

SWS Bulletin
North Central Chapter Report
February 28, 2006

The North Central Chapter is seeking nominations for one At-Large Board position that will have a term from July 2006 through June 2008. Beth Nixon, the chapter Nominations Committee Chair, will be accepting names via email (ehnixonusa@netscape.net) from now until April 1, 2006. All members in good standing are invited to submit nominees for this board election to be held May through June 2006. You may nominate yourself and/or others. The candidates for election and voting procedures will be advertised on the web site and via email on April 15, 2006. Electronic voting will run until June 15, 2006.

Are you interested in being the chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chair? This position is responsible for identifying needed changes and shortcomings in the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Chapter and reporting them to the President. Contact Kurt (kkowalski@usgs.gov) if you would like to be considered for the position.

I am pleased to announce that we have regional contacts for each of the ten states in our chapter. Thanks to Mark Snopek (Iowa), Ted LaGrange (Nebraska), David Mushet (North Dakota), and Jerry Gray (South Dakota) for volunteering their time and agreeing to represent our chapter. Mark is an Ecologist with the Iowa DOT (Mark.Snopek@dot.iowa.gov), and Ted is a Wetland Program Manager with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (ted.lagrange@ngpc.ne.gov). David Mushet (david_mushet@usgs.gov) is a Wildlife Biologist for the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, and Jerry (heyoka@mchsi.com) is a private consultant in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Please get in touch with any of the regional contacts (<http://www.sws.org/regional/northcentral/Officers.htm>) if you are looking for wetland-related information about a certain area or have information to share with the chapter.

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). Contact Kurt Kowalski (kkowalski@usgs.gov) to get preprinted copies or check the web site for slightly less fancy PDF versions. The versions on the web site now contain the 2006 dues structure.

The North Central Chapter continued its student sponsorship and support of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association Annual Wetland Science Forum (<http://www.wiscwetlands.org/2006forum.htm>), February 2-3, 2006. We want to acknowledge the accomplishments of five students who participated in the meeting. These students were presenters or significant contributors to papers presented at the meeting and received financial assistance from NCC to help cover their meeting costs. The chapter thanks them for their efforts and encourages them to continue their scholarship in the wetland sciences.

Meghann E. Jarchow, Minnesota State University - Mankato

Title: Invasiveness of *Typha angustifolia* due to possession of a novel weapon

Co-Author: Bradley J. Cook, Minnesota State University – Mankato

Christopher S. Lowry, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Title: Delineation of peat using ground penetrating radar, Vilas County, Wisconsin

Co-Authors: Mary P. Anderson, University of Wisconsin-Madison and Randy Hunt, U. S. Geological Survey, Middleton Office

Monika J. Freyman, Loyola University Chicago

Title: The effect of litter accumulation of the invasive cattail *Typha x glauca* on a Great Lakes coastal marsh

Co-Authors: Kathi Jo Jankowski and Nancy C. Tuchman, Loyola University Chicago

Rachel Hart, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin

Title: Analysis of Wisconsin Department of Transportation wetland impacts and mitigation policy

Natalie White, University of Minnesota Duluth

Title: Flowering effort and seed production in native and alien subspecies of *Phragmites australis* in Northwest Wisconsin and Northeast Minnesota

The chapter is planning a joint SWS North Central Chapter and American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) Eastern Great Lakes and Western Great Lakes Regions workshop to be held at the Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) Annual Meeting planned for August 28-31, 2006 in Traverse City, MI. The workshop will include both hands-on interpretation of aerial photographs and satellite-based remote sensing data as well as a field trip to a large cedar swamp. The field trip will give workshop participants an opportunity to see and learn about the site they analyzed during the interpretation portion of the workshop. The Nature Conservancy has agreed to join the field trip to describe their work in the swamp and surrounding areas. The chapter also is working with ASPRS to cohost a half-day remote sensing and GIS mapping symposium during the ASWM meeting. Speakers will be invited to discuss various aspects of remote sensing and GIS and their application to wetland science and management.

SWS is kicking off a membership drive that we need to put some effort into. This is a great opportunity for our chapter and the society as a whole to both increase in numbers and reach out to other members of the wetland science and management community. There are rewards for those who recruit five or more members, but every new person you sign up strengthens SWS. Look for details about the drive elsewhere in this Bulletin and on the web site. Please contact me if you have questions (kkowalski@usgs.gov).

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