

**South Dakota Chapter
Soil & Water Conservation Society
Annual Meeting
Wall, South Dakota
October 12, 2011**

Present: President-Elect Steve Auch, NE Director-Judy Schultz, West Director-Sandy Huber, Past President-Tom Martin, members-Jeff Stewart, Tammy Sommer, Gerald Miller, Staci Eitel, Yvonne Haefner, Regional Director-Anita Nein

Introductions were made. Anita Nein, Regional Director, updated the group on awards and reminder to update officers and membership committee with Ankeny. Position statement was made on climate change. Budget cuts and farm bill statement at international meeting with 56 groups supporting. 2012 International meeting will be in Ft Worth, TX and Regional Meeting in Colorado.

Yvonna asked if the chapter planned to pay for Anita's registration to the annual meeting. Also, asked about election of officers for 2012.

Scholarship report was submitted by Arlene Brandt-Jenson. Yvonne reported on the Education committee-Ag Day at Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls, 250 earth bracelets, Water Festival in Pierre-64 students, \$100 financial support towards Bald Eagle Awareness, and toured Dig It exhibit in Omaha.

Newsletter should be ready in December.

Nominations for 2012 are due in November—SE & W Directors and President-Elect are needed.

Reminder to Membership chair to contact members whose membership dues have lapsed.

Next meeting will be in December.

Yvonne motioned to adjourn and Judy seconded.

Notes taken by Tom Martin