

Agenda  
Annual Meeting  
Ohio Center for Wetland and River Restoration

**Saturday April 17, 2004 10:30 am - 1 pm**  
**Wetland Research and Education Building**  
**Olentangy River Wetland Research Park**  
**352 Dodridge Street, Columbus**

In attendance: Bill Wolfe, Jim Amon, Frank Schwartz, Bob Deal, Dick Stoddard, Eugene Burns, Dr. Mitsch, Li Zhang, Julia Valigore

- Announcements of ORWRP events in 2004
  - Moonlight not on the Marsh May 13.  
John M. Teal, Teal Ltd. (formerly at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute),  
Rochester, MA "Large-scale successful salt marsh restoration in Delaware Bay"  
Kottman Hall, 3:30 pm
  - May 22 – Marsh Mellow: margaritas, maybe Jimmy Buffet
  - Short courses taught in 2004:
    - brochures given to board members to spread the word
    - May 7 workshop, Bill Wolfe knows Bill Marcuson to possibly alert  
USACE of courses
  - August 10-12 River Restoration
  - August 30 – September 3 Wetland Delineation
  
- Reports of Participants on Related Research and Teaching
  - Bill Wolfe – coal liners, moving to demonstration stage, currently at a standstill because governor wants to go with using coal to generate hydrogen power, data from last 3 years is being looked at, report due in summer, need to educate political people about reusing coal, AEP spends as much buying coal as they do to dispose of ash
    - Dick Stoddard suggested arranging presentation for AEP, will look through information to find contact with them
    - Whittier Peninsula wants to build 80 acre wetland with coal liner
  - Jim Amon – grad student wants to pursue study of mitigation areas, another study of TCE and treatment of groundwater contamination, built greenhouse size wetland, harvesting biomass and removing 90% phosphorus, another project on fen restoration with mycorrhizal removal, wants to restore upland (savannahs and prairies) and remove honeysuckle, Beaver Creek Wetlands has over 15,000 visitors per year
  - Frank Schwartz – grad students looking at collections of lakes and wetlands with space born tools, detecting surface water changes and geochemistry, CUASHI has system for looking at complex watersheds, opportunities coming in summer, NSF looking for strong educational programs, need someone to work with remote data acquisition, will get more information about opportunities
  - Bob Deal – deferred to Jean to address NSF proposal
  - Eugene Burns – NSF proposal to get students to do wetlands research for 2 years under grant proposal, was turned down because there weren't many minorities at

Shawnee State, need to look at different programs without minority requirements, panel suggested to resubmit proposal, October resubmittal timeline,

- Dick Stoddard – suggested having meeting with NSF people about proposal before it is reviewed, have Ohio Board of Regents include a letter in proposal to help defining Shawnee State and who they serve, etc.
  - Jim Amon – suggested recruiting minorities, addressing handicap accessibility
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- Update on expected annual fees from OSU to maintain the building, when fees kick in, etc. – STILL WAITING...
  - Discussion of OCWRR Membership Fees, Schedule of Charges, Other Fees and Research Policies
    - Send bill June 30 for membership (user fee) for next year
    - Bob Deal will check records for check number/address of last \$1000 payment
    - Contact Karen Laycock at Dean's office for Jim Amon's fees, email him if more information needed
  - Possible invitation to Columbus State and other institutions to join
    - Will semi-actively pursue more members
  - Hayes Investment Grant Final Report  
review of summary; what can we do with this report?
  - Proposals In Progress
    - Third Frontier Proposal to Ohio Board of Regents – Dick Stoddard
      - To strengthen network between Ohio's universities on science and research, needed to show that all of Ohio will benefit from the network
        - Dr. Mitsch – Steve Fondriest helped with addendum to proposal
    - NSF proposal – Shawnee State and Ohio State
    - Congressional Appropriation Request – Dick Stoddard
      - Continuing resolution – spending at last year's levels
      - Prospects – time delay is not good, will not move quickly
    - NSF Biocomplexity
    - Ohio Dept of Development – Coal Liner Project
    - Gund Foundation/Mott Foundation
  - Current ORW research
    - USDA – NRI – Pulsing project
    - OSU-LSU partnership
    - ORW Bottomland Restoration
    - Solar Powered Shelter
  - New business
    - Tours – compensation needed for giving educational tours
      - Frank Schwartz says go to Bill Shkurti and get educational points

- Bill Wolfe said to explain to Shkurti that half of the operational fees of the facility go to education and training
- Members should make logo of university on block of wood to be hung up in OCWRR room at ORW, and send electronic copy