Greetings Mid-Atlantic SWS Chapter Members,

The executive committee of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter has been busy planning our fall meeting that we will hold in conjunction with the Wetlands and Watersheds Workshop October 27 – 30 in Ocean City, MD. The format of the workshop this year is a series of mini-training sessions on a variety of topics including the new regional delineation manual. It will be a great opportunity to keep updated on changes in wetland science, see colleagues, and gain credits towards your PWS recertification so make sure to register and reserve your hotel room soon! Our SWS business meeting will be on Wednesday evening at 5:00 (just before the poster session and social). Please attend to let us know how the Chapter can serve you better, learn about upcoming activities as well as provide ideas and suggestions for additional events or projects. We are also hosting the poster session at the conference. Please consider submitting an abstract to share your work.

As our network of wetland professionals in the Mid-Atlantic continues to grow I believe that the use and function of the Chapter website can be expanded to provide additional services and information to members. To do this we are in need of someone with web skills to be our webmaster for the site. The current site is very basic and would require minimal time to maintain/ update. If you interested please let me know.

As always if you have other ideas or opportunities for our chapter I'd love to hear from you – amy.jacobs@state.de.us.

Enjoy the last of summer as the Spartina alterniflora flowers wave good-bye,

Amy

Chapter Officers: Amy Deller Jacobs, President; Sharon Yates, President-elect**;** Ron Prann, Treasurer; Ellen Kracauer Hartig, Past President

Website: http://www.sws.org/regional/midatlantic/

Membership: SWS members from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and District of Columbia

Upcoming Mid-Atlantic SWS Events

October 27-30th - Fall mid-year meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWS in conjunction with the Wetlands and Watersheds Conference. SWS business meeting Wednesday Oct.29 5:00.
This years workshop features an enriching hands on learning experience designed to directly engage participants, and also give them training to effectively apply the knowledge they acquire. The workshop is designed as a series of training sessions to help members gain a more well-rounded, thorough and enjoyable understanding of the most pertinent concerns in aquatic resource protection. We are once again seeking to unite scientists, regulators, non-governmental organizations, consultants, resource managers, academicians and users to discuss contemporary wetland and watershed issues. Training sessions will include an introduction to the Rapano's decision, federal compensatory mitigation rule, Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Regional Supplement for the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, plant identification, and wetland restoration techniques. Abstracts are currently being accepted for the poster session which is being used to encourage attendees to share their work. Agenda and registration information is available at: http://www.wetlandsworkgroup.org/

Winter 2008/09 - Dig It! The Secrets of Soil - National soils exhibit behind the scenes tour
SWS Past President, Pat Megonigal has offered to provide our members a behind the scenes tour of the national soils exhibit being displayed at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. We will be organizing a group tour in January or February. More details to come soon.

Spring2009 - Meeting in upstate New York/ Pennsylvania
We are working with the New York State Wetlands Forum to meet with them during their annual spring meeting. Tentative dates are April 22 and 23 in the lower Hudson Region. This will be a great opportunity to expand our network and bring together members in the northern parts of our region. If you have any ideas for a topic that we could host a speaker or seminar please let me know.

SWS Diversity Program Undergraduate Mentoring

The Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) proudly provides NSF-funded opportunities for undergraduate students from underrepresented groups. Funding is also provided by SWS regional Chapters (Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Central, Western, and Pacific Northwest). Established in 1980 to foster the exchange of wetland information, SWS has members from academia, government, and private consulting.

The awards provide:

- Travel expenses (including airfare, hotel room, meals, and conference fees) for the 2009 SWS Annual Meeting
- Mentors to provide guidance and career advice
- Special activities to introduce participants to postgraduate and career opportunities and meet professionals from diverse fields
- The opportunity to present research posters

Application Deadline Nov. 28, 2008
For more information and application materials contact:
Dr. Frank P. Day, Old Dominion University, fday@odu.edu

Help our Next Generation Learn About Wetlands

Opportunity in the D.C. Metropolitan Area

John Meagher, former head of USEPA Wetlands, is now the leader of ReSET (Retired Scientists, Engineers and Technicians). Together with Environmental Concern, we are expanding the current offerings to include environmental science lessons. ReSET is seeking retired or not individuals interested in inspiring the next generation.

Volunteer with youth to secure America's future scientific, engineering and technological leadership. Retired Scientists, Engineers and Technicians (ReSET) places volunteers in elementary schools to lead children in hands-on learning in science and math. ReSET volunteers meet with an assigned class for six one-hour sessions, followed by a field trip to a related site. Our orientation program prepares volunteers for a comfortable entry into the classroom environment. Teachers remain in the classroom to ensure an orderly atmosphere where you can share your enthusiasm for your field. Email us or call John Meagher at 703-250-0236 to find out more. Visit us online at www.resetonline.org

Other Upcoming Events

September 22, 2008 NJ-AWRA Fall Conference "Stormwater as a Resource" - Louis Berger Offices, Morristown, NJ
This one-day conference will focus on how water resource professionals can use stormwater as an asset, rather than an obstacle. Our agenda includes speakers from NJ, CA and NC to present their expertise. *Registration*: http://www.nsawra.onefireplace.org
Sponsor: NJ Section of the American Water Resources Association (www.njawra.org)

September 23, 2008 - Livable Communities & Living Rivers in New Jersey: Natural Flood Management through River Restoration - Louis Berger Offices, Morristown, NJ
This free one-day course will cover a wide variety of natural flood management techniques that can be utilized to attenuate flood flows while also restoring the self-sustaining functions of rivers and floodplains. Instructors are state and national experts well-versed in sustainable solutions to flooding problems. *Registration:* Contact Stephanie Lindloff, American Rivers, 518-482-2631, slindloff@americanrivers.org for more information.

October 20-24, 2008 River & Stream Restoration: Geomorphic & Ecological Processes - Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ
This shortcourse provides training in geomorphic and ecological understanding and analysis for sustainable stream restoration, drawing upon experience in implemented projects from a wide range of environments. You can attend the first two days only (Mon-Tue 20-21 Oct) to learn about restoration approaches and how to determine what's suitable for a given stream, or attend the entire five days (Mon-Fri 20-24 October) and benefit from training in field techniques and integration of geomorphology into restoration planning and design. We have a terrific line-up of instructors for the 2-day Fundamentals course and the 5-day course. Visit http://streamrestorationnj.com/ for more information and a detailed agenda. *Registration*: http://www.nsawra.onefireplace.org.