

**Maine Association of Wetland Scientist Executive Committee Meeting  
September 14, 2005**

Meeting attended by Kathleen Miller, Rich Jordan, Jen West, Stephanie Swiezynski, Lauren Stockwell and Karol Worden.

**Certification Subcommittee**

Report provided by Kathleen Miller: Committee has been meeting regularly to discuss the need, process and format that certification might take in Maine. The subcommittee plans to have a draft report prepared by October 6<sup>th</sup>, a week prior to the next scheduled subcommittee meeting. After the draft report is reviewed by the subcommittee, it will be presented to the MAWS Executive Committee and then presented at the 2006 MAWS annual meeting.

**Up Coming Work Shops**

Rich Jordan: Rich has been talking with Arthur Haines about a botanical workshop to be presented for MAWS members through the Delta Institute. Arthur has said that he would do such a workshop, but that it would have to be on a topic for which he has already has a presentation prepared. Potential topics have been narrowed to three: ferns; rushes; or goldenrods. It was discussed if it would be possible for Arthur to do a workshop that would cover two of these topics rather than just one. Rich will check on the possibility of a workshop that would cover both ferns and rushes and if this is not possible then one of the two topics will be selected. The date chosen for the workshop is Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Delta Institute in Bowdoinham. An announcement regarding the workshop will be posted on the MAWS website and sign up will be directly through the Delta Institute.

Jen West: Ruth Ladd from the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) approached Jen about a follow-up workshop on the Corps' mitigation requirements and plans. Jen will contact Ruth for additional details, but at this time Jay Clement will be available on either December 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> for the workshop. Jen will check on the availability of Judy Gates from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Workshop will likely be held in Augusta. The location of the meeting will be determined later.

**Annual Meeting**

The proposed date for the 2006 annual MAWS meeting is Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, but Jen will check with Chris Dorian regarding the annual MAPSS meeting to avoid a conflict.

Possible Topics:

- Certification Update;
- Representative from the Corps to give an update on whether or not Maine's PGP was renewed;

- Legislative Update: Changes to Maine's shoreland zoning and clarification of changes to the Wetland of Special Significance definition;
- Last year's stipend winner who was unable to attend the 2005 annual meeting; and
- This year's stipend winner.

## **Obligate**

The *Obligate* should be mailed out a month prior to the annual meeting, which would mean February 1<sup>st</sup> next year assuming a March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting date. Marsha has requested that articles that are going to appear in the *Obligate* be received a month prior to the mailing date so authors should plan on a January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Kathleen will notify people about the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

## **Goals for the Future**

Rich would like to see more and better use made of the MAWS website in particular the message board. Rich will check with the web page host about a list server, which would allow period mass e-mailings of updates to MAWS members.

Next Executive Committee Meeting possibly after the December workshop on the Corps mitigation requirements.