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Chapter Elections

The Oklahoma Chapter SWCS recently conducted its officer elections primarily using electronic balloting. This was approved with the last revision of the chapter by-laws. The results of the elections will be announced at the chapter annual meeting on June 7th in Stillwater.

Oklahoma Chapter Annual Conference

The Oklahoma Chapter of SWCS will hold its annual conference June 6-7 in Stillwater, Oklahoma at the Convention Center and Plaza. Jason Warren, President Elect and program chairman reports that the central theme of the conference will be about small scale landowners and niche market producers. Registration: Form attached.

Hotel reservations: 405-377-7010 or

www.stillwaterplaza.com

Free Workshop on Composting and Rainwater Harvesting

Oklahoma State University Extension, in partnership with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Langston University, Anichini-Moore Ranch & Farm, Train Creek Ranch, and the Southern Risk Management Education Center, will hold a series of composting and rainwater harvesting workshops in May.

Participants will learn how composting and rainwater harvesting can help improve production, as well as develop a risk management plan. The workshops are free and lunch is provided.

Workshop sites include Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Woodward on **May 12**; and Custer County Fairgrounds in Clinton on **June 2**. The Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program will be exhibiting at the May 12 event, as well as providing a presentation on grant opportunities and sustainable agriculture resources.

The workshops will include a risk assessment lecture and exercise; in addition to farm tours of cattle shade/watering system at Trail Creek Ranch

in Taloga and a large-scale rainwater harvesting structure at Anichini-Moore Ranch & Farm in Woodward.

Click [here](#) for more information.

To register for any of the workshops, contact Jeri Fleming at 405-744-8395 or e-mail jeri.fleming@okstate.edu.

National Land Judging Contest

The 61st Annual National Land and Range Judging Contest will be held **May 1-3, 2012**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Headquarters for the event will be located at the Biltmore Hotel, I-40 and Meridian 401 S Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. The Oklahoma Chapter SWCS will again co-sponsor along with the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts. The Chapter will be selling t-shirts, caps, and clipboards throughout the event and **volunteers are needed** to assist with sales. This is our major fundraising activity for the year.

Links:

www.swcs.org

Check out activities on the international web site.

www.okswcs.org

Check out activities on the Oklahoma SWCS web site.

<http://envirothonok.com/>

Learn more about Oklahoma Envirothon.

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The **67th SWCS International Conference** will be just down the road in Fort Worth, Texas on July 22-25, 2012. Lets all plan to attend.

Welcome new members: Jeanette Lamb, Cody Parker, and Steven Smith.

OSU Development Team: Water Quality Projects Sierra Leone



Jessica Lay, Biosystems Engineering Graduate Student
Liberty Galvin, Environmental Sciences Senior

The First Pump

