



# All Ohio Chapter News

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## From The President

*By Lloyd Owens*

I certainly want to invite each of you to attend and participate in the 2007 AOC Summer Meeting. It will be held on August 23 at the Trenton Township Hall in Sunbury. The topic is "Piecing the Puzzle: Local Watershed Groups, NRCS, SWCDs, Ohio EPA, Ohio DNR, and the Federal Farm Bill". There will be presentations, discussions, and a tour of the Upper Big Walnut CEAP project (and, of course, a catered lunch). This will be an excellent time to learn more about watershed efforts, network, and to bring a non-member to acquaint them with our chapter. More details are available on our chapter website:

[www.ohiochapterswcs.org](http://www.ohiochapterswcs.org).

The AOC Executive Council has already begun discussions on topic, time, and place for the Winter Meeting. We hope to have some possibilities to present to the Chapter by the Summer Meeting.

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## Member Spotlight

*By Lloyd Owens*

Dr. Norman R. Fausey, Research Leader, Soil Drainage Research, Columbus, Ohio, has been named the Midwest Area Senior Scientist of the Year for the USDA Agricultural Research Service. Dr. Fausey's citation reads: For significant accomplishments promoting efficiency and environmental stewardship in agricultural drainage water management, with extensive benefits to producers, industry, and the general public. Norm is a past president of the All Ohio Chapter SWCS.

Mr. Linus Losh will be inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Council Hall of Fame at the Ohio State Fair on August 10. Lenny is known for his lifelong work in the Soil and Water Conservation Service. He helped develop the Resource Conservation Act, as well as USDA's first National Soil Conservation Program. He has also provided leadership to the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Darby Creek Watershed Plan. Lenny has served as an officer of the All Ohio Chapter SWCS.

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Earlier this summer, I had the opportunity to attend the SWCS East North Central Region Leadership Conference in Dearborn, MI. One session was on the results/findings from the membership survey that was conducted earlier this year. One item that stood out for me was that recruitment of new members is not a particular problem for our society. However, retention of newer members has some weaknesses. We should not “rest on our laurels” in regards to recruitment, but we need to do more to get the newer members involved in our chapter so it becomes their chapter as well.

There are several ways that newer members (and longer term members) can become involved. Possibilities to become an officer are available each year, but there are shorter term opportunities as well. Serving on a committee, e.g. publications awards committee (if interested, contact Brent Sohngen - sohngen.1@osu.edu), is a way to contribute on a shorter term basis. Contributing to the newsletter about conservation efforts in which you are involved or that are being made in your area would increase conservation awareness within our chapter. Also, writing a letter to the newsletter editor about a conservation related topic, a Winter Meeting topic, an area or activity that should have AOC involvement, a way that you would like to see the chapter serve its members, etc. would stimulate thought and discussion. Our newsletter editor is Chris Coulon (chris.coulon@oh.usda.gov).

Finally, I would like to congratulate two of our members for recent awards. Norm Fausey was named Senior Scientist of the Year for the USDA ARS Midwest Area. Linus Losh was inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Council Hall of Fame. Lenny joins other AOC members in this honor. John Stevenson was inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Council Hall of Fame in 2004; Floyd Heft and Bill Richards were inducted in 1993 and 1994, respectively. Again, congratulations to each of these gentlemen!

## Leadership Opportunities

*By Sean Browning*

The AOC Executive Council is looking for a few good members for leadership positions on next year's Executive Council. Members may self-nominate themselves to run during the upcoming 2007-2008 elections. Candidates are needed for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large positions. Becoming an Executive Council member can be a rewarding experience that enables members to serve the chapter and the society in a greater capacity. If you have an interest in AOC SWCS and would like to participate in a leadership position, please contact Sean Browning (614-255-2461 or sean.browning@oh.usda.gov).

## Scholarship Winner

*By Angel Arehart*

The All Ohio Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (AOC-SWCS) would like to recognize Mr. Lonnie Mills as this year's recipient of the 2007 \$1000.00 scholarship!

Lonnie is a Geology major and will be a senior this fall at Kent State University. His interests lie in "soft-rock" geology. He enjoys studying modern and ancient fluvial deposits and has decided to focus on Hydrogeology. Lonnie plans to attend graduate school and eventually work in understanding the character, source, occurrence, and movement of water and how they have changed over time. He intends to work on ways to provide increased amounts of potable water to areas in dire need.

With impressive academic achievements, leadership experiences, and career aspirations, the AOC-SWCS is pleased to honor Mr. Lonnie Mills with this well deserved distinction! Congratulations Lonnie!



*Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Mills*

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*"The AOC-SWCS received thirteen applications this year from 11 different colleges and universities."*

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## Published Work

*By Chris Coulon*

Upon opening the May/June 2007 issue of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, I was surprised and delighted to see the familiar names of Rich Gehring and Jon Gerken listed as authors of a research article.

Rich Gehring is the All Ohio Chapter Secretary and a soil scientist at the NRCS State Office in Columbus. Jon Gerken is a former Ohio NRCS State Soil Scientist and current NRCS Assistant Program Manager of the Soil Survey Division in Washington, D.C. as well as an All Ohio Chapter SWCS member.

The article, 'Prospects for enhanced groundwater recharge via infiltration of urban stormwater runoff: A case study', examines the use of raingardens in an area of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Congratulations on your good work Rich and Jon!

To submit items for the newsletter contact newsletter editor Chris Coulon at [chris.coulon@oh.usda.gov](mailto:chris.coulon@oh.usda.gov)

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