

# IOWA CHAPTER SWCS NEWSLETTER

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## 2011 SWCS Summer Meeting

by Sarah Ham, Southeast Area Representative

The Southeast Area hosted the Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Society Summer Meeting, June 10, 2011, in Oskaloosa. About 40 people met at the Lake Keomah Lodge where we learned from the Advocacy Committee about their work on a position paper for the new Farm Bill. Todd Coffelt, Mines and Mineral Bureau Chief with IDALS, gave a great presentation on the history of mining in Iowa. After lunch, the bus was loaded for the afternoon tour. Todd took us to three different mine sites in the area. We were able to see mining sites before, during and after the reclamation process. After the mud was cleaned off our boots we headed back to the lodge to enjoy dinner and social time with our fellow conservationists.



Top left – Group tours a mine site before the reclamation process. Top right – Group tours a mine site during the reclamation process. Bottom left – Group tours a mine site where the reclamation process is complete.

**Thank you to the 2011 Iowa Conservation Team Van Masters, Daily Team Leaders, Volunteers and Sponsors for making RAGBRAI another successful year!**

### 2011 Sponsors

**Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship –  
Division of Soil Conservation**

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### Conservation Districts of Iowa

#### **Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)**

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**Johnson County SWCD      Polk County SWCD**  
**East Pottawattamie SWCD**  
**Poweshiek County SWCD      Story County SWCD**



July 24-30, 2011



## Washington DC, 2011 International Conference

The 66<sup>th</sup> SWCS International Annual Conference was held in Washington DC July 17-20<sup>th</sup>. The focus for this year's meeting was exploring ways to improve the linkages among conservation science, policy, and application at local, national, and international scales. The keynote speaker, former Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman shared his thoughts and personal experiences on the long-term implications of food and agricultural policy on conservation in the United States and around the world. Dan Glickman is currently Director of Congressional Programs at the Aspen Institute and served as Secretary from March 1995 until January 2001. You can listen to Mr. Glickman's presentation at <http://www.swcs.org/index.cfm?nodeID=27786&audienceID=1>

As usual the conference was filled with technical sessions, posters, and displays to numerous to list. Iowa was well represented with Agren presenting several workshops along with their pond builder display. CIG posters included the Boone and Raccoon River Watershed Cooperative Conservation project by the Iowa Soybean Association, and Project Find and Assist: Reaching out to underserved small scale landowners by Validus.

Another highlight of the conference is the Regional Roundtable lunch that allows representatives from the Central states to meet and share ideas. I also had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Courtney Chabot Dreyer, representing one of our newest corporate sponsors, Pioneer.

In response to a resolution adopted by the House of Delegates at the 2010 international annual meeting, the SWCS Board of Directors of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, tasked the Executive Director and the Science and Policy Committee (chaired by Andy Manale) to develop a position statement on agriculture, conservation and climate change. The Committee established a taskforce, chaired by Dr. Jorge Delgado, to review the science regarding the roles that soil and agriculture play to help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the social, economic, and environmental impacts of climate change. A presentation by Jorge Delgado and Andy Manale summarized the work of the task force and the committee and presented the policy statement. You can read the position paper in its entirety at:

[http://www.swcs.org/documents/filelibrary/climate/SWCS\\_Climate\\_Position\\_Statement\\_751\\_46C025478C4CA.pdf](http://www.swcs.org/documents/filelibrary/climate/SWCS_Climate_Position_Statement_751_46C025478C4CA.pdf)

It was certainly an honor and a privilege to represent the Iowa Chapter at this year's meeting, and I encourage everyone committed to conservation to get involved with SWCS.

Submitted by  
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- 9:00 **Registration – coffee, juice & pastries provided**
- 9:20 **Welcome & Introductions by Jay Jung, President**
- 9:30 **“Losing Ground” Presentation and Discussion by Craig Cox, Environmental Working Group, Midwest Vice President.** The report can be found at the following web address -  
<http://www.ewg.org/losingground/report>



**CRAIG COX**

**Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources.** Craig began his career in conservation by joining the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in 1977 as a field biologist. Since then, he has worked for the National Academy of Sciences, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and as Executive Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. He joined EWG as Midwest Vice President of EWG in 2008 and directs the organization’s research and advocacy work in agriculture, renewable energy, and climate change. He has degrees in wildlife Ecology and agricultural economics from the University of Minnesota. He is an avid fly fisherman, hunter, and hiker.

- 11:45 **Lunch and Live Auction – *Please bring an item for the auction!***
- 12:30 **Business Meeting**  
Call to Order – Jay Jung, President  
Friends of Conservation Award & Presidential Citation Awards  
Scholarship Presentation  
Secretary’s Report – Stacy Schlader  
Treasurer’s Report – Alan Lauver  
Board Election Results  
Adjourn Meeting – Sheila Cox
- Break
- 2:00 **2012 Farm Bill Perspective from the National Society – Jim Gulliford, Executive Director, SWCS**
- Brainstorming Session** – Future goals and activities for the Iowa Chapter
- Break
- 3:15 **Reiman Gardens Presentation**
- 3:45 **Tour of the Gardens - on your own**
- 5:00 **Get-together after the meeting – Location to be announced**

\*\*\*REMINDER - SWCS Student Tailgate will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at the Jack Trice Stadium – LOT C4, for the Texas A&M Game\*\*\*

Questions: Contact Sheila Cox, [scox25@hotmail.com](mailto:scox25@hotmail.com) or 712-870-8675 (cell)



Iowa SWCS Annual Meeting  
Friday, October 21, 2011  
Reiman Gardens  
1407 University Boulevard  
Ames, IA

**The Registration Form is due to Sheila Cox by Thursday, October 13, 2011**

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of SWCS? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Registration price:** Registration includes lunch and admission to the gardens

Member - \$25.00      Non-Member - \$30.00

Do you prefer a vegetarian lunch? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

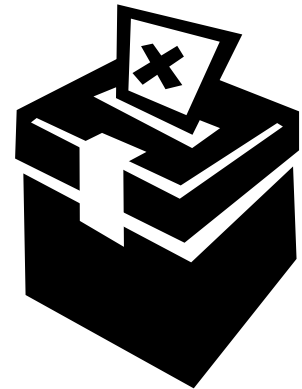
Please make checks payable to Iowa SWCS

Mail your registration form and payment to:

**Sheila Cox**  
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Cell – (712) 870-8675 for any questions

\*\*If you wish to donate an item for the auction, please bring it with you and check it in at the registration table.

# Iowa SWCS 2011 Election Ballot



## PRESIDENT ELECT:

\_\_\_\_\_ PAUL MILLER  
\_\_\_\_\_ JASON HART  
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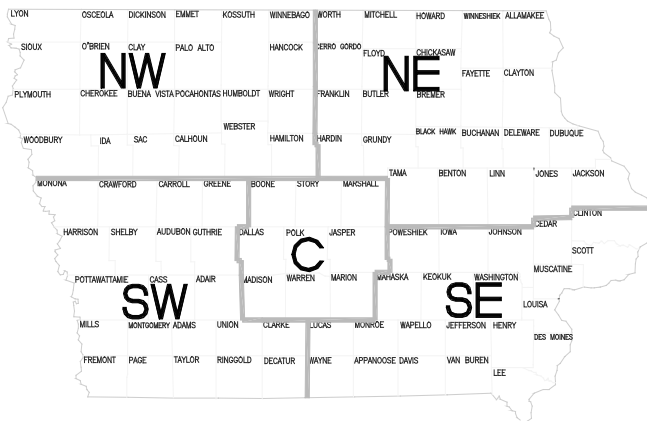
## SECRETARY:

\_\_\_\_\_ HILLARY OLSON  
\_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

\_\_\_\_\_ ALAN LANGE  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*ONLY MEMBERS THAT LIVE IN THE SOUTHEAST AND NORTHWEST VOTE FOR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE THIS YEAR. PLEASE REFER TO MAP FOR THE AREAS.**



## SOUTHEAST AREA REPRESENTATIVE\*\*\*:

\_\_\_\_\_ TJ MATHIS  
\_\_\_\_\_ JENNY STEWART  
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## NORTHWEST AREA REPRESENTATIVE\*\*\*:

\_\_\_\_\_ BRIAN TUMEY  
\_\_\_\_\_

**THE SECRETARY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AND AREA CHAIRS ARE 2 YEAR TERMS.**

**BALLOTS MAY BE RETURNED TO:  
NICHOLE WILLIAMS  
2608 SOUTH SECOND STREET  
MARSHALLTOWN, IA 50158**

**OR**

**BALLOTS CAN BE RETURNED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

***ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
NOON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011 IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED***

## ***2011 Calendar of Events***

**Iowa SWCS Annual Meeting – October 21, 2011**

Reiman Gardens, Ames, Iowa

**Iowa SWCS/ISU SWCC Football Tailgate – October 22, 2011**

ISU vs. Texas A&M – details to follow

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