

Spring 2011

The Southeast and Southwest Chapters will be working together to plan and host the Spring 2011 meeting. The dates have been set. The meeting is planned for March 1st through the 3rd at the Wilderness Hotel & Golf Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. The Chapters are currently discussing hosting this as a joint meeting with the Wildlife Society. The program being discussed at this time would be a joint session on the first day with a shared banquet and meet separately on the second day. TWS is proposing the following topics for the first day: The topic under discussion for the Wednesday would focus on the maturing forest landscape, with implications for forest wildlife; specifically, the decline in oak and early-successional forests and management options. The second day could potentially look at private lands, public lands, and reforestation. Additional detail can be found in the SE and SW Chapter reports

Spring 2012

The Fox Valley and Mid-Wisconsin Chapters will be hosting the Spring 2012 meeting. I spoke with the Fox Valley Chapter at their business meeting on September 23rd and they will be selecting a Chapter Co-chair to work with the Mid-Wisconsin Chapter to plan this meeting

Future meetings¹

Given the current budget crisis there has been some discussion regarding the ability of employers to pay for employee's to attend continuing education and/or professional development programming. The Executive Committee made the decision at the January 2010 meeting to keep the schedule to one state meeting per year with two chapters joining in the presentation.

I would like to encourage Chapters to start thinking about how they could become involved with the rollout of the Revised Forest Management Guidelines, BMP's for Water Quality, and BMP's for Invasives. There should be an excellent opportunity here for a joint meeting with timber professionals and other Natural Resource Managers to talk about the changes and changes for implementation. I would encourage each chapter to consider a fall meeting along the lines of what the Fox Valley Chapter has been doing the last couple of years in cooperation with GLTPA.

No Action Item

Respectfully Submitted
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¹ I am going to keep this information in my report for the near term to insure that everyone knows / remembers the reason for going to one meeting a year and our process for addressing potential training / education opportunities.