

ALL OHIO CHAPTER NEWS

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2005 ALL EMPLOYEES PARTNERSHIP MEETING

AGENDA

March 2, Wednesday

8:30 Registration Opens

8:45 Trade Show Opens

10:00 **General Session and Opening Ceremonies** – Ballroom A, B, C - Ohio District Employees Association – Irene Moore, Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts - Ken Riedlinger, Division of Soil and Water Conservation - Dave Hanselmann, Natural Resources Conservation Service - Dorothy Harris, Soils Judging Awards, and All Ohio Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society - Mark Wilson , AOC Society Awards

11:45 Break for lunch

12:00 Lunch (included in registration fee) - Ballroom D & E

Concurrent Sessions 1:30 - 2:30

- A) **OPERS Health Changes** - Presenter: John Conn - OPERS
- B) **Managers Roundtable** - Several managers will present their new efficiency ideas
- C) **Job Approval Authorities for Ag and Urban** - Presenters: Art Brate, State Engineer -NRCS and Kirk Hines, Head Engineer - DSWC
- D) **Trading Water Quality Credits** - Presenters: Dusty Hall, Little Miami Conservancy and Michelle Wood, Holmes SWCD
- E) **Computer Compliance and Maintenance** - Presenter: Chris Clark, Consultant for DSWC
- F) **Salesmanship – Selling You (Part 1)** - Presenter: Ron Lyndon, International Sales Consultant
- G) **Educators Roundtable** - DSWC with guest appearances from SWCD Educators

Concurrent Sessions 2:45 – 3:45

- A) **Computer Compliance CCE Pros/Cons** - Presenter: Scott Henney, Acting Group Leader - ITS
- B) **Soil and Water Information Management System - SWIMS (repeated Thursday)** - Presenters: Brad Ross and Martin Joyce, ODNR - DSWC
- C) **Safety in the Field** - Presenter: Dale Arnold, President - OLICA
- D) **SWCS Business Meeting** - Society members discuss professional development and make plans for upcoming events
- E) **Watershed Coordinator Roundtable** - Rosida Porter and John Kessler, ODNR - DSWC
- F) **Salesmanship – Selling You (Part 2)** - Presenter: Ron Lyndon, International Sales Consultant
- G) **Changes In Conservation Works of Improvement** - Presenters: Ed Everman and Terry Mescher - DSWC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

2004 Ohio Conservation Partnership Conference - March 2 & 3, 2005 at The Columbus, A Renaissance Hotel in Columbus, Ohio

AOC-SWCS Annual Business Meeting - March 3, 2005 from 2:45 to 3:45 pm at The Columbus, A Renaissance Hotel in Columbus, Ohio

2005 SWCS International Conference - July 30 - August 4, 2005 in Rochester, New York

IMPORTANT...

**WINTER MEETING
REGISTRATION
ENCLOSED**

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MEETINGS

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President for Executive Council
meeting information

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AGENDA (continued)

Concurrent Sessions 4:00 – 5:00

- A) **Crisis Issues and The Office** - Presenter: Ken Folsom, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator - Geauga County
- B) **Hiring Surprises and Prevention** - Presenter: Jeff Caslow, Chief of Security - ODNR
- C) **Operation and Maintenance Plans** - Presenters: Art Brate, State Engineer - NRCS and Kirk Hines, Head Engineer - DSWC
- D) **Conservation Security Program** - Presenters: Steve McDevitt and Dave Libben - NRCS
- E) **FERS / CRS Retirement for NRCS Employees** - Presenter: Consultant
- F) **New Ohio Nonpoint Source Management Program** - Presenter: Greg Nageotte - DSWC
- G) **PIPE Program** - Presenters: Beth Landers - Lake SWCD, Beth Schnabel - Medina SWCD, and Becky Siekkinen - Cuyahoga SWCD

March 3, Thursday

7:00 - 8:30 Thursday Breakfast Meeting (included in registration fee) - Ballroom D & E

Concurrent Sessions - 8:45 – 9:45

- A) **Administrative Assistant Roundtable** - Presenter: Dorothy Farris - DSWC
- B) **Building Political Relationships** - Presenter: Rocky Black, Legislative Affairs - Farm Bureau
- C) **GPS Training - The Equipment (Part 1)** - Presenter: Bob Parkinson, GIS specialist - NRCS
- D) **Retirement News - Ohio PERS** - Presenter: John Conn - OPERS
- E) **FERS / CRS Retirement for NRCS Employees (repeat)** - Presenter: Consultant
- F) **Education Resources** - Presenters: Jeanne Russell and Diane Cantrell - DSWC

Concurrent Sessions - 10:00 – 11:00

- A) **Kevin O'Connor and Co.** - Presenter: Kevin O'Connor, Internal Audits - ODNR
- B) **SWIMS (repeat)** - Presenters: Brad Ross and Martin Joyce - DSWC
- C) **GPS - How We Use It In Our Office (Part 2)** - Presenters: Mike Bzdil and Patty Dyer - NRCS
- D) **TSP's in Ohio** - Presenters: Mike Monnin, Environmental Engineer - NRCS and Mark Wilson - Land Stewards LLC
- E) **Water Quality Standards and TMDL's** - Presenter: Trinka Mount, Environmental Specialist - OEPA
- F) **Salesmanship – Selling You (Part 1)** - Presenter: Ron Lyndon, International Sales Consultant
- G) **Wildlife Specialists Roundtable** - Presenter: Luke Miller - Division of Wildlife

Concurrent Sessions 11:15 – 12:15

- A) **Dealing With Certain People at the Office Counter** - Presenter: Jeff Caslow, Chief of Security - ODNR
- B) **State Matching Philosophies and State Budget Issues** - Presenter: David Hanselmann, Chief - DSWC
- C) **Technicians Roundtable** - Presenter: Jeff Van Loon - DSWC
- D) **Quality Assurance – Self- Assessment** - Presenter: Larry Antosch, Director of Environmental Research - Ohio Farm Bureau
- E) **Accessing Private Grants** - Presenter: Diane Zepp - Columbus Public Library
- F) **Salesmanship– Selling You (Part 2)** - Presenter: Ron Lyndon, International Sales Consultant
- G) **NRCS Employee Roundtable** - Presenter: Dorothy Harris, Acting State Conservationist - NRCS

12:15 Meeting Adjourns

REGISTRATION FORM
2005 ALL EMPLOYEES PARTNERSHIP MEETING

The Columbus, A Renaissance Hotel
March 2-3, 2005

NEW! Register on the web at <http://guest.cvent.com/li.aspx?1Q,P1,EE89B7F6-BA4B-43CD-9C87-A63E4FCA926B>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two Day Registration (On or before February 23) | \$80.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two Day Registration (After February 23) | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | One Day Registration - TUESDAY only (March 2) | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | One Day Registration - WEDNESDAY only (March 3) | \$50.00 |

Total \$ _____

Note: Individuals are responsible hotel reservations. Rooms are \$99 per night, plus tax (block room rate). Reservations (The Columbus 1-800-468-3571) made before February 23, 2005 can receive this block room rate.

AOC - SWCS Voluntary Contributions

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Total \$ _____

Please consider supporting AOC Chapter efforts and its mission by providing a tax-exempt contribution at one of the following levels: *Conservation Steward* (\$20-49) or *Conservation Champion* (\$50+). Contributions may be directed to the funds/accounts listed above. **Please provide a separate check (payable to AOC-SWCS) for any voluntary contributions.**

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AOC-SWCS
C/O Robert McCall
OSU Center at Lima in Findlay
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Findlay, OH 45840-2349

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DECISION 2005-2004

The election results have been counted for the 2005-06 Candidates for Officers and Members of the AOC Executive Council.

Sean Browning won this year's President-Elect. Steve Hall was re-elected as Secretary and Robert McCall as Treasurer. Doug Gifford won the race for Member-at-Large.

Congratulations to this year's winners on behalf of the AOC Executive Council and our membership. The AOC thanks you in advance for your service and looks forward to leadership you will provide. These new Officers will be sworn in at the 2005 Winter Meeting.

JOIN AN AOC COMMITTEE

AOC is in need of your knowledge, skills and abilities. Each year as a new Executive Council is installed, there are new opportunities within the 10 permanent AOC committees. Committee chairs also welcome member assistance. Assisting on a committee can be a rewarding and enriching experience. If you would like to get more out of your AOC membership, try volunteering for a committee or assisting with preparations for this year's North-east-Central Chapter Development Workshop. If you are interested in participating please contact Mark Wilson at 614-506-7846.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING AOC MEMBER

The AOC Outstanding Member Award is the highest honor awarded by the chapter. There are many AOC members who deserve recognition for their outstanding efforts in conservation. Those interested in submitting a nominee for this award should contact Norm Fausey, Chair of the Nominating Committee at 614-292-9806 fausey.1@osu.edu.

FEEDBACK

AOC Executive Council would like feedback on our use of email to notify the membership of upcoming awards, nominations, and meeting registration. See page two for contact information.



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