

WYOMING CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION



Annual Report
FY 2010-2011



Executive Committee

President: Glen Leavengood, SER CD

Vice President: Todd Heward, Medicine Bow CD

Treasurer: Sno Ann Engler, Sublette County CD

Secretary: Anita Bartlett, Powder River CD

Area I Representatives: Crystal Kellebrew, Campbell County CD & Amy Doke, Sheridan County CD

Area II Representatives: Brady Irvine, Platte Valley NRD & Liz Harvey, Laramie Rivers CD

Area III Representatives: Steve Jones, Meeteetse CD & Kristin Tilley, Shoshone CD

Area IV Representatives: Lisa Ogden, Natrona County CD & Dave Morneau, Popo Agie CD

Area V Representatives: Robb Sgroi, Teton CD & Kerri Sabey, Uinta County CD

WACD Liaison: Jeri Trebelcock, Popo Agie CD

WDA Liason: Michelle MacDonald & Justin Williams

Membership

Membership dues are \$25 each. These funds along with proceeds from the Silent Auction during the annual convention help fund; legislative trainings, certification trainings, winter & summer trainings and scholarships so that all district employees have the opportunity to attend them as well as the state, regional and national conventions. This year membership dues were paid at 88%. Some districts choose to pay dues for their employees while others members may pay individually.

2010 Outstanding Area Employees

Area I-No Nominations

Outstanding Area II Employee: Karri Ellis, District Secretary, Goshen County CDs-Karri began working for the three Goshen County Conservation Districts two years ago. Since that time, Karri has been instrumental in reviving the education program. Karri has worked with the local Cattlewomen and has been successful in getting all of Goshen County 4th graders to attend the Ag Expo. She works with the students in each of the three Goshen County CDs on the worldwide water monitoring day, and has had 3rd grade through middle school participate in monitoring activities.

Area III-No Nominations

Outstanding Area IV Employee: Arla Strasser, Resource Specialist, Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins CD-Arla has worked tirelessly to get some type of forest product industry to move into the Platte Valley. With thousands of acres of dead timber from beetles, this is a huge concern in the Platte Valley. Her work has finally paid off as the Encampment mill recently opened. Arla was instrumental in getting the BLM to pull some proposed oil and gas leases in the valley. These leases were in critical elk and deer winter habitat, under ranchers' sprinkler irrigation systems, and near the Encampment municipal well system.

Outstanding Area V Employee: Sno Ann Engler, Administrative Assistant, Sublette County CD-Sno Ann takes a proactive approach to her community, whether it's through her involvement with her local subdivision, helping local non-profit organizations with their financial books, or when she takes time to volunteer during the county's community clean-up days..... Her official title to date just might read: master planner, tree and shrub go-to girl, office manager, sounding board, number cruncher, professional coffee maker, circus trainer, chief dishwasher, comedian, fencer, weed puller, windbreak caretaker, fair booth creator, education outreach coordinator, lunch/snack/dinner go getter, all around office/desk organizer, peace keeper, friend, conservation promoter, friendly voice on the phone, idea generation, office equipment guru and the voice of reason. She is all of those things and more, and she takes it all in stride!



2010 WACD Employee of the Year

Brenda Ashworth was hired as the District Manager for the Star Valley Conservation District in 2005. She came to the District with a degree in Geology, a profound knowledge of grant writing, and some clear projects in mind for the Conservation District.

Brenda's enthusiasm for educational programs has brought much awareness to the students as well as the general public through recognition the projects receive in our local newspaper. Brenda is an extremely well organized individual, who moves forward to the next challenge, whatever it may be, with eagerness.

Brenda is an extremely professional individual and is very diplomatic in dealing with any publics that have concerns or issues. She works diligently to resolve their concerns, while protecting the integrity of the district. Brenda is also active in the community with the Star Valley Animal Shelter, local horse shows, Star Valley Ranch community and Rotary.



2010 Longevity Awards

25 Years of Service

Nancy Borton Goshen County CDs

20 Years of Service

Jim Cochran Laramie County CD

Tori Dietz Washakie County CD

15 Years of Service

Caryn Agee Washakie County CD

Jeri Trebelcock Popo Agie

10 Years of Service

Kristin Tilley Shoshone CD

Randy Williams Teton CD

5 Years of Service

Brenda Ashworth Star Valley CD

Emily Ewart Meeteetse CD

Brady Irvine Platte County CD

Steve Jones Meeteetse CD

Todd Heward Medicine Bow CD

Arla Strasser S-E-R CD

"THE GREATEST
PLEASURE IN LIFE
IS DOING WHAT
PEOPLE SAY YOU
CAN NOT."

Accomplishments

- Scholarship Applications were taken for employees to attend NACD Convention. Todd Heward received a scholarship for 2011
- National Convention in Nashville, TN was attended by Jim Cochran, Jeri Trebelcock, Tori Dietz, Kerri Sabey, Deb Hepp, and Anita Bartlett
- Glen Leavengood served on the WACD Awards selection committee
- Winter Training was held in Lander with 48 employees in attendance
- Amy Doke filled the term of Christina Schmidt as Area I Representative.
- NACD Leadership Training was attended by Kerri Sabey, Deb Hepp & Anita Bartlett
- Glen Leavengood represented Conservation Districts on the Wyoming State Forestry Living Snow Fence Committee
- Glen Leavengood is on the Annual Plan & Report Committee for WDA
- Jim Cochran is the Regional Representative for the Southwest and Pacific Rim
- WCDEA provided employee trainings in Lander on - Using a GPS, Basic Quickbooks, District Publications, Xeriscape Designs & Plant Materials and the Use of Social Media
- 4 new employee packets were sent out
- There are 81 members, with paid dues at 88%
- WACD Convention-WCDEA Training on Conflicts & Conservation Districts
- Silent Auction the fall of 2010 saw \$1,543.00
- Provided the yearly newsletter
- Sponsored the Chip & Chuck golf tournament

Just Some of the Past Trainings WCDEA Has Provided

- Working with the Media
- Building a great Plan of Work, Annual Report and Long Range Plan
- Subdivision Reviews
- Legislative Training
- Range Monitoring
- Conflicts & Conservation Districts
- Filing; I-9, W-9/1099's & Mileage Reimbursements
- Quickbooks Basic
- Using a GPS Unit
- Suitewater
- Xeriscape designing

Committees:

Scholarship Committee

Steve Jones
Jeri Trebelcock
Kerri Sabey
Brady Irvine

Training Committee

Dave Morneau
Anita Bartlett
Sno Ann Engler
Kristen Tilley
Crystal Kellebrew