Election 2018: Welcome new and returning SWCD supervisors!

Yesterday, nearly 200 SWCD supervisor seats across Minnesota were on the ballot. Each of Minnesota’s 88 SWCDs has a board of five elected supervisors – which means there are a total of 440 SWCD supervisors statewide serving staggered terms.

While we are still reviewing the election results, MASWCD is excited to welcome new and returning SWCD supervisors! SWCD supervisors – elected officials who serve their communities – are essential to implementing and advocating for meaningful, long-lasting conservation projects that protect Minnesota’s natural resources.

As new supervisors take the oath of office at January board meetings, and others transition out of their roles, please help ensure MASWCD has up-to-date contact information!

Send all SWCD supervisor email address updates - including which to remove and which to add - to maswcd@maswcd.org.

MASWCD Annual Convention Update

If you haven’t yet registered to attend MASWCD’s Annual Convention on December 9-11, don’t wait! Click here to sign up online.

This year’s convention will feature several fascinating speakers, including a discussion with Frank Jewell, Chair of Minnesota’s Clean Water Council, as well as a just-announced media panel on Tuesday, December 11!

Last year’s media panel was a hit, and we’re grateful to the following reporters who will join us for a breakout session about trends and topics in the world of environmental reporting.

- Elizabeth Dunbar, environmental reporter for Minnesota Public Radio
- Adam Belz, agricultural reporter for the Star Tribune
- Rob Drieslein, managing editor for Outdoor News
In addition to the media panel, other breakout session topics will include SWCD operations and planning, education and outreach, natural resource issues, and leadership and governance.

To view a preliminary schedule or learn more about exhibitors, sponsorship opportunities, sessions, and awards, visit maswcd.org and click on the Annual Convention tab on the left-hand menu.

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**Video spotlight: Improving water quality on Agate Lake with Crow Wing SWCD**

In partnership with local landowners, the Crow Wing SWCD worked on significant shoreline restoration and water quality improvement work on Agate Lake, near the cities of Crosby and Deerwood. This project has had a positive and measurable impact on the lake, including reduced amounts of sediment, phosphorus, and algae production.

[Click here](#) to watch a short video about this project in Crow Wing County!

This project was also featured in MASWCD’s new educational video about the work of SWCDs across Minnesota. (To watch that full video, [click here](#)!)  

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**Support the MASWCD Leadership Education Fund**

MASWCD is proud to partner with the University of Minnesota Foundation to provide opportunities for future leadership programs and educational experiences for local SWCD members.

**As you make plans for year-end giving, please consider supporting the MASWCD Leadership Education Fund through the University of Minnesota Foundation. [Click here](#) to donate!**

You may also mail checks* to:
**SWCDs in the news**

Soil and water conservation districts from around the state are making headlines! Check out these recent stories:

- [City of Isanti recognized for outstanding work in conservation](https://example.com) | Isanti County News
- [Prairie stream gets a much-needed makeover](https://example.com) | Grand Forks Herald
- [Iversons are outstanding Pennington County conservationists](https://example.com) | Thief River Falls Times
- [Greenspace: Restoration project cleans up Cascade Park](https://example.com) | Rochester Post Bulletin

*If you know someone who might be interested in receiving our updates, share this [sign up link](https://example.com).*