the territory of the Chapter. The state will be divided into five areas, referred to as N.W. Area, N.E. Area, S.W. Area, S.E. Area, and Central Area. Counties included within each area shall be:

- A. N.W.: Lyon, Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Winnebago, Sioux, O'Brien, Clay, Palo Alto, Hancock, Plymouth, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Pocahontas, Humboldt, Wright, Woodbury, Ida, Sac, Calhoun, Webster, Hamilton.
- B. N.E.: Worth, Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Linn, Chickasaw, Fayette, Clayton, Franklin, Butler, Bremer, Hardin, Grundy, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Tama, Benton, Jones, Jackson.
- C. S.W.: Monona, Crawford, Carroll, Greene, Harrison, Shelby, Audubon, Guthrie, Page, Pottawattamie, Cass, Adair, Mills, Montgomery, Adams, Union, Clarke, Fremont, Taylor, Ringgold, Decatur.
- D. S.E.: Poweshiek, Iowa, Johnson, Cedar, Clinton, Scott, Muscatine, Mahaska, Keokuk, Washington, Louisa, Lucas, Monroe, Wapello, Jefferson, Henry, Des Moines, Wayne, Appanoose, Davis, Van Buren, Lee.
- E. Central: Boone, Story, Marshall, Dallas, Polk, Jasper, Madison, Warren, Marion.

ARTICLE III - Objectives

The objectives of the Iowa Chapter shall be the same as those of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (hereinafter referred to as the society), as a nonprofit education and scientific organization dedicated to advancing the science and art of good land and water use.

ARTICLE IV - Membership

- Section 1. The classes of membership shall be the same as those of the Society.
- Section 2. Eligibility requirements for Chapter membership shall be membership in the Society. Any eligible person may become a member of the Chapter regardless of where he/she may reside.
- Section 3. Any member of the Society is entitled to attend the meetings of the Chapter. Only Chapter members may vote, serve on committees, or hold office in the Chapter.
- Section 4. Membership in the Chapter may be terminated by voluntary resignation or failure to pay dues, or by majority vote of the Chapter.
- Section 5. A Chapter member can become a life member if he/she is a life member of the Society and desires to pay an amount for Chapter Life dues as prescribed by the executive committee. Dues are paid to the Chapter Treasurer.
- Section 6. Annual dues of the Chapter shall be an amount set by the Executive Council based on the needs of the Chapter. Society and Chapter dues shall be payable together to the Society Headquarters or to the Chapter Treasurer.

ARTICLE V - Officers

- Section 1. The officers of the Iowa Chapter shall be a president, a president-elect, a secretary, a treasurer, a membership secretary, five area chairpersons, one from each of the areas within the Chapter, and a student director. The president-elect will assume the duties of the president the following year. The officers shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in carrying out their duties or transacting any business of the Chapter.
- Section 2. The office of president-elect shall be elected annually for a one year term. The offices of secretary, treasurer, membership secretary (terms staggered, treasurer even numbered year, secretary and membership secretary odd numbered year), and five area chairpersons (one from each area, terms staggered, area Northwest and Southeast odd numbered years and areas Northeast, Central and Southwest even numbered years) elected bi-annually for two year terms from the membership and shall perform the duties of their respective offices until their successors assume their duties. Terms of the officers shall commence immediately following the Chapter's annual meeting for their office. Officers begin to perform duties after their election until the office position is up for election."
- Section 3. The President shall have general responsibility for the affairs of the Chapter; preside at Chapter meetings and sessions of the Executive Council (see Article VI); ensure the timely election of Chapter officers; and appoint committees and representatives.
- Section 4. The President-elect shall automatically become President when the President's term expires (or the position otherwise becomes vacant). The Present-elect may appoint committee members and plan activities to become effective at the time he or she becomes President. In the absence of the President, the President-elect shall assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of the President. The President-elect serves as delegate to SWCS International Advisory Council, unless the Executive Committee appoints someone else for a specific year.
- Section 5. The Secretary shall give notice of Chapter meetings and other activities to all Chapter members; keep a record of all business meetings; be responsible for all Chapter correspondence; keep the master copy of the Bylaws, membership list, and other records belonging to the Chapter or pertaining to its business; and perform other duties incident to the office of Secretary. In collaboration with the immediate Past-President, shall prepare annual report of the Chapter to be presented at the annual meeting of the Chapter and to be forwarded to the Executive Officer of the Society.

- Section 6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the Chapter. He/she will accept Chapter dues (National Headquarters sends a check monthly), but not the dues for membership in the Society. His/her accounts shall be audited at the close of each year as directed by the President. He/she shall prepare an annual report and financial statement for presentation at the annual meeting. He/she will serve without bond unless or until the Executive Committee deem a bond necessary. Should a bond be declared necessary and desirable, the Executive Committee will set the amount. All costs for obtaining bonds shall be borne by the Chapter.
- Section 7. The Membership Secretary shall maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of all members of the Chapter. This includes the responsibility for collecting the Chapter dues from those who neglect to pay them when paying dues to the Society.
- Section 8. The Area Chairman shall coordinate the work of the Chapter in his/her area and be responsible for at least one area activity each year.
- Section 9. The student director will be a voting member of the board of directors of the Iowa Chapter of SWCS. The student director will also participate in all board activities and functions. The student director will be a liaison to the student SWCS chapters in Iowa and will be responsible for all communications between chapter officers.

ARTICLE VI - Committees/Divisions

- Section 1. The Executive Committee will consist of the chapter president, president-elect, secretary, membership secretary, treasurer, five area chairpersons, and the immediate past-president.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be the legal representative of the Chapter and shall have, hold, and administer all funds and property of the Chapter which shall be in the direct custody of the Treasurer.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year for the transaction of its business and at other times as determined by the President or by a majority of the Executive Committee, and shall have power to act on matters that arise between regularly scheduled Chapter meetings and are not otherwise specifically provided for in the Bylaws. At least 3 days' notice of the date and place of each meeting and the general nature of the business to be acted upon shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee by mail or in person; provided that in case of an emergency, which shall be stated in the notice, a meeting may be called upon not less than 24 hours notice.
- Section 4. A quorum of the Executive Committee, defined as a majority of the Executive Committee members, must be present in order that business can be legally transacted.
- Section 5. The Executive Committee shall direct the policies of the Chapter within the framework of the Society, in support of the educational and scientific objectives of the Society, in coordination with the area chairpersons. The Executive Committee shall develop or review operating plans and budgets; give council and guidance to, and coordinate the work of committees; decide chapter business not requiring action by the membership; and perform similar duties. The Executive Committee shall approve any formal statement of the policy of position of the Chapter on any issues. Executive Committee members or other members appointed by the president may speak for the Chapter.
- Section 6. Committees/Divisions, except the Executive Committee, shall be appointed by the President. They may be temporary or standing committees and/or Divisions. Temporary committees or Divisions shall serve until their duties are accomplished, but may be dissolved upon a majority affirmative vote at any Chapter meeting. Members of standing committees shall serve until the end of the fiscal year and shall be eligible for re-appointment. The standing committees shall be a Membership Committee, a By-Laws Committee, a Meetings Committee, an Information Committee and such others as the members shall decide upon at Chapter meetings.

- Section 7. The Executive Committee shall represent the Chapter membership. It shall be responsible for the routine functioning of the Chapter, for developing a program of activities, and for initiating the development of Chapter positions and/or policies. It shall have authority to take any action or to make any commitments not specifically delegated to the Chapter membership, but its activities shall be subject to review and approval or disapproval by the membership. No other committee may expend funds of the Chapter, unless authorized by the Executive Committee. Five (5) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 8. The Membership Committee, which is chaired by the Membership Secretary, shall take any steps necessary to promote and maintain the membership of the Chapter in all types of memberships that are available.
- Section 9. The By-Laws Committee shall be responsible for preparing the By-Laws of the Chapter and for preparing the text of any amendments or revisions of the By-Laws which may be necessary.
- Section 10. The Meetings Committee, chaired by the President-elect shall be responsible for planning and carrying out the meetings of the Chapter.
- Section 11. The Information Committee shall be responsible for issuing at least twice a year, a Newsletter on Chapter affairs and informing the membership of other pertinent facts on Soil and Water Conservation of special interest to the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

- Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting and at least one other regular meeting of the Chapter to be held in a location(s) and date(s) to be determined by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall notify the Chapter's membership of the exact date(s) and location at least twenty (20) calendar days in advance of the annual and general meetings. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon written petition of not less than 10 chapter members, or whenever, in the opinion of the President, there is business which should be brought before the membership for action prior to the next regular meeting. At least 15 days advance notice must be given of any special meetings.
- Section 2. Any business which may properly come before the Chapter membership may be discussed and acted upon at the annual or regular meetings. Only that business may be discussed or acted upon at a special meeting which has been announced by written notice sent by the Secretary to the Chapter membership at least 15 days in advance of such special meeting.
- Section 3. A quorum at any meeting shall consist of 10 members in good standing.
- Section 4. The order of business and all parliamentary procedure at any meeting shall be in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order, except where this may conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Parent Society.
- Section 5. Any members of the Society or their guests may attend meetings of the Chapter. Only members of the Chapter may vote.
- Section 6. Officers and Committee chairpersons or their representatives shall report verbally or in writing to the membership regarding their current or proposed activities, at intervals directed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - Elections

- Section 1. The Chapter Officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee appointed by the President, or by any ten (10) members of the Chapter. Ballots will be sent to all members of the Chapter in good standing at least twenty (20) calendar days before the annual meeting. Votes for each Area Chairperson shall be counted only from members residing within that area at the time of the election. All ballots returned by noon of the day of the annual meeting will be counted. Write-in votes will be counted. The candidate for each office receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared elected.
- Section 2. For the offices of President-elect, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Council member(s), the Nominating Committee shall consider members from the various institutions, professions, groups or organizations represented in the Chapter.
- Section 3. Before any member's name is placed on the ballot for an office or Council member position in the Chapter, the member shall indicate that he or she is willing to serve.
- Section 4. The Secretary shall deliver the cast ballots and results to the immediate past-president at the Annual Meeting. The nominee receiving a plurality of the votes cast for each office position shall be declared elected. Tie votes shall be broken by vote of the Executive Council.
- Section 5. Any vacated office except Chapter President shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Committee. The President-elect automatically fills the office of Chapter President in case of vacancy.

ARTICLE IX - Dues and Funds

1. The Executive Committee will have the authority to raise or lower the dues when deemed necessary, by two-thirds vote of its members. Dues for all but life membership are payable on the anniversary date of membership to Headquarters. (Headquarters then reimburses the Chapter Treasurer.) Life members make a one-time payment to the Chapter Treasurer.
2. The funds of the Chapter shall be the responsibility of the Chapter Treasurer. Any amount which is not needed for current use shall be deposited to the credit of the Chapter in some reputable bank in the vicinity of the Chapter's Headquarters. The Executive Committee may approve reasonable bank charges for the account.

ARTICLE X - Liability

Private property or funds of the members of this Chapter shall be held exempt from any and all debts and liabilities of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XI - Status and Dissolution

- Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Chapter shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding revisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- Section 2. The Chapter may receive gifts, bequests, donations, grants, or funds for any purpose within the scope of Society objectives. No part of the funds of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, Chapter members, officers, or other private persons except that the Chapter shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered; to provide awards, scholarships, and other incentive programs to further the objectives and purposes of the Society; and to financially support chapter, regional, and Society activities and programs.

- Section 3. This Chapter may be dissolved by a resolution requesting dissolution passed by majority vote of mail ballots received, provided that notice of such action has been mailed to all members at least sixty (60) days prior to the closing date for receiving these mail ballots.
- Section 4. Should the Chapter dissolve in accordance with Section 3 or from any other cause, any assets not required for payment of its liabilities and obligations and not held upon condition requiring return, specific transfer, or conveyance upon dissolution, shall be paid over and transferred to the Society. If the Society is dissolved, then the Executive Committee in office in the Chapter at the time of dissolution shall select organization(s) to which the assets covered in this section may be transferred. Such organizations, corporations, or societies shall be engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the Society and regularly organized and qualified as charitable, educational, scientific, or philanthropic organizations.
- Section 5. Should the Chapter dissolve, the Executive Committee shall forward to the Society (or, if the Society is dissolved, to the National Agricultural Library) all significant records, correspondence, and other papers.

ARTICLE XII - Amendment

- Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of members present at any annual or general meeting or at any special meeting called for this purpose, provided that in every case written notice of the proposed amendment be sent to each Chapter member at the time that notice of the date of the meeting is announced.
- Section 2. Amendments shall, unless otherwise provided therein, take effect which the Executive Committee (or the presiding officer in case of a vote at a meeting) determines that a majority of the votes cast are favorable. The Chapter Secretary shall notify the members of the result, along with revised text of the Bylaws.
- Section 3. No Bylaw provision or amendment may be adopted which is not in keeping with the Society Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation of the Chapter or educational and scientific purposes of the Chapter. Upon official notification by the Society that a provision or amendment is not in keeping, and after due opportunity for hearing the Chapter, such provision or amendment shall be void and of no effect.
- Section 4. Any change(s) required by the Internal Revenue Service in order to establish or maintain status of the Society or the Chapter as an educational and scientific organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code shall automatically be deemed a fully approved amendment to these Bylaws. The Secretary shall notify each Chapter member of such change(s) and reasons therefore, and provide revised text of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII - Effective Date

These Bylaws were adopted by vote of the membership at a Chapter meeting on June 19, 1964.

Amended by a majority vote on October 5, 1979; October 1, 1982, October 10, 1986; October 9, 1987; October 25, 1996; June 27, 2003 and September 10, 2004.

President

President-Elect

Past President

**IOWA CHAPTER
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY**

Policy Statement on Land Use

The Iowa Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society, recognizes the responsibility of every generation to preserve and protect this state's natural resources for both the present and prospective generation. Therefore, it is the duty and responsibility of government to provide for development of policies that will assure prudent use of the resources, including the allocation of space for diverse land use.

The Chapter believes:

1. that individuals must retain their rights to utilize their land within its suitability capacity so long as those uses do not adversely affect or infringe on the rights of others,
2. recognizes that citizens must exercise their rights and responsibilities through responsible government at the local, state, and national levels,
3. that within the framework of responsive legislation the needed regulation and public acquisition can be accomplished,
4. that planning for land use and growth must be based on the findings of scientific study. Inventories and classification of physical, cultural, and economic factors influencing land use must precede planning. Existing information can be organized to show geographic land use potential and limitations, and
5. that the state should use legislation and planning measures to minimize and prevent erosion and sedimentation which causes deterioration of lakes, streams, and soil productivity.

The Chapter recommends:

1. that the state legislature in structuring taxation and allocating funds for the various grant-in-aid and tax credit programs include, as appropriate, incentives that will prevent or reduce damage and pollution of landscapes, soils, air, and waters,
2. greatly expanded information and education programs oriented toward wider public understanding of, and support for, wise land use and management,
3. implementation of a continuing well-balanced federal, state, and local program of research on land use. Such studies should be concerned with present and future needs, rates of depletion and damage, implementation of comprehensive land use planning, attainment of sound economic growth, and maintenance of a quality environment, and
4. maximum use of county soil surveys and critical erosion areas inventories to assure that land use decision-makers understand the potentials and limitations of Iowa's soil resources.

IOWA CHAPTER
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Policy Statement on Water Quality

Water quality issues are a high priority problem in the state of Iowa. The high potential for deterioration of water quality merits the concern of all Iowa residents. Because of its abundance, Iowa's water resource has not received the attention it deserves.

Most environmental research related to agriculture has been aimed at soil conservation, sediment control, and surface water quality. Further studies on tillage systems, nitrogen application and utilization, pesticide and fertilizer losses in relation to water quality are needed. A Best Management Practices for Agriculture Chemicals report has been prepared by the Iowa State University Cooperative Extension Service. This report provides a summary of recognized available alternative practices which could reduce the effect of sediment and agricultural chemicals on the water resources.

Contaminants from agricultural, industrial, and other urban sources are increasingly being identified in our water supplies. The long-term health effects of these contaminants on our water supplies, even when found in very minute quantities, is unknown. Many of us may be the subjects of a massive, long-term experiment on the effects of using water with low levels of mixed contaminants for drinking, household use, livestock, and other food production and processing, industrial uses, recreation, and other uses.

The policy of the Iowa Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, as it relates to water, is the protection of Iowa's water resource in quality and quantity from the time a raindrop falls until it leaves the state.

In order to protect Iowa's water resources for now and for the future, the Iowa Chapter will encourage:

1. public awareness of the effects of agriculture , including but not limited to tillage, crop selection, fertilizer use, and livestock production, on the water resources,
2. the adoption of cost-effective farming methods designed to minimize the contamination of water,
3. continued research needed to identify the sources, route and method of transportation, destination and fate of contaminants and their breakdown products,
4. continued research on the health effects of contaminants in all combinations and levels in our water resources,
5. continued research into the effects of water pollution on the environment, including all animals, plants, air, and soil,
6. support groups at the federal, state, and local level, who are charged with the promotion and protection of Iowa's natural resources, and
7. sponsoring of, and attendance at, seminars and conferences related to water in the clouds, falling, on the ground, or under the ground.

Iowa Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society
Memorial Scholarships

David L. Schnur
Newmen Lyle
Krsnak-Runyan-Ward

Objective

These Memorial Scholarships provide financial aid to persons needing economic assistance and who are interested in furthering their education and careers in a soil conservation/natural resource related field through course work, special study or seminars.

Eligibility

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Iowa,
- Be a high school graduate or GED equivalent,
- Be employed in a natural resource related field in Iowa for a minimum of one year, OR have completed a full year of post-high school course work in a natural resource related field,
- Have demonstrated integrity, ability and competence in their work, and
- Possess skills gained through training or experience.

First priority will be given to applicants pursuing a full-time degree while attending school on a full-time basis. Second priority will be given to applicants doing single or multiple course work toward a degree while attending school part-time. Priority is also given to SWCS members. Financial need will also be a consideration.

Applications

Applications are available on the Iowa Chapter SWCS web site at www.iaswcs.org. Application for these scholarships must be made to the Iowa Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society by June 30. Please send to: Dennis Schrod, SWCS Scholarship Application, 1851 Windward Trail, Prole, IA 50229. For more information contact Dennis at 515-342-2917 or dennis.schrod@ia.usda.gov

Scholarship Amounts

Each scholarship is valued up to \$500 and is available each year. A three-member scholarship committee plus the President will select the recipients. The Iowa Chapter of SWCS reserves the right of not awarding the scholarships in any given year, if by doing so would be in the best interest of the Chapter. If funds are not used in any given year, they will remain in the account for use the next year. Scholarship funds will be awarded at the annual fall meeting of the Iowa Chapter of SWCS.

IOWA CHAPTER OF THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the following questions

Date _____

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

2. Permanent address and phone number (where correspondence will reach you during the summer, non-school period):

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

3. Are you a member of the Iowa SWCS or a Student Chapter? _____

4. Name and address of Employer: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Length of time employed? _____ Part-time or Full-time? _____

5. College, university, organization, or facility at which you are now studying or will be studying.

Name: _____

Address: _____

6. A. Check highest level of education completed:

High School: _____

College: Freshman _____
Sophomore _____
Junior _____
Senior _____

B. Are you now: Part-time Student _____ Full-time Student _____

AND/OR

C. Will you be: Part-time Student _____ Full-time Student _____

7. What is your major course of study? _____
8. Do you hold other scholarships or does your employer subsidize your education? Yes _____ No _____
 If yes, explain _____
9. Do you hold any financial grants or low-interest loans? Yes _____ No _____
 If yes, explain _____

Attachments

Attach a one-page letter outlining your background, attitudes toward conservation, objectives of your educational program, career goals and financial needs.

Attach a letter of recommendation (reference letter) in which the writer discusses your potential for success and seriousness of intent to pursue a career in natural resource management.

Attach a copy of your transcript for the highest level of education completed.

Signature of applicant _____

Mail a copy of this application and all supporting materials by June 30, to:

Dennis Schrodt
 SWCS Scholarship Application
 1851 Windwood Trail
 Prole, IA 50229

Note: Applications must be postmarked by June 30, for consideration in this year's awards competition. Applications not fully completed, missing attachments, or not postmarked on or before June 30, will not be considered.

ARCHIVE

**NOMINATION FORM
CONSERVATION REPORTING EXCELLENCE**

Name of person nominated: _____

Organization: _____

Category: check one Print _____ Broadcast _____

Write a description of the activities conducted, such as a series of programs or feature articles on resource conservation. Explain the audience reached, accomplishments obtained, and how your program and/or efforts were assisted. Examples include significant changes in public opinions or attitudes, volunteer participation, financial assistance from local sources, the development of new programs and revitalization of existing programs and projects. Examples of written materials are acceptable.

This nomination completed by: _____(signed)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime telephone: _____

County: _____

Return to:

Objective:

This program is to recognize landowners or land managers for exemplary management in maintaining the integrity of Iowa's remaining natural vegetation areas. Recognition will be given by the Iowa SWCS Chapter as part of its Awards Program.

Eligibility:

The program is open to all landowners, tenants, public or private institutions, or governmental agencies who are directly responsible for the management of natural areas.

Nomination:

Nomination for the Natural Areas Management Recognition Award is to be made using this form.

Manager being recognized: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Landowner: _____

Address: _____

Location of managed area: _____
County Township Range Section

Size of Area: _____

Type of Natural Area: _____
(grassland-prairie, wetland, woodland)

Native vegetation present (give a brief description): _____

Threatened and endangered species (list plants and animals): _____

NOTE: Please include a paragraph narrative on the nominee's merits for this award: _____

Return to:

**NOMINATION FORM
PASTURE MANAGEMENT AWARD**

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Operator's Name: _____

Acres in Farm: _____ Acres in Pasture: _____

Submitted by: _____ County _____ Date _____

1. Grazing System and Soil Management

Amount of lime applied: _____ Amount of fertilizer applied: _____

Pasture species: _____

Type of Grazing: _____ Rotation _____ Continuous _____ Deferred _____ Other _____

2. This Season's Grazing Period

Date grazing commenced: _____ Ended: _____

Date and Species: _____
Spring Summer Fall

Animal Production: grains, milk, etc. (if records are not available, estimate): _____

Supplemental Feed: _____ Which grazing period: _____

Number of animal units of grazing for season: _____

3. End of Grazing Period *

Stand and vigor of pasture: _____ Poor _____ Good _____ Excellent

Utilization: _____ Overuse _____ Under Use _____ Proper Use

* To facilitate timeliness of making award, the previous years grazing period may be used.

Comments (give history of use, photos, or other supporting material): _____

Return to:

**NOMINATION FORM
FRIEND OF CONSERVATION**

Name of Person/Organization Nominated: _____

Address: _____

Beginning in the space below, describe the activity or series of activities conducted by this organization. Explain the resource conservation accomplishments directly attributed to this person/organization or the assistance provided to resource conservation programs of others. Cite facts that show the changes made by the nominee. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

This nomination completed by: _____ (signed)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime telephone: _____

County: _____

Submit By: August 1, 2009

Return to: Dora Guffey, 20251 Delaware Street, Carlisle, Iowa 50047 or email dguffey@q.com

**IASWCS Member
Career Development Grant**

Iowa Chapter Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Iowa Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) to only directly fund conferences that the Iowa Chapter is directly involved in the development and formation of the conference and its agenda. The Executive Board reserves the right to consider and act on all requests.

The Iowa Chapter does feel it is very important to support our membership with educational/professional development opportunities. We carry out this goal through many means including our annual conference, area activities, and our summer meeting, to name a few. In addition, the Iowa Chapter will support the development of our members through educational stipends. Our policy is to provide up to \$100 per event per member. Members must apply for each event. Payment will be made after successful completion of the event. Members will be required to provide a short summary report for the Chapter newsletter or make a presentation on their experience, at a Chapter event. The Chapter will determine annually the amount of dollars they will have available to support educational stipends.

**Iowa Soil & Water Conservation Society
Career Development Grant**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Event: _____

Date: _____ Location: _____

Give a brief description of the event and how it relates to the mission of SWCS:

In return for this Career Development Grant, I will commit to:

_____ Presenting a piece of information gained at a SWCS event or another conservation related function.

_____ OR

_____ Submit an article to the Iowa SWCS newsletter or other appropriate publication.

_____ OR

_____ **Other:** _____

Amount requested (up to a maximum of \$100): _____

Grant will be awarded after completion of the meeting.
A receipt from the seminar is required to receive the stipend.

Email application 30 days prior to activity to:

Stacy Schlader

Email: stacy.schlader@ia.usda.gov

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IOWA CHAPTER 2008/2009 “ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK”

AUDIT COMMITTEE

	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	President appoint Audit Committee	President	After Annual Meeting
2.	Conduct audit for previous calendar year	Committee	January/February
3.	Provide audit report	Committee	September Annual Meeting

AWARDS COMMITTEE

	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	President appoints committee	President	Spring
2.	Promote awards in newsletter	Awards and Information Committees	Spring/Summer
3.	Update the web information	Information Committee	All Year
4.	Process applications and recipients	Awards Committee	July/August
5.	Make presentation/report	Awards Committee	September
6.	Support/promote National Awards	Awards and Information Committees	Fall
7.	Initiate/prepare nominations	Chapter	Fall

INFORMATION COMMITTEE

	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	President appoints Committee	President	Spring
2.	Work on newsletter	Committee	3 or 4 per year
3.	Promote Chapter activities	Committee	All Year
4.	Work with Meeting Committee on Annual Meeting	Information and Meeting Committees	All Year
5.	Attend other functions for Chapter	Information and Membership Committees	All Year
6.	Write articles and publicize positions	Information and Advocacy Committees	All Year
7.	Work to develop and make available a Chapter display	Committee	All Year
8.	Publicize awards/scholarships	Committee	Fall
9.	Report activities	Chair Committee	Fall/Annual Meeting All Year
10.	Challenge Grants/Regional	Committee	All Year
11.	Update website	Committee	All Year

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	President appoints committee	President	Spring
2.	Monitor legislation	Committee	Spring/All Year
3.	Take action for Chapter	Committee	All Year
4.	Attend Environmental Council Meeting	Committee	All Year
5.	Prepare articles for press and newsletter	Committee	All Year
6.	Report at Annual meeting	Chair, Committee	Fall

MEETING COMMITTEE

	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	President-Elect sets up Committee	President-Elect	Spring
2.	Works on summer meeting	Committee and Region Rep.	Summer
3.	Work on Annual meeting	Committee	All Year
4.	Get information in newsletter	Meeting and Information Committees	Fall Newsletter
5.	Report activities	Committee Chair	Annual Meeting

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	President appoints Committee	President	Spring
2.	Contact delinquent members	Committee	All Year
3.	Membership Campaigns	Committee	All Year
4.	Special Campaigns	Committee	All Year
5.	Challenge Grants/Regional	Committee	All Year
6.	Newsletter	Committee	All Year
7.	Report Activities	Chair, Committee	Fall

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	President-Elect appoints committee	President-Elect	Spring
2.	Review membership and develop candidates	Committee	Summer
3.	Contact candidates	Committee	Summer
4.	Prepare ballots	Committee	Fall Newsletter
5.	Take ballots/tally votes	Committee	Fall
6.	Present report/elected officers	Chair, Committee	Annual Meeting
7.	Encourage new officers to attend Regional Development Workshop	Committee	Spring

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	President appoints committee	President	Spring
2.	Develop/promote scholarships	Committee	Spring
3.	Update web information	Committee	Spring
4.	Seek applications	Committee	Summer
5.	Select scholarship winners	Committee	Summer
6.	Report on winners	Chair, Committee	Annual Meeting
7.	Article for newsletter to promote and to announce winners	Committee	Spring/Fall

IOWA CHAPTER "LONG RANGE" PLAN

ARCHIVE

AUDIT COMMITTEE

5-YEAR PLAN

	ACTIONS	WHO	WHEN
1.	Finalize committee make-up.	Chairperson	October
2.	Finalize the year's work plan and submit budget proposal to the Executive Committee.	Chairperson and Members	November
3.	Complete audit of Treasurers' Books.	Chairperson and Members	September
4.	Prepare written report of committee audit and submit it to the Chapter President	Chairperson	November
5.	Present report of audit findings at annual meeting.	Chairperson	November

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

	ACTIONS	WHO	WHEN
1.	Finalize committee make-up.	Chairperson	October
2.	Analyze upcoming issues, develop work plan, and submit budget proposal to the Executive Committee.	Chairperson and Members	November
3.	Meet annually to coincide with the start of the State Legislative session.	Committee Chapter	January November
4.	Monitor Iowa legislature.	Chairperson	January to May
5.	Take action on legislative issues of interest to the Chapter.	Committee	As needed
6.	Prepare or revise policy statements.	Committee	As needed
7.	Prepare written annual report of committee activities and submit it to the Chapter President.	Chairperson	October
8.	Present annual report of activities at annual meeting.	Chairperson	November

MEETINGS COMMITTEE

	ACTIONS	WHO	WHEN
1.	Finalize committee make-up.	Chairperson	October
2.	Finalize the year's work plan and submit budget proposal to the Executive Committee.	Chairperson and Members	November
3.	Meet semi-annually at the chapter's summer and annual meetings.	Committee	January November
4.	Plan summer meeting and submit to the Executive Committee.	Committee	April
5.	Get materials concerning summer meeting to the Newsletter Editor and Information Committee.	Committee	May
6.	Plan annual meeting and submit to the Executive Committee.	Committee	September
7.	Get materials concerning annual meeting to the Newsletter Editor and Information Committee.	Committee	September
8.	Prepare written annual report of committee activities and submit it to the Chapter President.	Chairperson	October
9.	Present annual report of activities at annual meeting.	Chairperson	November

AWARDS COMMITTEE

5-YEAR PLAN

ACTIONS		WHO	WHEN
1.	Finalize committee make-up.	Chairperson	October
2.	Finalize the year's work plan and submit budget proposal to the Executive Committee.	Chairperson and Members	November
3.	Meet semi-annually at the chapter's summer and annual meetings.	Committee	July November
4.	Prepare written annual report of committee activities and submit it to the Chapter President.	Chairperson	October
5.	Present annual report of activities at annual meeting.	Chairperson	November
GOAL I - To recognize those landowners with substantial progress in controlling erosion on their lands.			
6.	Develop a land treatment recognition program.	Committee	January
	A. Develop form and instructions.		
	B. Locate or develop a computer program to measure SMU's, store data, calculate USLE and WEE, and determine % of land treated.		
	C. Publicity, in conjunction with the Information Committee, to obtain recognition for the program.		
	D. Computer time contracted.		
	E. Locate award sponsors.		
	F. Determine presentation time and location.		
7.	Carry out a program of publicity, starting with the IASCDC Short Course.	Committee	January
8.	Locate funding and sponsors	Committee	March
9.	Process applications and select recipients.	Committee	July
10.	Make presentations.	Committee and President	August
GOAL II - To recognize those individuals and organizations which provide substantial support of the Society's goals through the following awards.			
11.	Publicize Chapter Award deadlines in Newsletter.	Chairperson	May August
12.	Conservation Reporting.	Committee	October
	~ Print		
	~ Broadcast		
13.	Pasture Management.	Committee	October
14.	Friend of Conservation.	Committee	October
15.	Conservation Education.	Committee	October
GOAL III - Encourage National Award participation.			
16.	Through use of the chapter newsletter, encourage the membership to make nominations for national awards.	Chairperson	August
17.	Initiate nominations for National Awards when considered appropriate.	Chairperson	November
18.	Review nominations for National Awards and assist in completion as needed.	Committee	November

INFORMATION COMMITTEE

5-YEAR PLAN

ACTIONS		WHO	WHEN
1.	Finalize committee make-up.	Chairperson	October
2.	Finalize the year's work plan and submit budget proposal to the Executive Committee.	Chairperson and Members	November
3.	Meet semi-annually at the chapter's summer and annual meetings.	Committee	July November
GOAL I - Maximize publicity and information for chapter meetings both to chapter members and the general public.			
4.	Media publicity for upcoming chapter meetings.	Committee	2 weeks prior to meetings
5.	Prepare and release news stories and photos from chapter meetings. (Have these ready to distribute to members at the meetings.)	Chairperson	November
6.	Maintain a mailing list of major news media contacts.	Chairman	January
7.	Personally invite these media people to attend chapter meetings	Chairperson and Committee	2 weeks prior to meetings
8.	Contact other related organizations and invite them to attend SWCS meetings.	Committee	3 weeks prior to meetings
GOAL II - Maximize publicity and information concerning chapter position statements.			
9.	Coordinate with the Conservation Districts of Iowa in sponsoring area legislative meetings.	Committee	
10.	Use news conferences to publicize new chapter position statements.	Committee	
11.	Distribute editorials to the media concerning current issues that relate to SWCS position statements.	Chairperson and Committee	
12.	In conjunction with the Chapter legislative committee, contact legislators when proposed legislation is related to SWCS position statements.	Committee	
GOAL III - Maximize publicity and information for other chapter programs and projects.			
13.	Conduct a major membership drive in relation to the name change of the organization. (Soil and Water Conservation Society)	Chairperson and Committee	January
14.	Keep members informed of the chapter's activities in the Iowa REAP Conservation Alliance	Committee	
15.	Sponsor and man a booth at the Farm Progress Show.	Committee	September
16.	Develop a chapter display that could be used in all SWCS areas at various functions.	Committee	January
17.	Publicize Awards Program	Committee	May (each year)
GOAL IV - Develop an action program of regularly scheduled educational or informational meetings in conjunction with other chapter committees/divisions.			
18.	In conjunction with other committees plan a seminar, workshop, or meeting each year to educate the members and public.	Chapter	January
19.	Prepare written annual report of committee activities and submit it to the chapter president.	Chairperson	October
20.	Present annual report of activities at annual meeting.	Chairperson	November

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

5-YEAR PLAN

ACTIONS		WHO	WHEN
GOAL I - To have Iowa Chapter Membership at 800 by June 30, 1992.			
1.	Finalize committee make-up.	Chairperson	October
2.	Finalize the year's work plan and submit budget proposal to the Executive Committee.	Chairperson and Members	November
3.	Meet semi-annually at the chapter's summer and annual meetings	Committee	July November
4.	Send reminder to delinquent members after receipt of each print out from SWCS Headquarters. (Delinquent on international or chapter dues.)	Chairperson	After each print out
5.	Organize a system across the chapter's areas to phone delinquent members utilizing area chairpersons and volunteers	Committee	April
6.	Conduct a major membership campaign in conjunction with the organization's name change. Work with the Information Committee on this project.	Committee	January
7.	Develop an insert for SWCS recruitment brochures that highlights the Iowa Chapter's activities.	Committee	January
8.	Conduct special membership campaigns with other chapter committees/divisions.	Committee	July
9.	Develop a news release featuring committee activities for inclusion in the chapter newsletter.	Committee	March
10.	Prepare written annual report of committee activities and submit it to the Chapter President.	Chairperson	October
11.	Remind members to ask others to join in every Chapter Newsletter.	Chairperson	See Newsletter Schedule
12.	Present annual report of activities at annual meeting.	Chairperson	November

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

5-YEAR PLAN

ACTIONS		WHO	WHEN
1.	Finalize committee make-up.	Chairperson	October
2.	Finalize the year's work plan and submit budget proposal to the Executive Committee.	Chairperson and Members	November
3.	Meet semi-annually at the chapter's summer and annual meetings	Committee	July November
4.	Notify members about possibility of nominating candidates for office by petition (article in May newsletter)	Chairperson	April
5.	Review the membership roster and develop a list of potential candidates.	Chairperson and Committee	August
6.	Contact potential candidates to see if they will agree to have their names put on the ballot.	Chairperson and Committee	August
7.	Prepare ballots and biographic sketches of each candidate. Send this information to the Newsletter Editor for printing and distribution to the members	Chairperson and Committee	September
8.	Tally the vote and announce new officers.	Chairperson	Annual Meeting
9.	Prepare written annual report of committee activities and submit it to the Chapter President.	Chairperson	October
10.	Present annual report of activities at annual meeting.	Chairperson	November
11.	Contact new officers and encourage them to attend the Regional Chapter Development Workshop.	Chairperson	November

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTIONS		WHO	WHEN
1.	Finalize committee make-up.	Chairperson	October
2.	Finalize the year's work plan and submit budget proposal to the Executive Committee.	Chairperson and Members	November
3.	Meet semi-annually at the chapter's summer and annual meetings	Committee	July November
4.	Investigate sources for the wise use of the Newman Lyle Scholarship funds.	Committee	January
5.	Present suggestions for use of Newman Lyle monies.	Chairperson	April – Executive Committee Meeting
6.	Publicize the availability of David Schnur Scholarship	Committee	April
7.	Select David Schnur recipient	Committee and President	May
8.	Present winner of the Schnur Scholarship	Chairperson	June
9.	Up-date history of Schnur and Newman Lyle recipients	Chairperson	July
10.	Develop a plan for soliciting donations to existing scholarship funds.	Committee	September
11.	Prepare written annual report of committee activities and submit it to the Chapter President.	Chairperson	October
12.	Present annual report of activities at annual meeting.	Chairperson	November

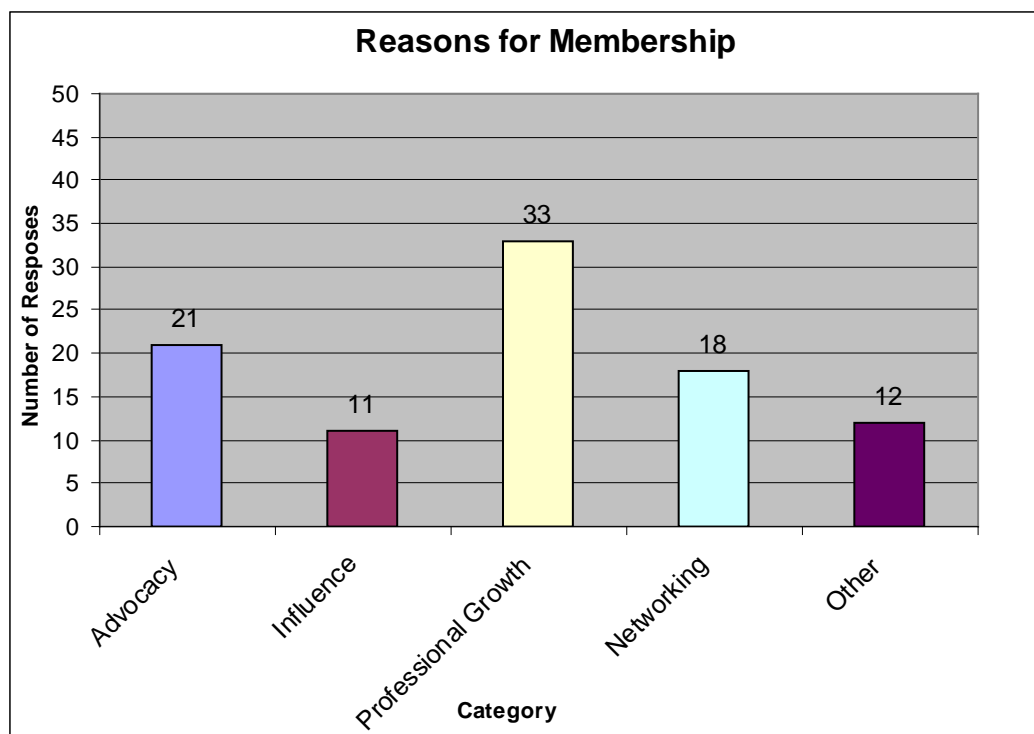
75 people responded

1. Current relationship with Soil and Water Conservation Society?

Current member at what level?

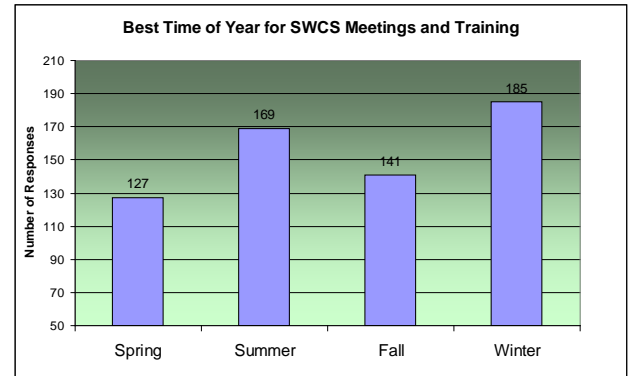
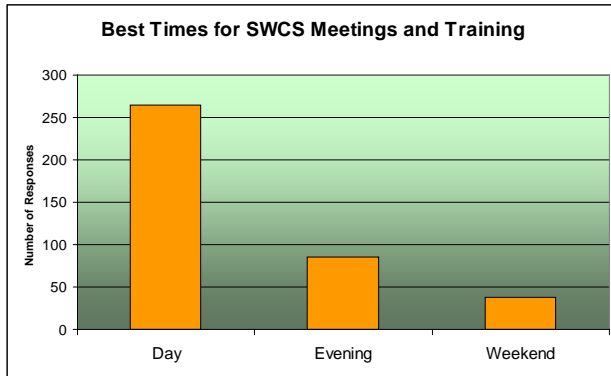
2	Presidents Club	11	Leader	38	Conservationist	3	Student
1	No Affiliation	2	Life Member				

2. Membership continues to decline. What made you choose to be a member/why do you remain a member?

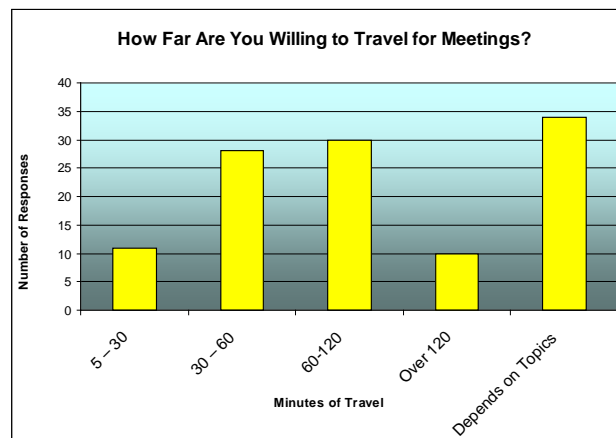


<i>Graph Category</i>	<i>Category Description</i>
Advocacy	Respondents advocating the SWCS and Conservation Issues
Influence	Indicated an interest in actively influencing issues that affect the field of conservation. Very closely related to Advocacy and an argument could be made that the two categories are inseparable.
Professional Growth	Individual indicated that membership to SWCS provides continued exposure to issues, technologies, and research that affect the field of conservation. Membership offers a mechanism to keep in touch with in these areas for continued professional growth.
Networking	Indicated that Networking was a contributed significantly to being SWCS Member.
Other	All other responses. Several of these responses included "I was <i>encouraged</i> to join" in the statement.

3. What is your preference for the timing of SWCS Chapter meetings and training (check one response for each of the following timeframes)?



4. How far are you willing to travel to attend SWCS Chapter meetings and training (check all that apply)?



5. Does an employer or affiliated organization support your attendance at SWCS Chapter meetings and training ?

15	Not at All
5	Reimbursement for Mileage
40	Time-off with Pay
3	Per Diem/Subsistence

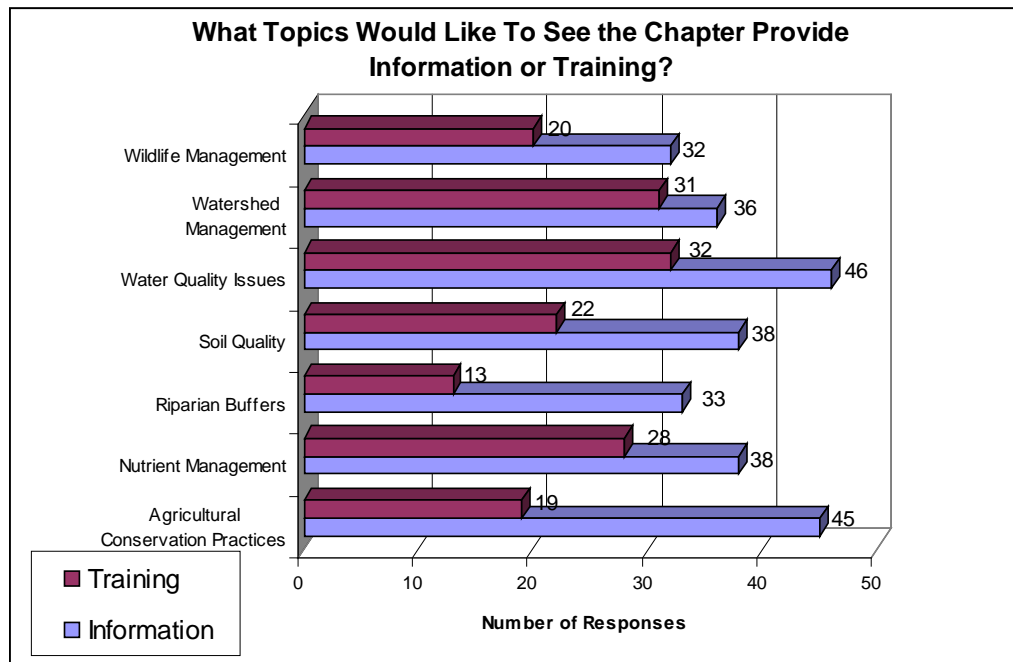
6. Does an employer or affiliated organization support your involvement in SWCS Chapter business (beyond meetings and training-committees, administration, etc.)?

17	Not Applicable
7	Never
21	Sometimes
15	Frequently
9	Always

7. What is your willingness to be involved in SWCS activities without receiving support from an employer or affiliated organization (check all that apply)?

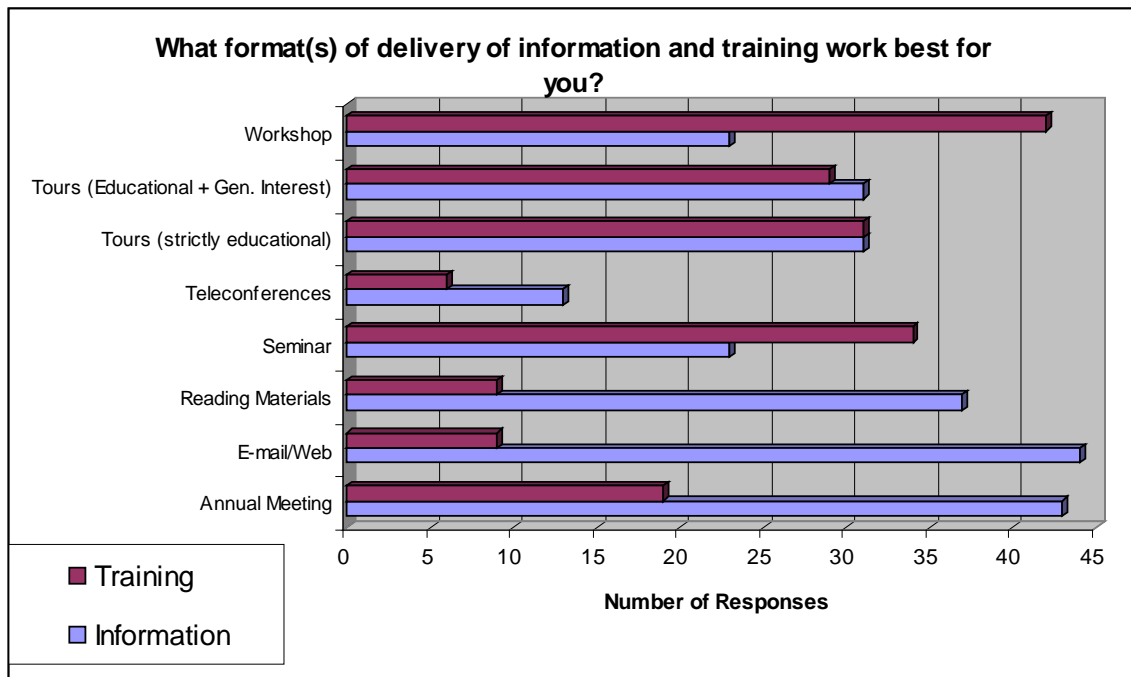
16	Very Willing
31	Somewhat Willing
4	Not Willing
33	Depends on Activity
4	No Answer

8. What topics are of interest to you – on which you would like the Chapter to provide information or training ?



Other Comments: GPS/GIS, grant writing, economic development, community financing methods, personal development, leadership skills, political and legislative issues (2x), urban issues, farm programs, new practices, current issues, and tours in other areas.

9. What format(s) of delivery of information and training work best for you ?



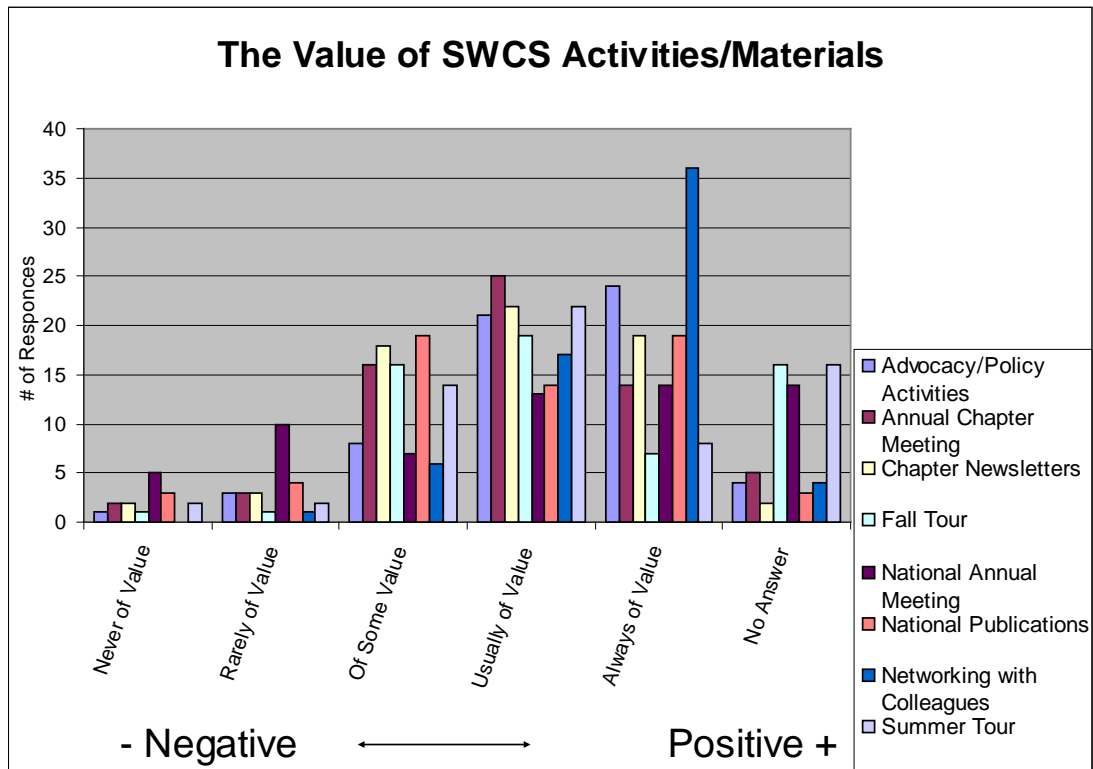
10. The current Annual Meeting is limited to one day, with time for travel to and from the meeting. What is your preference for future meetings (check all that apply)?

45	Keep it the Same
14	Switch it to 2 Partial Days (a p.m. & the following a.m.)
10	Switch it to a 2 Day, in-depth Conference
14	Combine with another Organization's Conference

11. If you prefer combining the Chapter Annual Meeting with another organization's conference, suggest a potential organization for the SWCS Chapter to work with?

Pheasants Forever	2
Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers	
Iowa Environmental Council	2
Leopold Center	
American Society of Ag. Engineers – Civil Engineers	
American Water Works Association	
Iowa Geologic Service	
Trees Forever	
Society of Foresters	
Iowa League of RC&Ds	
NRCS	2
Conservation Districts of Iowa	6
Iowa Wildlife Federation	
Iowa Cattleman's Association	
Farm Bureau Annual Conference (or other agricultural organization)	
Izaak Walton Meeting	
Don't support – as a chapter we only get together this one-day each year, need to stay focused on chapter activities.	
Ducks Unlimited	
Don't think this is best most of the time.	
Combine training interests with other groups interests to provide a quality well attended program, and not just a business meeting.	
Wildlife Society	2
Landscape Architects	
Any other professional societies	
Iowa Watersheds	3
ICM Conference at Iowa State University	
Audubon Society	
Agronomy Society	
Forestry Organization	
Iowa Naturalists or County Conservation Boards	
Commodity (farm) Group Meetings	
Iowa State University Extension	
Other conservation or environmental groups	
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	
Practical Farmers of Iowa	
Grassland Alliance	

12. Of what value are the following SWCS activities/materials (check one response for each of the listed items)?



Advocacy/Policy Activities	Most feel as though this is always of Usually or Always of Value
Annual Chapter Meeting	Classic Bell Curve for a normal distribution: Most respondents feel as though it is usually of some value
Chapter Newsletters	Distribution slightly skewed toward Usually of Value
Fall Tour	Fairly normal distribution but quite a few <i>No Answer</i> Responses. Could this be related to attendance to Fall Tours? All in all, most felt as though it was of value.
National Annual Meeting	Interesting distribution, this is the biggest event of the year but also had the most responses indicating that it was of little value. Also, had quite a few <i>No Answer</i> responses (again, related to attendance?). Almost appears to be a split between those feeling as though it is of value and those that don't.
National Publications	Most viewed these activities favorably.
Networking w/ Colleagues	Overwhelmingly favorable responses; no one indicated that it was Never of Value.
Summer Tour	Mirrored Fall Tour responses pretty well.

13. Of what value is the organization to your professional development and/or personal motivation for being a member?

8	Low Value
32	Some Value
25	High Value
1	No Answer

14. Other services that the Chapter should provide?

Have some input on who goes to the National Meeting.
Training for various certifications (conservation planner, etc.) Maintenance for the International Headquarters grounds.
Water quality monitoring and training.
Closer ties to our grass-roots partners (i.e, CDI)
Closer ties and more influence in the policies of NRCS, FSA, and IDALS in Iowa.
Considering co-oping with another organization(s) on a paid lobbyist/Executive Secretary to work on political issues in conservation
Now is a good time to recruit private sector members because of 3 rd Party Vendor. Maybe SWCS needs to use the 3 rd Party Vendor issue as a way of recruiting members. Put on training. Will never get substantial private sector involvement until you give them something of value.
Employment notifications, professional growth workshops/seminars that focus on developing skills or assets that would make you more appealing to perspective employers in our field.
Need more activities as a Chapter on issues in Iowa for ALL members not the selected few or hand picked group. Conservation education for kids.
Summer Meeting Comment – When past State Conservationist and staff attended the meetings were good and well attended. When State Conservationists and staff rarely attended, the Summer Meeting were poorly attended and I believe that is a KEY to better meetings.
Continuing Education Credits that are being offered for Conservation Planners on June 28 at the Monsanto Farm is a great idea. It would be nice to have more options available for continuing education.
A forum for new developments and closer relationship with NACD.
More in-depth training and less golf and fishing.
More policy discussion and evaluations
Geomorphology training.
Continue to keep newsletters to retirees. Participation is difficult but our action is low.

15. If a dues increase is necessary to maintain SWCS services to chapters and members, at what amount of increase would you stop being a member?

15	\$20
16	\$35
25	\$50 or more