



**SWCS Empire State Chapter  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2006**

**Present: Dan Dostie; Josh Hornesky; Mike Dennis; Jim Hotaling;  
Sarah Kron; Brian Boerman; William Keating; Mark Burger;  
Don Kuhn; Tibor Horvath; Bub Barra**

- **We forgot to approve the previous Council Mtg. Minutes  
– Oh Well!**
- **2006 Annual Conference – Update on Registration**  
Tibor reported that as of today we only have 15 registrations in  
The Council decided to reserve 40 lunches with Holiday Inn
- **Financial Report**  
Lisa Miller sent in the Chapter's balances. Our checking balance  
is \$43,609 that indicates a good financial status.
- **Canon Envirothon Support**  
Bub Barra asked the Council for financial support of the 2007  
Canon National Envirothon. Jim Hotaling sent out a letter to all  
northeast chapters asking them for their support. No reply  
received yet. Dan Dostie made a motion to donate \$5,000 to the  
Canon Envirothon, Jim seconded. Jim will follow up with the  
other chapters letting them know of our donation for motivation.

- **Zone-Till Field Day Mini Grant approval and funding**  
**Bill Keating reported that the Mini Grant Committee agreed to fund the request for this Mini Grant application. The application requested \$1,000 for this event. Payment will be made to Agricultural Consulting Services (ACS).**
- **New Chapter Display – NYACD setup, AEM Training, CCA, etc.**  
**Mark Burger volunteered to set up our new display at the NYACD meeting in Cooperstown, NY. Tibor will take care of the display at the AEM training session and at the CCA Conference.**
- **Seth Dennis’s request to have Chapter member on Envirothon Committee. Josh Hornesky volunteered to sit on the Envirothon Committee to represent the Empire Chapter. Congratulations Josh!**
- **Membership report**  
**Tibor reported that our membership number has not changed, but Richard Wildman and Don Pettit was terminated, and 2 new members joined our chapter: Suzy Daubert NRCS Binghamton and Dennis DeWeese NRCS Syracuse state office. Welcome our new members!**
- **Sarah suggested to add the Smithsonian Institute’s permanent soils display issue to our annual business meeting agenda. Olga Vargas soil scientist from the Greenwich field office has some ideas and the chapter would like to support this display.**
- **Brian Boerman reported that Theo Dillaha who is one of our speakers for the conference requested \$456 for his travel expenses. Brian made the motion to fund this request, Jim Hotaling seconded.**
- **Sarah reported that she received only one nomination for award and she asked the council to make nominations.**
- **Nominations Report – Dan Dostie Past President: Tibor Horvath will become past president and Brian Boerman will assume the presidency. Brian nominated Peter Wright as president elect and**

**Peter has accepted the nomination. Dan Dostie nominated Greg Albrecht as Region 3 Council Rep and he has accepted. Nominations are still needed for Secretary, Vice President, Region 2 and 4 and the Student Rep positions.**

- **Josh reported that two \$1,000 scholarship offers sent to many colleges, and the applications due for January 2007.**