

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Inland Empire Chapter

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Greetings to all Chapter Members:

It's election time! Fellow chapter members are committing their time and talents to run for the 2011 positions. Please take time and show your support by voting. Send your ballot by the February 10th deadline.

Exciting developments for 2011:

- Veseth Scholarship - Expect the first recipient to be supported with financial assistance toward their continuing education this year.
- Chapter sponsored 2-day buffer workshop for technical support providers and all conservation partners.
- Spring meeting in the Silver Valley. Sit back and learn. Transportation provided from Coeur d'Alene as we learn about and view the the EPA clean-up project.

Please mark your calendars, "Save the Date", for our Spring Meeting on Friday, April 15th. I'm looking forward to a great meeting.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Swannack, Chapter President

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New IE Chapter Banner

The Inland Empire Chapter recently purchased a new banner to promote our activities. The banner is a full floor model which can also be reduced to a table top version when space is limited. The banners will be available for all members to use at events that the chapter sponsors.

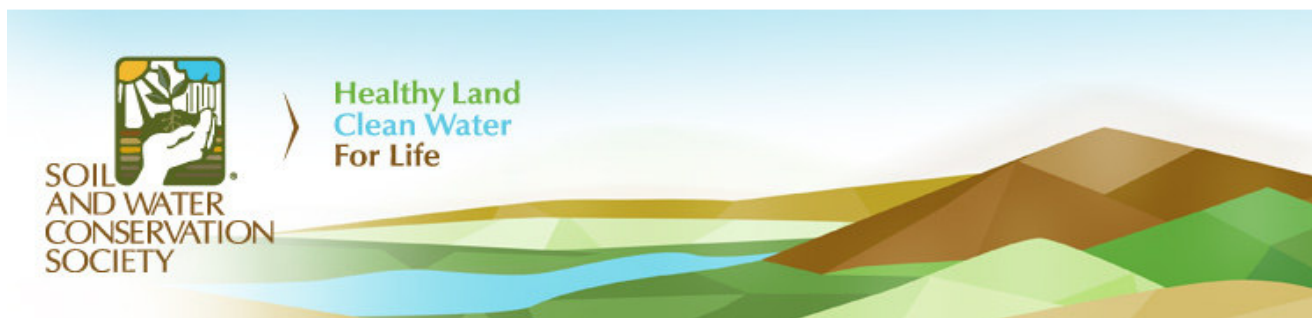
The SWCS headquarters has chosen this logo to use as its "brand" in all of its promotions. In the coming months, we will also try and incorporate this look into our IE Chapter website and newsletter.

July 16-20, 2011 SWCS Annual Conference Washington, DC

The 66th International SWCS Annual Conference will be held in Washington, DC. Primary conference dates are July 16-20, 2011. The headquarters hotel is the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW (at Connecticut Ave.); Washington, District of Columbia 20008; Phone: (202) 234-0700, Fax: (202) 265-7972.

Please Visit Our Chapter's Website: <http://www.inlandempireswcs.org>

Great Training Opportunity!!



Conservation Buffers - Portland, OR Apr. 19-20, 2011

Hosted by the Oregon and Inland Empire Chapters

Protecting Natural Resources with Conservation Buffers

This Conservation Buffer Workshop, co-hosted and organized by the Oregon and Inland Empire Chapters of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, will include plenary sessions and oral and poster presentations designed to raise awareness of recent developments in the science and art of designing conservation buffers for a designated purpose.

Participants will also explore the means used to measure, model, and demonstrate the effectiveness of buffers in mitigating off-site transport of agricultural chemicals.

You Asked - We Organized ... Get the Latest in Buffer Technology!

This conservation buffer workshop was designed as a result of field staff and other conservation professionals request for up to date technical buffer training that was suited for Pacific Northwest landscapes.

The workshop offers oral and poster presentations that disseminate results, lessons learned, or shared experiences of research, testing, monitoring, or demonstration projects for the following workshop topics:

1. Conservation Buffer Design
2. Installation and Maintenance of Conservation Buffers
3. Buffer Effectiveness Modeling
4. Agricultural Chemical Application Technology
5. Agricultural Chemical Transport and Fate
6. Pesticide Registration and Labels

Plan to Attend

For NRCS's and Washington conservation district folks interested in this technical buffer training, contact your supervisor and request this training as it has been added to the state training list.

Inland Empire Chapter - Election 2011

Election balloting will be done by mail. Deadline for voting is February 10th.

All newly elected officers and directors shall be installed at the close of the spring chapter meeting on April 15th, 2011.

The [Inland Empire Chapter By-Laws](#) were approved as amended at the fall meeting in November. Excerpts from the by-laws regarding the positions open for re-election are highlighted below.

Article 2 - Chapter Area

Section 2: The Chapter shall be divided into five geographical regions. A director shall be elected to represent each of these regions as a member of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council positions up for elections in 2011 are as follows:

Northern Washington - consisting of the counties of Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille and Stevens.

Southern Idaho Panhandle - consisting of the counties of Clearwater, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and the portion of Idaho County that lies north of the Salmon River.

Article 5 - Officers and Directors

Section 4: The Vice President shall assist the President, assume the duties of the President in case of absence or disability in both Chapter and Council affairs, serve as program chair for Chapter meetings, and serve as chair of the Nominating Committee.

Section 6: The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of meetings of both Chapter and Council, and records of the Chapter and Council. The Secretary shall be the routine correspondent for the President, in general business of the Chapter and Council.

Section 8: Regional Directors shall be elected to two-year renewable terms from a slate of candidates prepared by the Nominating Committee. Central Washington, Southeastern Washington, and Northern Idaho Panhandle directors shall be elected in even-numbered years; and Northern Washington and Southern Idaho Panhandle directors in odd-numbered years. A person will serve no more than 3 consecutive two-year terms as a Regional Director.

Candidate Biographies

Vice President (2-year term Vice President, 2-year term President)

Sally Bredeweg is the State Design Engineer for NRCS in Spokane, Washington. Over the last 17 years she has also worked in Mount Vernon, WA; Topeka, KS and Beloit, KS as an NRCS Engineer.

She has an MS degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and a BS degree from Colorado State University, both in Agricultural Engineering. Sally and her husband Hollis raised 3 children and have lived in 10 states from Indiana to Washington. She has been a member and along with Hollis has attended the Inland Empire SWCS meetings after moving to Spokane. For the past 2 years, she has served as Northern Washington Area Director for the Inland Empire Chapter of SWCS.

Sally first became interested in Agricultural Engineering in Grand Junction, Colorado where she grew up and where she assisted in research that connected irrigation practices and salinity of the Colorado River. That study later evolved into the Colorado River Salinity Project. These types of soil and water conservation efforts continue to be important to her work and life interest.

Secretary (2-year term)

Steve Durgin has worked over 32 years for the SCS and NRCS. He is currently the leader of the NRCS Multi-State Design Team in Spokane, Washington, where his work takes him to Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and other states. Prior to this position, Steve worked in various duty stations in Montana and Washington as a field engineer, project engineer, area engineer, team engineer, and design engineer.

Steve earned BS degrees at Clarkson University in Sociology and in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Steve also holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Montana.

Steve has been a member of SWCS for 25 years and a member of the Inland Empire chapter for over 20 years. He has served as Northern Washington Area Director, Vice President, President, and Past President. He currently serves as newsletter editor. Steve says he would like to "help in any way I can to help the chapter continue to grow."

Northeast Washington Director (2-year term)

Dave Kreft, graduated from WSU in 1980 with a B.S. in Range Management. He has worked 30 years for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as follows:

- 2002 to present, District Conservationist, Colville, WA
- 1999 to 2002, Field Team Leader, Colville, WA
- 1987 to 1999, District Conservationist, Goldendale, WA
- 1984 to 1987, District Conservationist, White Salmon, WA
- 1982 to 1984, Range Conservationist, Prosser, WA
- 1984 to 1987, Range Conservationist, Colville, WA

Dave joined SWCS in 2003, when the chapter hosted the national conference in Spokane. Dave looks forward to the opportunity to serve as director. Dave says, "Since I am guilty of being relatively inactive in SWCS, I would like to bring myself, other inactive folks, and new folks into active participation!"

Southern Idaho Panhandle Director (2-year term)

Vern McMaster, Soil Conservationist

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Nezperce, ID

Vern has been an NRCS Soil Conservationist at Nezperce, Idaho since 2002. He also was a Soil Conservationist at Lewiston, Idaho from 1987 to 2002 and at American Falls, Idaho in 1986. Vern was the Agronomist at the Plant Materials Center in Aberdeen, Idaho from 1984 to 1986. He worked as an extension assistant for the University of Idaho from 1981 to 1983. Vern began working for the Soil Conservation Service in 1975 at the Aberdeen Plant Materials Center as a gardener during summers while attending the University of Idaho, where he earned a BS in Plant Science in 1980.

Vern has been a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society for 20 years, and would like the opportunity to serve a third term as the South Idaho Panhandle Area Director. Vern will work to increase participation of current and potential members in chapter activities, as well as inform the chapter of the some of the great conservation that is being applied in the South Idaho Panhandle Area.

The chapter did not conduct elections last year for Treasurer, Central Washington Director, Southeastern Washington Director, and Northern Idaho Panhandle Director. To keep the election cycle on track, the remaining term for these positions is included on this year's ballot. The members listed on the ballot are incumbents for the positions.

Vote - *Clip it* - *Stamp it* - *Mail it*

SWCS Inland Empire Chapter Ballot – January 2011

Please send completed ballots to SWCS Ballots, c/o Shelly Lassiter; 316 W. Boone Ave., Suite 450; Spokane, WA 99201 by February 10, 2011.

Full term Positions:

- | Vice President | Secretary | Northern Washington
Area Director | Southern Idaho
Panhandle Director |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sally Bredeweg | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Durgin | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Kreft | <input type="checkbox"/> Vern McMaster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Half term Positions:

- | Treasurer | Central Washington Area
Director | Southeastern Washington
Area Director | Northern Idaho
Panhandle Director |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emily Pickron | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Rolph | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Sprecher | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Brown |
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