



Hoosier Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society Newsletter

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From the Outgoing President - Harold Thompson

Dear Members:

In July, I had the opportunity to attend the Soil and Water Conservation Society's 73rd International Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico along with several other Hoosier Chapter members. As in past years, it was an excellent opportunity to interact with other resource professionals and to learn the latest in soil and water programs, policy and education.

I am especially proud of the recognition that the Hoosier Chapter receives from the International Society. As one of the largest Chapters, we always have several members attending the conferences and our members are often serving as presenters or moderators.

Over the past two years, the Chapter has received four SWCS awards in the categories of special achievement, sustained performance, professional development and outstanding chapter. In addition, one of our members received one of the highest SWCS awards, the Fellow Award. We currently have a member chairing the Society's professional and chapter development committee (Becky Fletcher), four members serving on three SWCS committees (Dan Hovland, Bob Eddleman, Susan Meadows, Rob Lawson) and a member just wrapping up her second term as the North Central Region Director on the Board of Directors (Susan Meadows).

Historically, the Hoosier Chapter has been recognized for the leadership skills of its members and effectiveness of our programs. Eight Hoosier Chapter members have served as President of the Society, several other members have served on the Board of Directors including several in officer positions. We have hosted two international meetings. Last year the Hoosier Chapter co-hosted the National Cover Crops and Soil Health Conference attended by nearly 400 conservationists. This December we will be assisting the North Central Water Network's "One Water Action Forum" to be held in Indianapolis. I would go on and on about the many accomplishments of the Hoosier Chapter and the value of membership, but there is limited space in this newsletter.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our outstanding members and the leadership and support of your Council, committee chairs and committee members and officers. We are the envy of many Chapters because of the support of the Indiana Conservation Partnership agencies and their leaders.

It is my hope that all Conservation Partnership employees and agency leaders will recognize the excellent professional development opportunities available as a member of the SWCS. I can't think of a better way for practicing conservationists, educators, professors, agri-business, watershed groups, soil and water conservation districts, and others to stay up to date on the latest resource subjects and policy discussions, learn leadership skills and interact with peers and agency leadership.

I encourage all conservation professionals to become members or continue your membership and get involved to help advance the many great things the Hoosier Chapter has planned.

To foster the science and art of soil, water, and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability.

Mark Your Calendar

Hoosier Chapter
Fall Annual
Meeting Friday,
November 16,
2018 at Conner
Prairie in
Fishers, IN

Culture, Climate and Conservation

Hoosier Chapter Fall Meeting and Professional
Development Workshop

When: Friday, November 16, 2018

9:00 am - 3:00 pm EDT

Where: Conner Prairie

Fishers, Indiana



Contact Curtis Knueven at curtis.knueven@in.usda.gov for more information.



Presentations will include topics on Native American Cultural Practices, Cover Crops in Spain, The Dust Bowl and Climate Trends and the History and Continuing Impact of Walter Lowdermilk's "Conquest of the Land through 7,000 Years"

Registration forms and further information
will be sent out through email and posted on
the website !!

Announcing the Hoosier Chapter SWCS 2018 Conservation Scholarship

One Scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded at the Hoosier Chapter Fall Meeting on November 16, 2018 to an applicant that has successfully completed at least two years of college in a natural resources or conservation related field. Applications for the scholarship may be emailed or sent regular mail and must be received the scholarship selection committee chairman by November 1, 2018.

For additional information and/or the application form, please visit our website:

<http://www.hoosierchapterswcs.org> or email questions to
scholarships@hoosierchapterswcs.org

Or you may contact:

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Hoosier Chapter Awards

The Hoosier Chapter has four awards that are presented every year at our Fall Annual Meeting. We will be taking nominations for these awards through **October 26, 2018**. If you know of an individual, group or a SWCD that has made an impact on conservation in Indiana, please consider nominating them. The following pages explain the eligibility requirements for each award. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Swihart at 812-699-7296 or tnkswihart@minerbroadband.com

**HOOSIER CHAPTER
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY AWARDS**

<p style="text-align: center;">CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD (GROUP/INDUSTRY/BUSINESS)</p> <p><u>Purpose of Award:</u> To recognize the outstanding conservation accomplishments of a specific group or industry or business whose activities have resulted in improving the quality of the environment by directed efforts to advance science and art of good land use.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> The nomination's accomplishments should display unmistakable evidence of specific activities which have resulted in positive improvement of the environment via the effective promotion of soil and water conservation principles. Award recognition will consider (but not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The activities which aim to accomplish the mission of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter. • The nature and type of conservation accomplishment(s) achieved • The variety and breadth of accomplishment(s) • The influence the accomplishment(s) have had on other groups, industries, or businesses to initiate similar activities • The quality of environmental improvement resulting from the accomplishment, the far-reaching effects of the accomplishment • The activities should have clearly contributed to bringing about better conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources and/or a better understanding of natural resources conservation issues. • Is the nature of the activity, product or service the result of an organized program or an individual's activities? • Please explain the audience that was primarily affected by this activity. <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Any group, industry, business, organization is eligible to be recognized. Membership in the Society is not required.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD (INDIVIDUAL)</p> <p><u>Purpose of Award:</u> To recognize the outstanding conservation accomplishments of a specific individual whose efforts have resulted in improving the quality of the environment through applied soil and water conservation activities.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> The nominee's accomplishments should display unmistakable evidence of the interest in and the advancing of wise resource management through positive application of soil and water conservation activities. Award recognition will consider (but not be limited to);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The significance of the accomplishment to the overall mission of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter. • The nature and type of conservation accomplishment(s) achieved • The variety and breadth of accomplishment(s) • The influence the accomplishment(s) have had on others • The quality of environmental improvement resulting from the accomplishment • The activities should have clearly contributed to bringing about better conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources and/or a better understanding of natural resources conservation issues. • Are the nominee's accomplishments outside their normal working duties? • Have the nominee's professional achievements been recognized on a statewide, multi-state, nationwide or international level? • Summarize nominee's education, biographical and employment history that supports the nomination. <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Any individual is eligible to be recognized. Membership in the Society is not required.</p>
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<p align="center">EDUCATION AND INFORMATION AWARD</p>	<p align="center">OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE HOOSIER CHAPTER AWARD</p>
<p><u>Purpose of Award:</u> To recognize the outstanding achievements of a specific individual or group whose efforts in educating and/or informing the public about natural resources issues has resulted in a positive greater awareness of the need for protecting or conserving these resources.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> There should be unmistakable evidence of the effectiveness of the individual's or group's efforts to increase public understanding and appreciation of the need for wise resource management. Award recognition will consider (but not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The communication effort of the individual/group and the audience to which such effort is directed (general public, professional groups, industrial groups, classrooms, etc.) • The frequency of the communication effort • The manner of presentation of information and/or education effort • The length of time such efforts have been demonstrated • The results which occurred because of the information/education effort • The specific message(s) conveyed as it relates to the mission of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter • Was the scope of the project countywide, less than 25%, 25 -50%, 50-75% of the state, Statewide, Multi-state, Nationwide or International. <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Any individual or group is eligible to be recognized. Membership in the Society is not required.</p>	<p><u>Purpose of Award:</u> To recognize an individual or group for outstanding service to the SWCS Hoosier Chapter in developing and carrying out its objectives and program goals.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> Nominee’s services should display unmistakable evidence of service performed on behalf of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter which was distinctly above and beyond the service expected to be rendered by any member. Award recognition will consider (but not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noteworthy participation in Chapter activities or projects. • Influencing and motivating others to actively participate in SWCS Chapter programs. • Support of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter that results in significant growth and development of the Chapter • Encouraging others to engage in activities that support the mission of the SWCS. • Other activities that bring special recognition to the Hoosier Chapter. • The number of years that the member has been active • The length of time such efforts have been demonstrated • Describe activities outside of Chapter Society level • List activities of nominee outside the Chapter <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Any SWCS Hoosier Chapter member is eligible to be recognized. The award is not limited to one recipient per award year if the Committee believes that there has truly been outstanding service demonstrated in the nomination of activities as described in the nomination(s) documents.</p>

Nomination Procedure: Nominations should be submitted in letter form (with any supporting material as appropriate). Documentation need not be lengthy but should clearly address all the criteria for each award respectively. **Submit nominations by Friday, October 26, 2018, to Tammy Swihart, Membership Growth and Involvement Chair, 3597 N 1000 W., Linton, IN 47441, Email: tnkswhart@minerbroadband.com.** Members of the Membership Growth and Involvement Committee will judge all entries. For more information call Tammy Swihart (812) 699-7296.



Join SWCS

Your support can make a difference! It's individuals like you who make healthy land and clean water for life possible. How can you benefit?

- Support local, national, and international conservation and land stewardship
- Be a part of the conservation community
- Share your work and be informed on other advances in the industry
- Enjoy professional development opportunities on current and emerging interdisciplinary topics
- Network with professionals from many disciplines through local, regional and international meetings
- Be eligible for awards and scholarships only available to SWCS members
- Effective representation in policy circles on environmental, agricultural and conservation issues
- Interaction and education through local chapter membership in US and Canada

All members receive:

- One year Subscription to the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation
- Monthly e-newsletter Conservogram
- Discount to the SWCS annual conference
- Discount on SWCS publications
- Discounts on page charges
- Free book: Aldo Leopold: The Man and His Legacy

Presidents Club \$275 annually

Leader \$180 annually

Conservationist \$115 annually

Student* \$40 annually

Conservation District† \$140 annually

Developing Country Conservationist‡ \$36 annually

Leaders also receive:

- Special recognition in our annual report
- A gift from the Society and Membership Lapel pin

* President's Club Members also receive:

- Special recognition in our annual report
- A gift from the Society and Membership Lapel pin
- Invitation to the VIP reception during our annual conference

‡ Student members must be full-time students taking 12 credits/semester

Contact Tammy Swihart with the Hoosier Chapter SWCS for more information – tnkswihart@minerbroadband.com or 812-699-7296

International SWCS Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico July 29- August 1, 2018 Awards Luncheon



Becky Fletcher accepting her well deserved Fellow Award



Hoosier Chapter President Harold Thompson accepts Chapter Achievement Award on behalf of the Chapter



Linda Prokopy accepts the 2018 Best Research Paper for Impact and Quality Award on behalf of all of the authors



Susan Meadows Received a Recognition Award for her 6 years on the Board of Directors. She also served as the Treasurer for the Society



The Hoosier Chapter was well represented at the Conference

Make Plans now to attend the 2019 International Soil and Water Conservation Society's Annual Conference which will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - July 28-31, 2019

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Summer Meeting Wrap-Up: Extreme Weather - Impacts on Water Quality and Quantity

On Friday, June 15, 2018, approximately 50 people met at the Eagle's Hide-A-Way Retreat Center near Eagle Creek Reservoir in Indianapolis, Indiana. The group had the opportunity to hear from Jeff Dukes, Director of the Purdue Climate Change Research Center, who discussed our changing climate and from Shannon Zezula, NRCS State Resource Conservationist, who spoke about Severe Weather Impacts on Engineering Practices. The group then heard from Bob Barr, Research Scientist for the IUPUI Center of Earth and Environmental Science. The group then toured the Eagle Creek Watershed and observed edge of the field monitoring and bioreactors.

