

SWS Bulletin
North Central Chapter Report
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Our web site (<http://www.sws.org/regional/northcentral/>) continues to be improved, but we need your help to make it the best it can be. One of our biggest challenges is keeping the content current and useful. I encourage you to contact Steve Chu (swhchu@hotmail.com) or me if you have ideas and suggestions of things you would like to see the chapter offer on the web site.

We want to welcome Jennifer Manning as the new regional contact for Illinois and Indiana. Jennifer is a wetland scientist at Earth Source, Inc. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Please contact her at jmanning@earthsourceinc.net if you are looking for information about SWS activities in the Illinois/Indiana region or have a project/topic in that region that you would like the whole chapter to know about. Thanks to Tim Skiver for his work in this position over the past three years.

Jesse Kurylo and others have worked hard to produce a promotional brochure for our chapter. Copies of the two-fold brochure will be made available to anyone who can take them to meetings or otherwise make them available to potential members (e.g., students). Check the web site for updates.

The North Central Chapter successfully helped organize the Lake Superior Basin Wetlands Research and Management Conference that was held on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota, July 14-15, 2005. We sponsored two students to attend the meeting and Rachel Walker won the student paper competition. Over 200 people attended the meeting, and we received very positive feedback about our participation and the meeting as a whole.

The chapter is investigating the possibility of participating in the 2006 ASWM annual meeting scheduled for August 29-31, 2006 in Traverse City, Michigan. This is expected to be a large meeting and could be a great opportunity for SWS members to participate. Details of our involvement are being worked out. Watch the web site or contact me for the latest information.

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 are always 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