

AISWCD 2014 Annual Meeting and Summer Conference

Tentative Schedule

Monday, July 28th, 2014

7:00a-6:00p	AISWCD Conference Registration	Northfield Conference Center I Lobby
7:00a-9:00a; 11:30a-1:30p	AISWCD Live Auction Item Check-In & Viewing	Jade Room
7:30a-2:00p	AISWCD Auxiliary Silent Auction	Northfield Conference Center I Lobby
8:15a-10:15a	Opening Ceremonies (Guest Speaker: U. S. Representative Rodney Davis)	Onyx, Opal, & Ruby Rooms
10:00a-12:00p	Auxiliary Meeting/Program Master Gardner; talk about gardening & herbs planting; craft (Presenter: Jennifer Fishburn)	Continental Breakfast Room-Northfield
10:15a-10:30a	Photos	Onyx Room
10:30a-12:00p	Director Training-Part 1 An overview of SWCD duties & responsibilities for new Directors (Presenters: Jerry Snodgrass, Lee Bunting, & Terry Bogner)	Crystal Room
10:30a-12:00p	Excel Training You will learn benefits of working with Excel, how to create and format an Excel Worksheet, how to navigate the Microsoft Excel environment, Customize the QuickAccess Toolbar and Ribbon, create a basic worksheet by entering text, values, and formulas, and create formulas. (Presenter: Darci Harrison-Educator & Lincoln Land Community College Instructor)	Topaz Room
10:30a-12:00p	Indiana Conservation Cropping System Initiative (ICCSI) Learn about Indiana's CCSI, a public private partnership with a goal of increasing the adoption of a suite of conservation cropping practices and to work in concert to improve and advance technologies associated with precision agriculture and conservation cropping systems. The focus of this partnership initiative is on improving our soils and protecting our waters while maintaining profitability for agriculture. This session will cover the basics of soil health, application of replicated Strip trials, soil health measurements, power of partnerships, and soil Health strategies. (Presenters: Lisa Holscher, Jordan Seger, Don Donovan & Jennifer Boyle Warner)	Diamond/Emerald

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12:15p-1:45p	Recognition Luncheon	Onyx, Opal, & Ruby Rooms
1:45p-2:00p	Photos	Onyx Room
2:00p-3:00p	Children Activities Seed planting for all ages (Presenters: Gina Bean & AISWCD Auxiliary)	
2:00p-3:00p	Advanced QuickBooks Training BMPs for QuickBooks and District Financials: The concept of Best Mgmt Practices is familiar for conservation, now let's apply it to district financials! Good accounting principles are important—they protect the board, the Employees, and provide accountability to the taxpayer, but the time this takes can add up. There will be a summary of the links to websites and videos will be provided. No computer is needed (Presenter- Sally Ferguson, Rock Island, AC)	LakeView Room at Ramada
2:00p-4:00p	Share Fair Partners & AISWCD Board Members will be available to talk to about their programs. (Presenters: AISWCD Partners & AISWCD Board)	Topaz Room
2:00p-4:00p	No Till Cover Crops & Nutrient Management Program will include 3 SWCD Directors from northern, central, & southern Illinois, sharing their experiences with conservation cropping system practices. Presentations will be followed by break out discussions focusing on SWCD opportunities to promote and develop local programming emphasizing cover crops, conservation tillage and nutrient management. (Presenters: Alan Bailey, Cade Bushnell, and Jerry Seidel)	Diamond Room
2:00p-4:00p	Director Training-Part 2 Continuation of the overview of SWCD duties & responsibilities for Directors (Presenters: Jerry Snodgrass, Lee Bunting, & Terry Bogner)	Crystal Room
2:00p-3:00p	Director Training Hiring/Firing Practices, coaching & counseling employees, & harassment issues along with records retention, OSHA & FMLA. (Presenter: Jim Laubach, Attorney)	Emerald Room
3:00p-4:00p	Director Training LUC Chairmen discussing roles & responsibilities for LUCs & Districts (Presenters: TBD)	Emerald Room

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2:00p-4:00p	AISWCD Auxiliary Program Jewelry & Scarves Display (Presenter: Veronica Seevers)	Continental Breakfast Room-Northfield
4:15p-5:15p	Director Forum (Presenters: AISWCD Officers)	Onyx Room
4:15p-5:15p	Employee Forum (Presenters: Sondra Baker & Kara Downin-ISWCDEA Co-Chairs)	Diamond Room
5:45p-6:30p	Farm Family Reception (Hosted by AISWCD Auxiliary)	Continental Breakfast Room-Northfield
6:30p-9:00p	Farm Family Banquet (Emceed by Brownfield Network)	Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms
9:00p-?	Live Auction (Auctioneers- TBD)	Emerald & Jade Rooms

Tuesday, July 29th 2014

9:00a-11:30a	AISWCD Board Meeting	Crystal, Diamond & Emerald Rooms
11:30a-12:00p	Foundation Board Meeting	Crystal, Diamond & Emerald Rooms
12:00p-1:15p	Soil Stewardship (Luncheon-Hosted by AISWCD Auxiliary)	Ruby, Opal & Onyx Rooms
1:30p-2:30p	Education Training Hands on Education Programs such as Earth Day-Stewardship Day, etc. (Presenter-Debbie Ruff, Livingston County SWCD)	Jade Room
2:30p-3:30p	WASCOBs Water & Sediment Control Basin-basic description and where & why needed. (Presenter: Lori Younker, NRCS Agricultural Engineer)	Jade Room
1:30p-3:30p	Lincoln Museum Tour \$12 Fee (Need 15 Participants)	Northfield Conference Center I – Lobby

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1:30p-3:00p	NRCS Pilot Program Geared towards employees to investigate and ask questions about the program from a stand point of submitting reports and fees. (Presenters: TBD)	Diamond Room
1:30p-2:30p	NRCS Conservation Delivery Streamlining Initiative NRCS initiated the Conservation Delivery Streamlining Initiative (CDSI) to implement a better way to delivery conservation assistance to our customers. Ultimately, this new system will deliver benefits to farmers, conservation Partners, and taxpayers. Some of the benefits NRCS hopes to achieve Include: 1-Reducing the average # of trips that clients have to make to the office 2-Enable NRCS & clients to finalize conservation planning& decision making 3-Accelerate the timeline between applying for a program & signing contract 4-accelerate the time between applying a practice & receiving payment 5-Offering clients 24/7/365 service for many tasks (Presenters: Ron Collman and Ron Ziehm, NRCS)	Crystal Room
2:30 p-3:30p	IDOA Farmland Protection Programs Information and experience on Ag Areas and Ag Impact Mitigation Agreements for pipelines, transmissions lines and wind farms. Discussion on LESA Systems, FPA's and project reviews on State and Federally funded Projects with Ag impacts. (Presenter: Terry Savko, IDOA)	Crystal Room