

MARYLAND SOIL CONSERVATION LEADERS ASSOCIATION

During the 1988 Winter Meeting of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Baltimore, MD, January 11, 1988, the past Presidents of the Association met to discuss formation of an association of soil conservation leaders. It was decided to limit membership to members of the Association, Supervisor Members or Life Members, that have served in one or more of the following capacities

1. President of the Association.
2. Chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee.
3. Other administrative position of significant importance to the soil conservation program in Maryland upon invitation by the members.

The Leaders Association is associated with the MASCD and NACD and supportive of their programs. Wilbert R. Paul was the first President. Initial membership included the first 14 persons listed below. Lee McFarlane was elected President in 1994. Donald Spickler was elected President in 1995. George Lechluder was elected President in 1999.

| NAME | MASCD MEMBERSHIP | | LEADERS ASSOCIATION QUALIFICATION | | |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | LIFE MEMBER | SUPERVISOR MEMBER | PRESIDENT MASCD | CHAIRMAN SSCC | OTHER |
| Norman Fike* | 1970 | 1958 | 1968-70 | - | |
| Wilbur Ward* | 1972 | 1967 | 1970-72 | - | |
| Fred Lieske* | 1975 | 1960 | 1973-75 | - | |
| Wilbert Paul | 1977 | 1947 | 1975-77 | 1971-75 | |
| William Sutton | 1979 | 1962 | 1977-79 | - | |
| Floyd Allred | 1981 | 1964 | 1979-81 | 1987-90 | |
| Lee McFarlane | 1985 | 1973 | 1981-85 | - | |
| Donald Spickler | 1987 | 1971 | 1985-87 | 1982-84 | |
| Richard Wright | 1989 | 1964 | 1987-89 | 1984-87 | |
| W. Mitchel Digges* | 1992 | 1941 | - | 1975-77 | |
| Vernon Foster | 1963 | 1947 | - | 1977-82 | |
| Y.D. Hance* | - | 1954 | - | - | Sec. MDA |
| Norman Berg* | - | 1982 | - | - | Adm. SCS |
| Arnold Hawkins | 1984 | - | - | - | Ex.Sec. SSCC |
| Frank Bentz Jr. | 1989 | - | - | - | ** V.Ch. SSCC |
| Gordon Cairns* | 1989 | - | - | *** 1951-71 | |
| Royden Powell, III | 1992 | 1980 | 1989-92 | - | |
| George Godfrey* | - | 1972 | - | 1990-92 | |
| Robert M. Davis | - | 1974 | - | 1992-95 | |
| George Lechluder | 1997 | 1946 | 1992-97 | - | |
| James Beavan* | - | 1955 | - | 1995-97 | |
| David Thomas | - | 1988 | - | 1997-00 | |
| Martha Clark | 2001 | 1989 | 1997-01 | - | |
| Bob Fitzgerald | - | 1985 | - | 2000-03 | |
| Lillian Griffith | 2001 | 2008 | - | - | Dist. Mgr. AA |
| Robert Wilson | 2005 | 1992 | 2001-05 | - | |
| Lee McDaniel | 2009 | 1997 | 2005-09 | - | |

* Deceased

** V. President for Agriculture Affairs, U. of Md. and Vice Chairman of SSCC for 15 years

*** Dean of Agriculture, U. of Md. and Chairman of SSCC for 20 years.

MASCD AUXILIARY

(inactive)

The earliest recorded attempt to organize an Auxiliary was in 1955 when a number of ladies met to discuss forming an Auxiliary. A formal organization was not created because, as recorded in the History of MASCD, 1945-1969, "It was felt they could work most effectively through groups or clubs to which they already belong to (1) promote better conservation practices, and (2) promote conservation education among urban as well as rural families." This method of operation was not as successful as was envisioned. It was not until 1968, and due to the efforts of Sally Enfield of the Catoctin District and Emily Nicholson of the Frederick District, that the MASCD Auxiliary was formed during the 1968 Annual Meeting of MASCD. Membership included the spouses of soil conservation district supervisors and others interested in the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

The Auxiliary was formed to help educate the public and create an awareness of the importance of conservation and wise development of natural resources and to gain public understanding of the essential role and environmental values of soil and water conservation measures. The Auxiliary has helped plan programs, hospitality rooms, tours, and entertainment for conventions. The Auxiliary was instrumental in implementing a flag ceremony into the opening session of MASCD conventions. "Surprise Auctions" were held in 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1996 for the benefit of Auxiliary educational projects; including a speaking contest, poster contest and a coloring contest.

The First MASCD Auxiliary Conservation Education Speak-Off for high school students, was held in 1988. The speaking contest has spread to other states and is planned as a national contest.

In 1990 a Conservation Poster Contest was started in conjunction with NACD's first poster contest. Awards were given in four classes that range from grades K-12. This was increased to five classes in 1993. Districts were encouraged to hold local contests and submit 1st. place winners to the Auxiliary for state competition. First place state winners were forwarded to NACD for national competition. A Washington County, Maryland poster was a top NACD poster the first year of the contest, 1990.

A Coloring Contest for students in grades K through 5 was started in 1992. Awards were given in three classes. Districts were asked to hold local contests to select winners for each of the three classes to enter in the state competition.

The Auxiliary became inactive in January 2007.

AUXILIARY WOMAN OF THE YEAR - DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The NACD Auxiliary, in 1980, began a program to honor a "Woman Of The Year" for outstanding service to soil and water conservation. In 1989 the name of the award was changed to "Distinguished Service Award". The MASCD Auxiliary started to participate in the program in 1986. Some of the MASCD Auxiliary winners have also been NACD Northeast Area Winners.

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|------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1986 | Ann Sutton | Kent SCD | Also Northeast Area winner |
| 1987 | Mary Poole | Catoctin SCD | Also Northeast Area winner |
| 1988 | Mary Jane Spickler | Washington County SCD | Also Northeast Area winner |
| 1989 | Mary Poole | Catoctin SCD | |
| 1990 | Doris Phillips | Dorchester SCD | Also Northeast Area winner |
| 1991 | Sarah Holter | Catoctin SCD | Also Northeast Area winner |
| 1992 | ----- | ----- | |
| 1993 | Bernice Hevelow | Cecil SCD | |
| 1994 | Bernice Hevelow | Cecil SCD | Also Northeast Area winner |
| 1995 | Sarah Holter | Catoctin SCD | Also Northeast Area winner |

Sarah Holter also received the National Auxiliary Award during the 1996 NACD Convention.

MASCD AUXILIARY OFFICERS

| | PRESIDENT | VICE-PRESIDENT | SECRETARY-TREASURER |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1968-72 | Sally Enfield | ----- | Emily Nicholson |
| 1972-76 | Emily Nicholson (1) | Sally Enfield | Dolly Harris |
| 1976-77 | Emily Nicholson | Sally Enfield | Marianne Brauning |
| 1977-78 | Emily Nicholson | Sally Enfield | Mary Poole |
| 1978-82 | Emily Nicholson | Ann Sutton | Mary Poole |
| 1982-84 | Ann Sutton (2) | Anice Fike | Mary Poole |
| 1984-86 | Olga Walter | Anice Fike | Mary Poole |
| 1986-87 | Olga Walter | Sarah Holter | Ann Godfrey, Sec. Elsye Woodward, Treas. |
| 1987-89 | Mary Poole | Sarah Holter | Ann Godfrey |
| 1989-90 | Sarah Holter (3) | Doris Phillips | Ann Godfrey |
| 1990-93 | Sarah Holter (4) | Doris Phillips | Bernice Hevelow |
| 1993-96 | Doris Phillips | Elsye Woodburn | Bernice Hevelow |
| 1996-97 | Doris Phillips | Elsye Woodburn | Janice Beachley |
| 1997-99 | Marie Beavan | Doris Phillips | Janice Beachley |
| 1999-01 | Audrey Wolfe | Mary Jane Spickler | Elizabeth Giese |
| 2001-03 | ----- | Audrey Wolfe | Pat McBride |
| 2003-05 | ----- | Audrey Wolfe | Pat McBride |
| 2005-07 | Audrey Wolfe | Elsye Woodburn | Pat McBride |

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| (1) | Also served as N.E. Area NACD Auxiliary Vice President | 1978-1980 |
| | Also served as N.E. Area NACD Auxiliary President | 1980-1982 |
| (2) | Also served as N.E. Area NACD Auxiliary Secretary Treasurer | 1982-1984 |
| | Also served as N.E. Area NACD Auxiliary Vice President | 1984-1988 |
| | Also served as N.E. Area NACD Auxiliary President | 1988-1992 |
| (3) | Also served as National NACD Auxiliary Historian | 1990-1993 |
| (4) | Also served as N.E. Area NACD Auxiliary Vice President | 1992-1993 |
| | Also served as N.E. Area NACD Auxiliary President | 1993-1995 |

AUXILIARY MEMORIAL FUND

At the January 1990 meeting of the Association, a memorial fund was established with voluntary contributions to be collected at meetings of the Association as needed to maintain a satisfactory working balance. Contribution boxes will be placed in the hospitality room and at the general sessions.

Money collected goes into a special fund administered by the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will report the current balance of this fund at each MASCD general membership meeting, and will recommend when additional contributions are needed.

Twenty-five dollars will be donated to a chosen charity in memory of each deceased active supervisor or their spouse. Donations will also be made in memory of deceased, retired supervisors who served a minimum of ten years. A book will be kept of all memorials.

Each district will be responsible for notifying the Auxiliary President when a memorial donation should be made, and provide the name of the deceased and the name and address to which the memorial should be sent. Upon receiving this information, a check to the charity and a sympathy card in the name of MASCD and the Auxiliary will be sent to the family.

During the 1997 winter MASCD meeting, it was decided to close the account and discontinue the program until more funds are available.