

**71st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NC ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**JANUARY 4-6, 2015
Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons
Greensboro, NC**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015

- 9:30 AM NC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORK
SESSION *Imperial E-F*
Vicky Porter, Chairperson, Presiding
- NOON DEA EXECUTIVE BOARD *Imperial B*
Rick McSwain, DEA President Presiding
- 2:00-6:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN *Registration Desk 1*
- 2:00-6:00 PM EXPO REGISTRATION & MOVE IN *Registration Desk 3/Guilford F-G*
- 12:30-2:30 PM NCASWCD EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING *Imperial E-F*
John Langdon, NCASWCD, President, Presiding
- 1:00-3:00 PM FIRST TIMERS AND NEW SUPERVISOR ORIENTATION *Imperial C*
Franklin Williams, Past President, Facilitator
- 2:00-3:00 PM AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE *Marsh Harbor*
- 3:00-5:00 PM NC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Guilford D-E
Vicky Porter, Chairperson, Presiding
- 5:00-6:00 PM PRESIDENT'S WELCOME RECEPTION *Imperial D*
- 7:30 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE *Guilford D-E*
Willis Overby, Chaplain Presiding
Song Leader: David Williams
Inspiration Message: Willis Overby
Special Music:
- 9:00 PM NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING *Bear Creek*
Tommy Houser, Immediate Past President, Presiding

9:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM *Oak*

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

6:00 – 7:00 AM EXHIBITOR MOVE IN *Guilford F-G/Registration Desk 3*

6:30 AM – 2:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN *Registration Desk 1*

6:45 AM SUPERVISORS' BREAKFAST *Imperial D*
Doors Open 6:30 AM

Manly West, First Vice-President Presiding
Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Assistant Chaplain
Oaths of Office -- New Area Chairs

NACD Report and Update
Franklin Williams, NC NACD Board Member
Speaker: Brent Van Dyke, 2nd Vice President
National Association of Conservation Districts

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7:00 AM – 6:00 PM EXPO *Guilford F-G*

7:45 to 9:00 AM AUXILIARY HOSPITALITY *Parlor Room 364*
(Food and Coffee Provided: See Separate Agenda for Auxiliary Activities)

8:00 AM GENERAL SESSION *Guilford D-E*
John Langdon, President Presiding

Invocation: Willis Overby, Chaplain
Presentation of Colors:
National Anthem:
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by John Langdon

Welcome:

Key Note Addresses:

“Comments From The Top”
Commissioner Steve Troxler
NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Featured Speaker:

Jones Loflin
HOPE Inc.
“Favorable Growing Conditions”

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM BANQUET SEATING RESERVATIONS *Across From
Registration Desk 1*

9:30 AM – NOON AUXILIARY INFORMATIONAL SESSION & BUSINESS
MEETING *Cedar*

Speaker: Debbie Hamrick
NC Farm Bureau Federation
“What’s Trending Agriculture”

9:45AM BREAK *Exhibit Hall - Guilford F-G*

10:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION #1 -- Nature Deficit Disorder *Auditorium 1*
Renee Strnad, NCSU Forestry Extension

SESSION # 2 --2014 Executive Committee Orientation *Imperial H*
Manly West, Association 1st Vice President, Facilitator

Are you an incoming 2015 Area Chair or a member of the 2014 Executive Committee who will continue serving in 2015? If so, this session is specifically designed with you in mind. You will leave the session better informed about specific duties and responsibilities for the upcoming year. There will be plenty of time for dialogue with incoming President Manly West regarding goals and expectations for 2015. Whether you’re a first time member of the Executive Committee or a veteran, this session is a must.

SESSION #3 Legislative *Imperial G*

SESSION #4 Budget Fiscal Control Act and Tax Implications for Districts.
Oak AB

SESSION #5 Waking The Sleeping Giant *Imperial F*
Brent Van Dyke, NACD 2nd Vice President

Over the years, local soil and water conservation districts have been labeled “the best kept secret in town”. But it is now time to wake up the sleeping giant and bring conservation into the forefront. Learn from this New Mexico advocate on how to inject a good dose of NoDoz into your district program. Experience as a lobbyist and leader within NACD makes Brent uniquely qualified to delivery this message. Every district needs at least one representative in this session.

SESSION #6 PL 566 & Emergency Action Plans *Imperial C***SESSION #7 Drainage Issues** *Imperial B***SESSION #8 Community Conservation** *Imperial E*

NOON LEGISLATIVE LUNCH *Imperial D*

Charles Davenport, Legislative Committee Chair, Presiding

Speaker:

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1:30 PM COMMITTEE CHAIRS' AND RECORDERS' MEETING
Cedar

2:00 – 5:00 PM AUXILIARY TOUR – Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market *Load Entry F*

2:00-5:00 PM RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Community Conservation Committee *Imperial E*

District Operations Committee *Imperial H*

Education Committee *Auditorium 1*

Finance Committee *Oak AB*

Legislative Committee *Imperial G*

Natural Environment Committee *Imperial F*

Research and Technology Committee *Imperial B*

Water Resources Committee *Imperial C*

6:30 PM CONSERVATION EDUCATION DINNER *Imperial D*
Rich Hayes, Education Committee Vice-Chair, Presiding

Speakers: Amy Jenkins and Len Curington, Southern School of Energy & Sustainability

“Success With Special Needs Students”

Education Awards: Environmental Educator of the Year
 Envirothon Hall of Fame
 Food, Land, and People Awards
 Special Recognition

Special Award Outstanding Educator of the Year
 Presented by Environmental Educators of NC

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8:00 PM AUXILIARY AUCTION *Imperial D*

9:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM *Oak*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

7:45 to 9:00 AM AUXILIARY HOSPITALITY *Parlor Room 364*

7:30 to 5:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN *Registration Desk 1*

7:00 to 2:00 PM EXPO OPEN *Guilford F-G*

8:00 AM GENERAL SESSION *Guilford D-E*
 John Langdon, President, NCASWCD Presiding

Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Assistant Chaplain

Milton Heath Lecture

Speaker: Ray Archuleta,
 Agronomist, USDA-NRCS, Greensboro, NC
 “Soil Health – Farming and Ranching For The 21st Century”

Keynote Address: NC Animal Agriculture Coalition
 Panel Discussion

9:30 –Noon AUXILIARY INFORMATION SESSION & BUSINESS MEETING *Cedar*

Speakers: Dwight and Judy Batts, 2014 Southern Regional & National Tree Farmer of the Year

9:40 – 10:10 AM BREAK *Exhibit Hall - Guilford E-F*

10:10AM GENERAL SESSION Resumes *Guilford D-E*
John Langdon, President, NCASWCD Presiding

10:10 – 10:45 AM AWARDS PRESENTATIONS
Length of Service
Urban Conservationist of The Year
Earth Team Awards

10:45 – 11:30 AM Speaker Pollinator Panel

11:30 AM ELECTION – 2nd VP and/or Coastal Commission Seat

NOON DEA LUNCHEON *Imperial D*

Presiding: Rick McSwain, President

Speaker: Doug Radford
Director of Development
Harvesters International

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1:30 PM NRCS STAFF MEETING *Auditorium 1*

1:30 PM NCASWCD BUSINESS MEETING *Guilford D-E*

Manly West, 1st Vice President NCASWCD, Presiding;
Ned Hudson, Parliamentarian

REPORTS

District Employee's Association Report Rick McSwain, President

Auxiliary Report Betty Mathews, President

Division Comments Pat Harris, Director

NRCS Comments Tim Beard, State Conservationist.

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| Foundation Report | Jimmy Gentry, President Michelle Lovejoy, Exec. Dir. |
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ACTION ITEMS

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| Nominating Committee Report | Tommy Houser, Committee Chair |
| Rules of Procedure Amendment | John Langdon |
| Bylaws Amendment | John Langdon |
| Committee Reports | Committee Chairs |

6:30 PM BANQUET *Imperial Ballroom*

John Langdon, President, Presiding

Invocation: Willis Overby, Chaplain

AWARDS

MOUNTAIN REGION FARM FAMILY CONSERVATION AWARD –
The Fork Farm & Stables, Jim Cogdel owner, Stanly County

PIEDMONT REGION AND STATE FARM FAMILY
CONSERVATION AWARD – Rockin’ B Farm, Mickey Bowman owner,
Randolph County

Special Appreciation Awards

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| Quilt Raffle | Betty Mathews, Auxiliary President |
| Gator Raffle | Rick McSwain DEA President |
| Hall of Fame Induction | Franklin Williams, Committee Vice-Chair |
| Outgoing President’s Remarks | John Langdon, 2014 President |
| Installation of the 2015 NCASWCD President | Judge ?????? |

Handing Over the Gavel

John Langdon, 2014
President

Incoming President's Remarks

Manly West, 2015 President

9:00 – 11:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM *Oak*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

7:00 AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BREAKFAST MEETING *Imperial A*
Manly West, President, Presiding