



SWS MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER SPRING NEWSLETTER – 14 MAY 2005

GREETINGS, MID-ATLANTIC WETLANDERS!

NEW OFFICERS – Well, as of 1 January you have had two new Chapter Officers. Andy Baldwin (Baldwin@umd.edu) is our new Vice-Chair and Scott Struck (Scott.Struck@epamail.epa.gov) is our new Treasurer, taking over after years of dedicated service and stewardship by our long-time Treasurer Don Ferlow. Don has managed to keep us in the black and out of jail, and I'm sure Scott will do the same!

SWS ANNUAL MEETING – Hopefully, our Chapter will be well represented at this year's Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina (5-10 June)! For those in attendance, please try to attend the Mid-Atlantic Chapter meeting, which will be held on Tuesday evening (5-6 PM). In addition to being updated on Chapter activities, this would be a great opportunity for people to volunteer to become more active in Chapter affairs!! Among the topics for discussion are the plans for a fall Chapter meeting, which Kirk Barrett has volunteered to organize (kirk.barrett@montclair.edu). Your input and suggestions for making this a successful event will be solicited and appreciated. As I write this, tentative dates are 8-9 September, with the tentative location in northern New Jersey at The New Jersey School of Conservation, a division of Montclair State University. In addition to the fall Chapter Meeting, the indefatigable Albert McCullough has been working on two more locally targeted meetings/workshops, one in the State College area and one in the Ithaca area. Updates on the status of these activities will be provided at the Chapter meeting in Charleston (and by future emails, as well)!

2008 INTECOL UPDATE – At the Mid-Atlantic Chapter meeting that was held at Villanova University in November 2004, the Chapter membership in attendance unanimously approved a motion for the Chapter Officers to submit a formal proposal to the SWS Executive Board for us to host the 2008 INTECOL Wetlands meeting. A proposal was submitted and was discussed at the SWS mid-year Board meeting in San Francisco, held in January 2005. At the January meeting, a motion to hold the SWS 2008 Annual Meeting in conjunction with the 8th INTECOL Wetlands Conference, to be hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists, was unanimously approved. Subsequently, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter submitted a proposal to INTECOL for a joint meeting with SWS in June or July 2008, hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. We are waiting to hear from INTECOL as to whether our proposal has been accepted (we should hear soon, and we'll let you know one way or the other). If our proposal is accepted, we'll be looking for eager and dedicated volunteers to help out!

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION – If you have items, issues, ideas, innovations that you'd like your Chapter to consider, please feel free to contact any of your Chapter Officers! If you are involved in local or regional wetlands activities that you feel might be appropriate for some sort of formal Chapter involvement or support, please let us know. Don't be skittish about asking what your Chapter can do for you and/or for your favorite wetlands or wetland issues!

BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A WONDERFUL WETLAND SUMMER!!!

Kel Wieder, Mid-Atlantic Chapter Chair

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