

**SAC – ASB Meeting
Spartanburg, SC
April 17, 2008**

1. Opened by William Conner.

Attendance: 6 students, 6 regular members

2. Treasurer's report: \$8,523.42 in checking account and a \$16,756.36 in CD. Annual dues from the National organization should be coming in late April. Account has finally been settled for 2005 meeting in Charleston, but we have not yet received our share which is estimated to be \$827 (some mention made at one time that we would not receive).

Chapter sponsored the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's Wetlands & Watersheds Workshop in October 2007 in Ocean City, Maryland.

Chapter co-sponsored 2008 Floodplain Ecosystem Symposium in March in Little Rock, AR (\$500).

Chapter sponsored a 1-day workshop at the Tall Timbers Research Station in Tallahassee, Florida in October 2007 entitled "Management Strategies for Ephemeral Ponds". Chapter members served on a panel discussion concerning wetlands restoration and the chapter provided note pads with the SAC logo and website to support the Coastal Plains Institute and Land Conservancy's work on a grant from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Chapter is providing 2 Travel Awards (\$500 each) to SWS in Washington, DC this year.

Chapter is sponsoring 1 UMEB student at SWS this year (amount will be determined once student invoices are all in – not to exceed \$2000).

Chapter has 4 Student Research Grants (\$750 each) to be awarded this year.

3. Student Travel Awards (\$100 each) were given to:

Charlotte Steelman, Davidson College
Evan Eskew, Davidson College
Grant Connette, Davidson College
Staci Blecha, Old Dominion University
, Clemson University

4. Mid-Year Board Meeting

Held February 9th via phone and internet. President estimated that SWS would save \$35-45K plus all the personal time board members would have taken up traveling. This was important given the fact that we lost money (\$25K) at Sacramento meeting.

5. Upcoming Joint Meeting

We will hold our first regional meeting together with the South Central Chapter in October 2008 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in association with the University of Alabama. Dates are October 9-11. Details should be coming out soon.

6. Calendar/Photo contest

Second calendar contest was completed and calendars made (See CafePress.com). SWS has asked permission to use images as covers of Wetlands in coming issues. Also used images of Year 1 in new promotional brochure.

7. Comments from members

Frank Day thanked the Chapter for its willingness to support the UMEB program and suggested that the Chapter consider doing this again for future meetings. The NSF grant runs for 3 more years but they would like to make this a continuing program even without NSF. Suggestion was made to discuss this at SWS meeting in Washington.

Diane DeSteven was concerned about lack of wetland scientist participation at ASB. There is a need to get more wetland sessions organized.

Minutes submitted by
William Conner