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Oklahoma Chapter

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Vision: A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement, and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources in Oklahoma and beyond.

Mission: To promote through education and example, an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.

Welcome New Members:

Oklahoma Chapter Council Meeting

The Oklahoma Chapter council met Friday December 7, 2012 at the Grazinglands Research Laboratory at Fort Reno. Melanie Oliver has served our chapter as Secretary-Treasurer for several years and has performed exceptionally well. Melanie announced that she would like to resign those positions. The Council appointed John Mustain to the position of Secretary and Larry Wright to the position of Treasurer after accepting Melanie's resignation. The Council also discussed several of the projects planned for next year and agreed to work with Jason Warren and OSU on sponsoring a new project that will involve students. The chapter activity report was discussed along with submitting nominations for the international awards committee.

On-Line Annual Chapter Activity Report

The Leadership Development Committee is happy to announce the new on-line Chapter Activity Report. The report has been modified so it can be completed on line with simple mouse clicks. No more downloading the file, adding information and emailing it. To help you become familiar with the on-line report you are invited to a **free webinar on January 17th at 1:00 p.m. EST**. Members of the committee will walk you through the form, give you a list of items to gather before you begin, and answer any questions you have. Click here to view the new form: www.swcs.org

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A Message from Your Editor

Welcome to 2013 and a new year. I hope that you had a Merry Christmas and good start for the new year. It was nice to have a white Christmas with the snow we received that came after most of my family made the trip to our house. It is rare to have a white Christmas in Oklahoma and the benefits of the added moisture during the severe drought we are experiencing made it welcome. However; I have noticed that not everyone was able to benefit from the moisture and nutrients provided by the snow fall. We also received a usual blast of north wind which tended to cause the snow to drift in certain places. In a conversation with a local farmer he told me that the snow drifted in his wheat field and he said that you will be able to tell where the drifts were when it is time to harvest the wheat. He has personally experienced that kind of winter snow several times. I have added some photos that seemed to dramatically portray the benefits of no-till conservation cropping by capturing the snow on the wheat fields where it will benefit the crop, particularly in this moisture deficit season. The wheat field that was tilled



had nearly all of the snow to blow off of the field and by the color of the snow drifts you will notice that some of the top soil also left the field.



Looking at the billboard in the boundary fence the line was dramatically drawn where the snow drifts starts and ends. The field beyond the billboard is no-till wheat with a protective cover of residue providing many eco-system benefits.