



# ALABAMA

## Soil and Water Conservation Society

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### Alabama Chapter Receives Award At Annual SWCS Meeting

#### Presidents news

#### Greetings Everyone,

I'm looking forward to serving as your president this year. Thank you for allowing me the honor! Our chapter is one of the best in the nation and the reason is our membership. I thank each one of you for your dedication to our Alabama Chapter and our activities.

Our annual meeting this year on June 2-4 in Opelika was a great event. If you were not there, you missed a treat. I congratulate Jeff Holloway for his leadership in making the meeting a success. Approximately 100 people participated in the various activities during the three-day event. I would like to thank all of the speakers, tour hosts, and those that worked to make the meeting a success.

Plans are under way for our SWCS 2005 annual meeting. The dates are set for June 8, 9, & 10th in Birmingham, at the Botanical Gardens. The theme will be "Managing our Landscapes for Multiple Uses". Tracy Cole is chairman of the planning committee. Mark your calendar and stay

tuned for details.

As your president, I had the opportunity to attend the 59th Annual National SWCS Conference July 24-28th in St. Paul, Minnesota. Alabama was well represented; there were 8 other chapter members at the meeting.

I never realized the magnitude and diversity of our organization before attending this meeting. During the week, I attended a chapter development workshop; House of Delegates meeting; Southeast and South central Regions breakfast; awards banquet; plenary sessions and several technical sessions.

At the House of Delegates meeting, recommendations were made for the National Board of Directors to review the selection process for national director elections and to investigate the reestablishment of life memberships. Also reported at the meeting is the establishment of a professional development director's position for the SWCS national staff.

One of the highlights of the national meeting was a presentation by Max Schnepf, former

SWCS employee. The presentation was about SWCS struggles and successes over the past forty years. It was very informative and caused everyone to have a new appreciation and enthusiasm for SWCS.

On Tuesday evening we were entertained at the social event by the "Ya, Sure, Ya Betcha Band" and also got to visit the "Mall of America".

Our chapter received a "2004 Outstanding Chapters Achievement Award" in recognition of accomplishments in activities to carry out goals and objectives of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. This was for activities that occurred during Carl Pinyard's term [2003] as Alabama Chapter president. Thank you, Carl, for your outstanding efforts during your term as president.

Alabama Chapter has 169 members and we hope we can increase this number.

You are the key! Please invite a friend or co-worker to join.



*Ben Moore, President*

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Alabama Chapter Members attending the Awards Luncheon are left to right: Joyce Nicholas, Randall East, Sylvia Long, Ben Moore, Rod Goode, Neva Moore, Earl Norton.



## Alabama A&M University Student Chapter

By: Dr. Monday Mbila

At the June meeting of the Alabama A&M University student chapter, the members elected a new Executive Board for the student chapter. The new Board members and their offices are as follows:

President (Earl Russell, Jr)

Vice President (Mustafa Yousif)

Treasurer (Sidat Yaffa)

Secretary (Irenus Tazisong)

Parliamentarian (Sharon D. Myers)

Publicity Secretary (Karnita Golson)

Student Representative (Parmecia Jones)

Information Clearinghouse Coordinator (Dirk Spencer)

The outgoing Executive Board members led by Karnita Golson -outgoing President, were well applauded by the members for their tireless efforts in establishing the Club. Members discussed the performance of the

club since its inception and discussed ideas about its direction.

Through participation in various activities, the club successfully raised enough money to carry out its functions. As at the June meeting, the club had an account balance of \$848.11 part of which came from the Silent Auction at The 2004 Alabama Soil & Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting in Opelika, Alabama. This has put the Club in a good financial standing to start the fall semester.

In future, the club will be putting together an academic-year calendar to highlight important dates for the student, state and national chapters as well as new directions for the club.

For the fall, expect membership drive, invitation of public speakers, expanding the campus wide recycling program and teaming with other organizations working towards environmental sustainability.

## CPESC Committee

By: Earl Norton

By the time that you read this article we will be in the middle of the Red Water Blues Field Days - a field day every Thursday in September – Huntsville, Birmingham, Prattville, Enterprise and Fairhope. We are particularly pleased that the activities are co-sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Alabama and the Associated General Contractors of Alabama.

The locations were selected to provide an opportunity for nearly everyone to be within two hours of a field day. I urge you to attend one of these field days to learn more about the installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment control practices and products. Registration information and maps are

available on the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee homepage:  
<http://www.alchapterswcs.aces.edu/>

Our erosion and sediment control project with the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee and partners completed seminars during August that were well attended – approximately 250 participants.

These training sessions were presented through Auburn University's Business and Engineering continuing education program. This is one of the ways that we are moving the technology in the [Alabama Handbook for Erosion Control, Sediment Control and Storm water Management on Construction Sites and Urban Areas](#) to the users.

Our Chapter's Annual Conference last June was of very high quality and on behalf of the CPESCs in Alabama let me say, again, "Thanks for making this continuing education activity available."

Let me remind you if there is a specific topic related to CPESC that you would like to have covered in our Chapter newsletter let me know.

Earl Norton, Chairman

CPESC Committee

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## AU Student Chapter - Fall Activities

By: Dr. Mary Goodman

The AU Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is selling fall-planted bulbs and holiday bulb gift kits. The funds raised from this sale go to support student membership dues to the National SWCS and AU Chapter Activities.

To view the fall selections and place an order:

1. Go to: [www.touchofnature.com/Fundraisingn.htm](http://www.touchofnature.com/Fundraisingn.htm).
2. In the left hand column; click on Fall B; and then Holiday to view the selections.

3. Make your selections and e-mail your order to:

[goodmms@auburn.edu](mailto:goodmms@auburn.edu)

4. Make out a check for the order payable to: AU Chapter SWCS.

Send the check for the order to :

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Dept: Agronomy & Soils  
202 Funchess Hall,

Auburn University, AL 36849-5412

### Tentative Schedule of Meetings

#### September 20

Annual Membership Barbeque  
(Catered by Byron's BBQ)  
5 to 7 pm Davis Arboretum Pavilion

Guest Speaker: Ben Moore, President  
AL State Chapter

#### October 18

Auburn Student Chapter Fall Meeting  
Business Meeting: 5:30 to 6:30 pm

203B Funchess Hall

Guest Speaker: Detra Boutwell, CCA  
Chair, AL State

#### November 15

Annual Bulb Forcing Workshop with  
Door Prizes

5:30 to 6:30 pm

203B Funchess Hall

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## Sylvia Long Member of the Alabama SWCS Chapter Serves as Moderator for Concurrent Session at the 2004 Annual Meeting St Paul, Mn

Sylvia Long, NRCS

I have been an active member of the SWCS since 1989; however, this year has proved to be a milestone to all previous years.

I attended the annual SWCS conference "Headwaters of Conservation" in St. Paul, Minnesota.

I had the distinct pleasure of attending the *Awards Banquet* with other Alabama delegates who received an "Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award" along with Kentucky and North Dakota.

I was also invited to serve as moderator for the concurrent session

"Tillage and Soil Organic Matter Management for Sustaining Land Resources" on Monday afternoon.



Tuesday and Wednesday were spent in personal and professional development workshops: "Conflict Resolution and Conservation Planning Field Technology"

The National SWCS Program Committee and their staff obviously worked very hard to put the diverse conference and educational opportunities together.

I was thrilled to walk across **headwaters** of the *mighty Mississippi* more than 2000 miles above the Gulf of Mexico.

## 2004 Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Chapter Meeting Held in Opelika, Alabama



June 4,5,6, 2004 found many of you in the city of Opelika, where the annual SWCS meeting was held. The weather was warm and fine, with a few showers, but then that is to be expected for the summertime here in the south. The educational sessions were informative and the tour was exceptional. Covering sites from shopping centers construction BMP's; DOT road site; to the turf at Jordan Hare. All had a wonderful time.



Jordan Hare Stadium

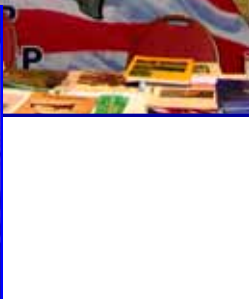


### “Alabama Chapter Receives Award” 2004 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Society



Members of the Alabama Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society enjoyed the many events, exhibits, presentations and fellowship at the National meeting, which was held in St Paul, Minnesota.

The Alabama Chapter and its members received awards, presented posters, hosted exhibits and served as moderator of concurrent sessions.





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### Board Members 2004

#### 2004 Board Members

- President:: Bennie Moore
- President-Elect: Tracy Cole
- Secretary: Dena Lassiter Mann
- Treasure: Zona Beaty
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- Membership: Skip Ragsdale
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- Student Chapters: Monday Mbila, A&M  
Mary Goodman, Auburn
- CCA: Detra Boutwell

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