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President's Corner

By Josh Wozniak, PNW Chapter President

Happy New Year 2020! As the incoming president, I reflected on the SWS mission: *to promote understanding, conservation, protection, restoration, science-based management, and sustainability of wetlands*. My work with the board is inspired by these components of our professional practice.

The SWS PNW Chapter board has been working hard over the winter to advance the SWS mission through a series of events and initiatives. We work with the International SWS Board to support opportunities for people who have traditionally been under-represented in our field, typically groups for whom racial and gender biases, or economic barriers have limited their access to institutions and resources. We provide annual grants to this program and have supported several students since its inception. This program flies under the acronym SWaMMP and you can find more info about it here:

<http://www.sws.org/Awards-and-Grants/sws-undergraduate-mentoring-program-swammp.html>

We also supported student scholarships within our local chapter and sponsored important local learning forums including the upcoming Restoration Symposium at the CUH at UW, Seattle. More about that event here:

<https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/education/adults/conferences-symposia/ecological-restoration-symposium/>

The board has been working hard in preparing for a super fun mini-meeting occurring on April 30-May 1, 2020 in Leavenworth, Washington. One day of compelling talks followed by a day of field trips and workshops in an amazing place! Can't wait to see you there. There is much more complete information on this event within this edition of Ooze News.

We are also engaged in advanced planning for the 2021 conference (because it really does take more than a year to pull one off!). If you are interested in supporting any of these efforts, we have several active committees and are always looking for enthusiastic collaborators.

Other exciting events in the coming year include the International SWS conference in Quebec, Canada. June 7-11, 2020. See the SWS website for more details. Another fun annual event is “May is Wetlands Month”. Last year we held field trips and socials in a variety of locations around Washington, which was great! This year, because of the board’s primary focus on the mini-meeting, the celebrations in May will be organized through our social media channels on Facebook and Twitter. Events will be a bit more ad hoc and spontaneous, and we also hope this allows more folks to get out into wetlands in May and share their fun. More details will be posted on the website and emailed to members.

I look forward to the exciting prospects in 2020. I hope to see, meet, and talk to you at some of these events. If you have ideas to share, don’t hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, keep your socks dry and your gear clean: to keep a spring in your step and limit spreading weeds and disease!

**SWS-PNW Chapter Mini-Meeting in Leavenworth
- SAVE THE DATE -**

By Nate Hough-Snee, Program Vice President

What: “Applications for Changing Times”
The 2020 Meeting of the Society of Wetland Scientists - Pacific Northwest Chapter

When: April 30 – May 1, 2020

Where: [Leavenworth Festhalle](#), WA

Format: One-day mini-meeting (Apr 30) with two plenary talks and 12 invited technical talks.
Optional second day (May 1) of workshops and field trips.

Plenary Speakers: Erin McCool (Ogden Murphy Wallace Attorneys) and Jacob Berkowitz (USACE)

Hotel: [Hampton Inn and Suites Leavenworth](#). Book by phone prior to March 29 using code “SWS” to get GSA rate of \$96/night: (509) 470-9798.

Morning refreshments and lunch will be served. The program will be followed by an evening social with live music. Field trips/workshops on May 1, 2020 will be held in collaboration with the Wenatchee River Institute.

Are you interested in sponsoring the meeting?

Please fill out the [sponsor form here](#).

Interested in leading a field trip or workshop?

Contact Nate (nhoughsnee@fourpeaksenv.com) or Josh (jwozniak@parametrix.com) with your ideas.

Registration will open in late February on the [PNW chapter website](#). Updates will be emailed to chapter members.



Leavenworth, WA, situated against the Wenatchee River and the Cascade Mountains. (Photo: Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce)

SWS-PNW Chapter Hosting 2021 SWS International Meeting in Spokane, Washington

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

By Yvonne Vallette, Past President

Our PNW chapter will be the primary host for the SWS International Meeting in Spokane, WA in late May 2021. The Chapter is recruiting PNW members to volunteer to be part of the conference planning/organizing committee for this significant international meeting. Up to 600 participants from over 25 different countries will have the opportunity to visit and explore the Pacific Northwest region. Volunteer opportunities include a range of tasks such as participating on the overall conference organizing committee or helping on smaller committees tasked with things such as: conference theme development,

organizing fieldtrips, identifying and contacting potential sponsors, identifying keynote speakers, organizing student volunteers, and more. Contributions for assistance can be big or small, one task or many. You can be a member of a smaller committee or lead a committee. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate leadership and organizational skills while learning more about conference planning, meeting fellow chapter members, and contributing your knowledge and time to help the chapter to organize an outstanding meeting for the National and International wetland community. The PNW Chapter will be working closely over the next year with the SWS Business Office and International Board in development of this conference. Most committee activities are done via phone conferences and email. So, if you have the capacity, interest, or energy to help out with the planning of this meeting, please contact Nate Hough-Snee at: nate@natehough-snee.org



2019 Social Event with SWS Members. (Photo: Maki Dalzell)

Social Media Update

By Maki Dalzell, Co-Secretary

Did you know we have official Facebook and Twitter accounts for our chapter? Find us on Facebook as Pacific Northwest Chapter of Society of Wetland Scientists

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/50185811318/> and Twitter as [@SWS PNW](https://twitter.com/SWS_PNW). We will post events, trainings, and articles on our social media, and you can also share with us by joining the Facebook group or following our Twitter account!

Calendar of Wetland Classes and Workshops

By Maki Dalzell/Katrina Poppe, Co-Secretaries

To better serve our members we have included a list of wetland related classes and workshops occurring in the Pacific Northwest. If you know of other organizations that offer classes, please forward the web link to poppek@wwu.edu.

Coastal Training Program:

<http://www.coastaltraining-wa.org/>

- Winter Tree and Shrub Identification for Western WA Puget Lowland Habitats: February 26, 2020. Mount Vernon, WA.
- Using the Revised WA State Wetland Rating System (2014) in Western Washington: March 11-12, 2020. Lacey, WA.
- How to Administer Development Permits in Western Washington's Shorelines: March 25, 2020. Mount Vernon, WA.

Northwest Environmental Training Center:

<https://nwetc.org/>

- Habitat Site Restoration: April 22-23, 2020. Portland, OR.
- Wetlands- Science and Regulatory Management: July 22-23, 2020. Tukwila, WA.

Portland State University Environmental Professional Program: <https://www.pdx.edu/environmental-professional-program/>

- River Restoration, Part 1- Physical Processes: March 10-12, 2020. Portland, OR.
- Basic Wetland Delineation: March 23-26, 2020. Portland, OR (partially online).
- River Restoration, Part 2- Ecological Processes: April 7-9, 2020. Portland, OR.
- Wetland Hydrology Indicators and Problem Situations: April 20-21, 2020. Tigard, OR.
- Hydric Soil Indicators for Regional Supplements: May 18-19, 2020. Portland, OR (partially online).

Richard Chinn Environmental Training, Inc.:

<http://www.richardchinn.com/>

- Wetland Delineation Training: Feb 24-27, 2020. Seattle, WA.
- Regional Supplement Wetland Delineation Training: Feb 26-27, 2020. Seattle, WA.

The Seminar Group:

<http://www.theseminargroup.net/>

- Shoreline Regulation, Permitting & Development in Oregon: March 19-20, 2020. Seaside, OR.

University of Washington – Professional Development Program:

<http://www.pce.uw.edu/>

- Wetland Science and Management Certificate Program. 8-month program starting Sept, 2020. Seattle, WA.

University of Washington Botanic Gardens:

<https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/education/adults/conferences-symposia/>

- Botanical Symposium: March 4, 2020. Seattle, WA
- Ecological Restoration Symposium: March 26, 2020. Seattle, WA.

Western Washington University:

<https://ee.wvu.edu/>

No wetland related courses listed at this time.

Wetland Training Institute:

<http://wetlandtraining.com/>

No wetland related courses at this time.

Consultant List Updates

By Maki Dalzell, Co-Secretary

The PNW Chapter hosts a quarterly updated consultant list on the website: <http://www.sws.org/Pacific-Northwest-Chapter/pacific-northwest-resources.html>. The only requirement to be on this list is current SWS PNW membership. ***Please note that updates to your SWS member profile through SWS business office do not automatically carryover to the consultant list.*** The PNW Chapter does not get member profile information from the SWS business office, and we need you to keep us informed for updates on the consultant list. If you would like to be added to the list or have your information updated, contact Maki Dalzell at mdalzell@hntb.com.

Ooze News Deadlines for Articles

Articles and announcements are welcomed and appreciated for the spring edition of the Chapter newsletter, Volume 30 Number 2, no later than April 15, 2020. Please send associated documentation to co-secretaries Katrina Poppe at poppek@wwu.edu or Maki Dalzell at mdalzell@hntb.com. We will review your information for submission to the Ooze News.

SWS Funds Available for Wetlands Workshops

By Maki Dalzell/Katrina Poppe, Co-Secretaries

The PNW Chapter Board is encouraging applications for SWS support to conduct workshops on relevant topics. The application can be found on the chapter website:

<http://www.sws.org/Pacific-Northwest-Chapter/pacific-northwest-chapter-events.html>

Chapter Board Meetings

By Josh Wozniak, Chapter President

The PNW Chapter Board conducts regular (generally monthly) board meetings via conference call. These meetings are open to the general membership and you are encouraged to attend. If you have questions, concerns, want to get involved or are just curious please feel free to attend the meetings. Our last meeting was held on February 19, 2020 at 12:00 pm, and our next meeting date is March 18 at 12:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Josh at jwozniak@parametrix.com to receive conference call information.

SWS PNW Member List Serve

By Maki Dalzell/Katrina Poppe, Co-Secretaries

Of the many benefits of becoming a SWS-PNW member, members enjoy being on an exclusive list serve which provides up to date information regarding events, workshops, news, etc. If you're not a member already, please consider becoming one or encourage your colleagues, employees, or the like to join. Thank you!

Applications for Changing Times

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Program includes:

- Regulatory and policy updates
- Tribal wetland programs
- Wetland inventory & mapping
- Beaver and watershed planning
- Riparian restoration
- Wetland mitigation
- Process-based floodplain restoration
- Workshops and field trips May 1, 2020



April 30, 2020
Leavenworth Festhalle
1001 Front St, Leavenworth, WA



