

MICHIGAN CHAPTER SWCS CALENDER YEAR 2010 PRESIDENTIAL REPORT
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Mount Pleasant, Michigan

I send my apologies on not being able to attend tonight's meeting, but know that it was an honor serving as the President for the 2010 Year! My reason for being unable to attend is I have accepted a brand new position in the Talent Management Division of NRCS in Washington, DC. I started my new job on December 6, 2010 and have been trying to make the transition out here as smooth as possible!

I just wanted to say that I appreciate all of the Executive Committee's hard work this year, as we were able to do some new professional development workshops and we were able to keep up our great momentum of continuing to put on high quality, professional development workshops, summer meetings, and had a strong attendance at the 2010 International Conference. I believe 2010 was an exciting year for the Michigan Chapter and the highlights below are some of our greatest accomplishments!

ADMINISTRATION:

- The Policy Committee was re-activated this year to help write several new policies for the Michigan Chapter. As our Chapter grows, we will have to continue to update the way we do business to ensure that our Mission is fulfilled and the integrity of the Society is held up and this is a very important job of the Policy Committee! Thank-you to them for helping shape our future directions!

AWARDS:

- The Michigan Chapter received an award this year at the 2010 International Conference for Outstanding Chapter for our hard work on the 2009 International Conference.
- Sarah VanDelfzijl and Kelly Goward received the President's Leadership Award which was awarded to them for their dedication and work on the 2009 International Conference as the Michigan Chapter liaisons.
- The 2010 Award nominations were due by December 1, 2010 and those winners will be announced soon.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Carrie Vollmer-Sanders was the Chapter Membership Chair for much of the year and with her guidance, we implemented several new policies and procedures for welcoming new members and for recruiting of members! I appreciated Carrie's initiative and motivation for wanting to see the society move forward and look forward to her successor to keep that momentum moving forward.

OUTREACH:

- Thanks to Gaylynn Kinter's dedication, we were able to complete 2 Highway Clean-ups; one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Thank-you to all of our volunteers who helped Gaylynn!
- Four issues of the MI Chapter Newsletter were distributed this year along with being posted on the website.
- A Big Thank-You goes out to Dan Kesselring for his hard work on designing and maintaining our chapter website! If you have not looked at the website yet, please visit: www.miswcs.org.
- The MI chapter is also on the NING network. If you have not signed up for the NING network, please do so at: <http://swcsnetwork.ning.com/> and connect yourself to the Michigan Chapter.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- The Professional Development Committee planned and carried out a 6 hour technical session during the Michigan State University Ag and Natural Resources Week in March 2010. Titled *A Matter of Balance: Peak Phosphorus-Balancing Demand, Supply and the Environment*. This year's program was based on the idea of Peak Phosphorus and the research that is out there looking at this ever growing issue.
- East North Central (ENC) Regional meeting was held in West Virginia in March 2010. Unfortunately no one from the Michigan Chapter was able to attend, but from the feedback that we heard it was a great event. The 2011 ENC regional meeting will be held in Michigan in May 2011 and will most likely be down in the Southwest part of Michigan. Please look forward to more information on it coming soon!
- The Summer Tour was held in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, in August. It was a little cool up in the UP this summer (at least for me☺) but we had a great time. We had a very successful turn out for the tour being in the UP and I would like to say a big Thank-you to Marilyn Shy, Jean Gagliardo and Mike LaPointe for organizing the tour! It was a very successful event that weaved in biofuel research that is going on in the UP with some cultural presentations!
- The Fall Tour of Leelanau County was a brand new tour that we held on October 1, 2010. This tour visited several Organic and Chemical Free farms that showcased what they do on their farms and how they grow their crops. It was a gorgeous day for the tour and a great time was had by all! I would like to thank Jason Kimbrough and his staff for organizing this tour!

As you can see we were a busy chapter this year! I hope that we can keep this momentum going forward and know that your up and coming President, Jean, is excited about the New Year and will do great things for the Chapter! Thank-you for the opportunity to serve as your President and I am proud to say that I was a Michigan Chapter SWCS member.

I will be transferring my membership to the National Chapter of SWCS and look forward to seeing many of you at the 2011 International Conference held in Washington, DC in July! And remember you can always look me up and I will be more than happy to play tour guide!

Respectfully Submitted by Rebekah DeWind, President
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