

**DRAFT AGENDA (Subject to change)****Guest Speakers**

Jim Richardson – National Geographic Photographer  
Mike Brown – NASCA, Executive Director  
NC Commissioner of Agriculture

**2016 NCASWCD Officers**

President – Ben Knox (Rowan)

First Vice President – Chris Hogan (Orange)

Second Vice President –Dietrich Kilpatrick (Craven)

Secretary – Nancy Carter (Mecklenburg)

Treasurer – Bruce Whitfield (Person)

Assistant Treasurer – Charles Hughes (Lenoir)

NACD Board Member – Franklin Williams (Duplin)

Alt. NACD Board Member – Jeff Harris (Martin)

Chaplain – Willis Overby (Stokes)

Asst. Chaplain – Marvin Cavanaugh (Stokes)

**73rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
NC ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**JANUARY 8-10, 2017  
Hilton Charlotte University Place  
Charlotte, NC**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017**

- 9:30 AM NC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORK  
SESSION  
John Langdon, Chairperson, Presiding
- NOON DEA EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Jenny Parks, DEA President, Presiding
- 2:00-6:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN
- 2:00-6:00 PM EXPO REGISTRATION & MOVE IN
- 12:30-2:30 PM NCASWCD EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING  
Ben Knox, NCASWCD President, Presiding
- 1:00-3:00 PM FIRST TIMERS AND NEW SUPERVISOR ORIENTATION  
Franklin Williams, Past President, Facilitator
- 2:00-3:00 PM AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
- 3:00-5:00 PM NC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
John Langdon, Chairperson, Presiding
- 5:00-6:00 PM PRESIDENT'S WELCOME RECEPTION  
*A complimentary reception will be served; rotating event.*
- 7:30 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Willis Overby, Chaplain Presiding  
Song Leader: David Williams  
  
Inspirational Message: Willis Overby  
Special Music: Back Creek Bluegrass Boys
- 9:00 PM NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
Manly West, Immediate Past President, Presiding

9:00 PM                    INFORMAL MUSIC JAM

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017**

6:00 – 7:00 AM        EXHIBITOR MOVE IN

6:30 AM – 2:00 PM    REGISTRATION OPEN

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

Chris Hogan, 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: **TBD**  
National Association of Conservation Districts **(TBD)**

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7:00 AM – 6:00 PM    EXPO

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

8:30 AM            GENERAL SESSION  
Ben Knox, President, Presiding

Invocation: Willis Overby, Chaplain  
Presentation of Colors: NC Forest Service Color Guard **(TBD)**  
National Anthem  
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Ben Knox

Welcome: **TBD**

Comments from the Top **(TBD)**  
Commissioner  
N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

**Featured Guest Speaker:**

Jim Richardson

Photographer, National Geographic, Lindsburg, Kansas

Richardson will share remarkable photography from all over the world where he has captured amazing conservation and farming images. He'll also provide interesting worldwide farming statistics that he has compiled throughout his travels.

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM BANQUET SEATING RESERVATIONS  
(Bring name tag to make seating selection.)

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

10:00AM BREAK

10:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**SESSION #1 TBD**

**SESSION # 2 -- 2017 Executive Committee Orientation**

Chris Hogan, Association 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Facilitator

*Are you an incoming 2017 Area Chair or a member of the 2016 Executive Committee who will continue serving in 2017? 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, Chris Hogan, regarding goals and expectations for 2017. Whether you're a first time member of the Executive Committee or a veteran, this session is a must for getting you prepared for your role.*

**SESSION #3 TBD**

**SESSION #4 TBD**

**SESSION #5 Urban & Community Focus: TBD**

**SESSION #6 TBD**

**SESSION #7 TBD**

**SESSION #8 TBD**

NOON LEGISLATIVE LUNCH

Manly West, Legislative Committee Chair, Presiding

**Speaker(s):** TBD

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1:30 PM COMMITTEE CHAIRS' AND RECORDERS' MEETING

2:00-5:00 PM RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Community Conservation Committee

District Operations Committee

Education Committee

Finance Committee

Legislative Committee

Natural Environment Committee

Research and Technology Committee

Water Resources Committee

6:30 PM CONSERVATION EDUCATION DINNER

Pam Stroupe, Education Committee Chair, Presiding

Education Awards:

Envirothon Hall of Fame

Food, Land, and People Awards

Other Envirothon Awards

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8:00 PM AUXILIARY AUCTION

9:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

7:00 to 8:00 AM Past NCASWCD President's Breakfast

7:00 to 8:00 AM AUXILIARY HOSPITALITY

7:30 to 5:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN

7:00 to 2:00 PM EXPO OPEN

8:30 AM GENERAL SESSION

Ben Knox, President, Presiding

Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Assistant Chaplain

Farm Spotlight (TBD)

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Length of Service

NCASWCD Outstanding Employees of the Year and District Awards

Earth Team Awards

9:30 AM ELECTION – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Mountain Commission Seat, TRC

10:00 – 10:30 AM BREAK

10:30AM GENERAL SESSION Resumes

Ben Knox, President, Presiding

Milton Heath Lecture

Speaker: Mike Brown

Executive Director, National Association of State Conservation

Agencies (NASCA)

“Title: TBD”

9:30 –Noon AUXILIARY INFORMATION SESSION, BUSINESS MEETING and TOUR (Tour location **TBD**)

NOON        DEA LUNCHEON

Jenny Parks, DEA President, Presiding

Keynote Address: **(TBD)**

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1:30 PM        NRCS STAFF MEETING *Auditorium*

1:30 PM        NCASWCD BUSINESS MEETING  
Chris Hogan, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Presiding;

**(NAME TBD)**, Parliamentarian

### **REPORTS**

NRCS Comments	Tim Beard, State Conservationist
District Employee's Association Report	Jenny Parks, President
Auxiliary Report	Betty Mathews, President
Division Comments	Pat Harris, Director
Foundation Report	Jimmy Gentry, President Michelle Lovejoy, Exec. Dir.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Nominating Committee Report	Manly West, Committee Chair
Other Actions Items <b>(TBD)</b>	
Committee Reports	Committee Chairs

## 6:30 PM BANQUET

Ben Knox, President, Presiding

Invocation: Willis Overby, Chaplain

## OUTSTANDING N.C. CONSERVATION FARM FAMILY AWARDS

## COASTAL REGION

Draughon Family Farms

Duplin County

## MOUNTAIN REGION

Devine Farms

Catawba County

## PIEDMONT REGION AND STATE FARM FAMILY

CONSERVATION AWARD – Gross Farms

Lee County

President's Award, Ben Knox (TBD)

Quilt Raffle

Betty Mathews, Auxiliary  
President

Gator Raffle

Jenny Parks  
DEA President

NCASWCD Hall of Fame Award

Franklin Williams  
Chair, Hall of Fame  
Committee

Outgoing President's Remarks

Ben Knox, 2016 President

Installation of 2017 NCASWCD President

Justice Sam J. Ervin, IV,  
N.C. Supreme Court (to be  
confirmed)

Handing Over the Gavel

Ben Knox, 2016 President

Incoming President's Remarks

Chris Hogan, 2017 President

## 9:00 – 11:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017**

8:00 AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BREAKFAST MEETING  
Ben Knox, President, Presiding