

SWS Bulletin
North Central Chapter Report
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The North Central Chapter held a productive business meeting in July and continues to work on a number of issues. One important discussion at the meeting revolved around a chapter scientific meeting slated for the fall of 2005 or spring of 2006 to highlight some interesting regional issues. The two or three-day meeting likely will be a combination of scientific talks, field trips, and workshops and may be co-hosted with another chapter or organization. Please contact Joe Schubauer-Berigan (Chair of the Program Committee, schubauer-berigan.joseph@epamail.epa.gov) or Kurt Kowalski (Chapter President, kkowalski@usgs.gov) if you are interested in helping organize this meeting. The chapter also will be providing student sponsorship and sending a booth to the Wisconsin Wetlands Association meeting in Green Bay, January 26-27, 2005.

The July business meeting also marked the beginning of new terms for the Chapter President (Kurt Kowalski) and President-Elect (Joe Schubauer-Berigan). We thank Beth Nixon for her time and effort during her term as President and look forward to her contributions as Past-President. It is time once again to hold an election for one of the two rotating at-large board positions. The person in this position serves a two-year term and is a full member of the chapter board of directors. Please check the North Central Chapter web site (<http://www.sws.org/regional/northcentral/>) for the most up-to-date information on the status of the election.

I encourage you to join the growing number of members who are contributing to the chapter and benefiting from all it has to offer. We always are looking for new ideas and welcome anyone looking for a way to become more involved. I especially urge students and those who have never been active in the chapter to find a place and jump into the action.

-Kurt Kowalski, North Central Chapter President