

Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) Chapter Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2022, 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Soil and Water Conservation Society International Headquarters
945 SW Ankeny Road Ankeny, Iowa 50023 (Map below)



Iowa Chapter

Register by end of the day Monday, November 7

Pre-registration through Eventbrite is required here, <https://iowaSWCS22fall.eventbrite.com>. Payment can be made with a credit or debit card through Eventbrite or with cash or check in person at the meeting but registration must be done through Eventbrite regardless of payment method. The fee for the meeting is \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. To join SWCS, visit www.swcs.org/join or join on site. Those who join will receive the discounted member meeting fee of \$10. Event fees go to the Iowa SWCS Chapter and cover lunch and snacks. Free SWAG will be available for members! Email iowaSWCS@gmail.com with questions.

AGENDA

11:30 AM: Arrive at SWCS Headquarters to Check In

12:00 PM: Lunch and Welcome

Josh Balk, Iowa SWCS Chapter President
Roger Wolf, SWCS North Central Regional Director
Clare Lindahl, SWCS CEO
Joe Otto, SWCS Special Projects and Partnerships Director and Historian

12:30 PM: Iowa SWCS Business Meeting & State and National Updates

Learn about state and national opportunities and happenings through *your* professional society.

1:00 PM: An Award Winning Panel: Heartland Co-op, the Polk County Batch and Build Initiative & the Iowa Department of Natural Resources

The Iowa SWCS Chapter is honored to recognize member organizations, individuals and initiatives conducting outstanding conservation work in Iowa. Award winners will share lightning presentations about their work as they receive their awards. Scholarships will also be awarded. Q&A with award winning panelists to follow.

Award Winner & Panelist: Heartland Co-op

For over 100 years, Heartland Co-op has been providing products and services to its farmer members. Heartland Co-op is a private sector leader in several sustainability programs including decision making tools, on farm trials, conservation agronomist technical assistance and environmental market incentives. Learn about conservation

at the co-op during this presentation. Heartland Co-op staff are members of SWCS and they partner to implement on farm trials for conservation.

Award Winner & Panelist: The Batch and Build Initiative - Polk County

Polk County, Polk County SWCD, IDALS, NRCS and ADMC accomplished a massive feat of increasing the state's number of Edge of Field (EoF) practices by 44% while saving an estimated \$115,000 from traditional implementation methods by developing a "batch and build" framework which utilized a fiscal agent and other efficiencies and outreach methods to scale up implementation. SWCS headquarters is working with partners to emulate this across the state and region.

Award Winner & Panelist: Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

In addition to providing leadership to conserve and enhance our natural resources in cooperation with individuals and organizations to improve the quality of life in Iowa and ensure a legacy for future generations, the IDNR has been providing leadership within SWCS at the state level, with IDNR employees stepping up to serve in leadership roles and the national level, attending and sharing at annual conferences.

2:30 PM: Break out discussions

The 78th SWCS International Annual Conference will be held in Des Moines, Iowa August 6 - 9, 2023. As the Iowa SWCS Chapter prepares for this and it's next year of member offerings, weigh in on what you would like to see from your professional society!

3:00 PM: Social

Network with colleagues and enjoy light snacks and beverages at the beautiful Midcentury Modern Soil and Water Conservation Society International Headquarters and grounds before adjourning.

Location Maps: Soil and Water Conservation Society International Headquarters
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