



VASWCD Board Meeting Report December 2019

VACDE Quarterly Meeting

The VACDE held our latest quarterly meeting in October. The agenda included a review of our annual employees training hosted at Graves Mountain Lodge, planning for the SECDEA conference in November, planning for the upcoming winter business meeting in December, planning for future fundraising efforts and discussion of items on our annual plan of work for the remainder of 2019.

SECDEA Annual Conference

The VACDE was represented by 5 employees at the South East Conservation District Employee's Association annual conference in Pigeon Forge, TN in November. Virginia had time on the agenda to share our experiences and successes with Youth Conservation Camp, and we manned the registration desk. Virginia is hosting the SECDEA's mid-year planning meeting in April 2020 for the planning of the Annual Conference in November 2020. We have a contract underway with a venue in Virginia Beach to host this planning meeting for the SECDEA executive officers. We plan to treat them to a tour of the CBF's Brock Environmental Center and a boat ride on the Chesapeake Bay and Lynnhaven River.

VASWCD Annual Meeting

The VACDE will hold our winter business meeting on Tuesday, December 10th. Elections for the positions of: Treasurer, Area 1, 3 and 5 representatives will take place at the business meeting. The VACDE is preparing to assist with the annual Educational Foundation Auction. Co-coordinators for the Auction are Brianna Moring, James River SWCD and Allyson Ponn, Lord Fairfax SWCD.

Annual Service Awards recognizing employees for their years of service will be presented during the meeting to 20 employees. To be eligible to receive a service award, an employee must be a current VACDE member (have paid membership dues for the current calendar year).

The VACDE will also recognize an employee who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and professionalism in their job duties with the Outstanding Conservation District Professionals Award. The recipient will be recognized during the Annual Meeting and will receive a plaque and a check for \$300.

VASWCD Annual Meeting

The VACDE Scholarship Committee received and awarded 10 scholarship applications from staff representing 7 Districts. Five of the scholarship recipients have been employed less than 5 years and two had not attended the Graves training before. The scholarships will be issued as a reimbursement after the Annual Meeting. We are pleased to be able to support the attendance of these District employees.

Fundraising Committee

The VACDE Fundraising Committee is organizing a new fundraising opportunity through the sale of water bottles. We continue to offer the t-shirts, in conjunction with the VASWCD, as well as Christmas ornaments from years past.