



2016 VACDE Annual Report

Number of VACDE members: 225

Number of SWCD employees: 171

VACDE Officers and Area Representatives:

President: Deanna Fehrer

Vice President: Carl Thiel- Goin, resigned 9/1/16

Secretary: Pam Pleasants

Treasurer: Lindy Durham

Area Reps & Alternates:

Area I: Megen Dalton; Lorie Baldwin

Area IV: Andrew Gilmer; Lisa Cope

Area II: Stephanie DeNicola; Chris Van Vlack

Area V: Kelly Snoddy; E. B. Watson

Area III: Betty McCracken; Pattie Bland

Area VI: Sue Morris; Cory Hoar

State Committees:

- BMP TAC
- State JED planning committee
- Attachment E Subcommittee (Ad Hoc)

Training/Professional Development Events:

Summer Graves Mountain Training-August 23-25, 2016; 135 attendees

- Sessions included:
 - Field Assessments & BMP specifications
 - Spring Developments & Engineering Blitz
 - VCAP BMP Basics, Raingardens & Dry Wells
 - Strategic Planning for Districts
 - Computer tools and applications
 - Fair Labor Standards Act
 - Education and Engaging Activities in Short Time Frames
 - Your Backyard Classroom
 - Save Our Streams

The VASWCD Educational Foundation's Beals Fund provided \$1,500 to support the Graves training and provide employee scholarships.

- **Scholarships provided:** 7 for Graves Mountain Training \$970; 5 for VASWCD Annual Meeting \$1,000

Service Awards presented at the VACDE Winter Luncheon:

- 5 years:** Delbert Jackson (Blue Ridge), Lindy Durham (Henricopolis), John Bilzor (James River), Avery Lane (Lake Country), Kris Dennen (Loudoun), Jay Yankey (Prince William), Carl Theil-Goin (Tidewater), Kris Jarvis (John Marshall)
- 10 years:** Michael Tabor (Blue Ridge), David Massie (Culpeper), Latonya Justice (Eastern Shore), Betty McCracken (Monacan), Brandon Dillistin (Northern Neck), Charles Wootton (Piedmont), Nicole Slazinki (Prince William), Marlene Shelor (Three Rivers)
- 15 years:** Marian Moody (Hanover-Caroline), Tom Turner (John Marshall), Martin Johnson (Thomas Jefferson)
- 20 Years:** Sharon Connor (Hanover-Caroline), Alvis Inge (Lake Country), Sandra Heath (Patrick)
- 25 years:** Shelia Richards (Scott County)
- 30 years:** Alyson Sappington (Thomas Jefferson)
- 35 years:** Bobbi Rasnick (Lonesome Pine)

Outstanding Professional Employee Award: Jennifer Hoysa, John Marshall SWCD

Other services provided:

- Assist VASWCD with Annual Meeting planning and Educational Foundation's fundraising auction.
- Update and assist NRCS with identifying employees needing NRCS conservation planning training and ICE training.

Affiliations:

- Andrew Gilmer represented VA at the SECDEA Annual Meeting in Pigeon Forge TN.
- SECDEA and NACDEA member

Business Items addressed in 2016:

- Adopted new logo
- Updated Scholarship application form and created Scholarship program guidelines
- Reviewed Strategic Plan & Bylaws
- Adopted 2017 Annual Plan of Work
- Elected 2017 board members and 2017 Budget.

Benevolence Fund:

- Fulfilled a request with a \$500 contribution
- Fundraiser-Sale of 2016 felt Christmas ornaments