Minutes  
Annual Business Meeting  
Piedmont South – Atlantic Coast CESU  
November 3-4, 2010  
Greenville, North Carolina

This year’s annual meeting was co-sponsored by East Carolina University and the University of Georgia. The meeting agenda is appended as attachment 1. Most oral presentations and posters delivered at the business meeting are available on the PSAC CESU website http://psaccesu.uga.edu/

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Welcome
Jim Sweeney and Hans Vogelsong welcomed participants to the annual business meeting and to Greenville and East Carolina University.

Managers Committee Report
Doris Washington provided a summary of the federal managers committee meeting held prior to the business meeting. Minutes of that meeting are appended as Attachment 2.

New Member Applications
Jim Sweeney introduced representatives from the six applicants for membership in the PSAC CESU. Each representative gave a short presentation on their institution/organization/agency.

- University of West Georgia  Keith Hebert
- National Wildlife Federation  Naomi Edelson
- Duke University  Dean Urban
- UNC-Chapel Hill  Tony Reevy
- Project Orianne  Chris Jenkins
- BOEMRE  Jennifer Ewald

Note: Voting will be done by email following the meeting.
Report on the National CESU Meeting

Jim Sweeney and Tom Fish provided a short discussion on the National CESU meeting held in Washington D.C. this past summer (June 22-24). Sweeney also summarized issues raised by the Directors including variations in New Member Application processes across CESUs, and the need for funding to host institutions in support of administration of their respective CESUs.

Year in Review

Jim Sweeney provided an overview of the PSAC CESU activities. The overview presentation (in Microsoft PowerPoint format) is available on the CESU’s web site (http://psaccesu.uga.edu). Over the life of the PSAC CESU, we have received 214 awards from our federal agency members, providing more than $13.4 million in support of 165 projects. See the PSAC CESU web site for listings of past and current projects.

Next Year’s Meeting

Jim Sweeney reported that the Gulf Coast CESU has invited us to work with them in scheduling a Southeast Regional CESU meeting for next year. Sweeney will contact the Southern Appalachian and South Florida – Caribbean CESUs to solicit their participation.

Note: Since our business meeting, Directors of both the Southern Appalachian and South Florida – Caribbean CESUs have agreed to work on a joint regional meeting.
Attachment 1 – Agenda

Piedmont – South Atlantic Coast Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Annual Business meeting
November 3-4, 2010

East Carolina University
Greenville, North Carolina

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

1:00 – 2:30 Poster set-up

1:30 – 2:30 Federal Managers’ Meeting (Federal Representatives only)

2:30 – 3:00 Poster presentations and break

3:00 – 5:30 Annual Business meeting

Welcome / Introductions ........................................... Jim Sweeney / Hans Voglesong
Managers Committee Report .................................. Doris Washington
New Member Presentations ................................... Jim Sweeney
- University of West Georgia
- National Wildlife Federation
- Duke University
- UNC – Chapel Hill
- Project Orianne
- BOEMRE (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation & Enforcement)

Report on National CESU meeting .......................... Jim Sweeney
Year in review.......................................................... Jim Sweeney
Next Year’s Annual Business Meeting ..................... Jim Sweeney

6:30 – 7:30 Reception
Thursday, November 4, 2010

8:15 – 10:00 Oral presentations on work conducted via the CESU

8:15 – 8:35 Using New Technologies for the 3D Documentation and Preservation of a Unique British-Era Sugar Mill in Volusia County, Florida - Lori D. Collins and Travis F. Doering, University of South Florida

8:35 – 8:55 Moths of Congaree National Park - Joe Culin, Clemson University; Brian Scholtens, College of Charleston; John Snyder, Furman University, and Tom Smith, College of Charleston

8:55 – 9:15 Water Quality and Ecological Assessment of Lake Wonderwood at Naval Station Mayport, Florida, Chuck Cichra and Sharon Fitz-Coy, University of Florida; Scott Dombrosky and Patricia Loop, CIV NAVFAC SE, PWD Mayport; Laura LaBella, CIV NAVFAC SE, ISSM; and Paul Block, CIV NAVFAC, Atlantic

9:15 – 9:35 Forest*A*Syst: Connecting woodland owner with natural resource professionals, Kris Irwin and David Moorhead, University of Georgia

9:35 – 9:55 Science Programs of the National Park Service, Ray Albright, National Park Service

10:00 – 10:30 Break and Poster presentations

10:30 – 12:00 Oral presentations Continued

10:30 – 10:50 Ecosystem service value of National Wildlife Refuges, Rebecca Moore, John Bergstrom, Alan Covich, Douglas Patton, University of Georgia

10:50 – 11:10 Factors influencing distribution, growth, and toxin production by a novel Stigonematalan algae and the link to Avian Vacuolar Myelinopathy, Susan Wilde, Rebecca Haynie, James Herrin, University of Georgia; and Michael Hook, University of South Carolina


11:30 – 11:50 Assessing North Carolina Private Landowner Interest in Incentive Programs, Shari Rodriguez, Nils Peterson, Frederick Cubbage, Erin Sills, and Howard Bondell, North Carolina State University

12:00 adjourn
NOTES
PIEDMONT SOUTH ATLANTIC COAST CESU
FEDERAL MANAGER’S MEETING
Greenville, North Carolina
November 3, 2010
1:30-2:30 PM

Participants: Ray Albright, NPS; Jennifer Ewald, BOEMRE; Felipe Sanchez, USDA/FS; Keith Taniguchi, USFWS; Pete Lasier, USGS; Nate Bachelor, NOAA; Tom Fish, National CESU Coordinator; Jordan Smith National CESU Coordinator Staff; and Doris Washington, USDA/NRCS.

Federal Manager’s Roles and Responsibilities Discussion:

• Committee Chairperson Rotation (Begin/End Dates, Next Agency Rotation)- Rotation of Chairperson will be done on a Fiscal Year rotation beginning October 1st and ending on September 30th. Current Chairperson is Doris Washington, USDA/NRCS. Next in rotation is DOD-Naval Hospital-Beaufort, SC. Mr. William Hunt now serves as the PSAC Contact for the Naval Hospital. He is anticipating retirement. If Mr. Hunt does retire and he has no replacement the rotation will move to the next agency which is the US Corps of Engineers.

Federal Agency Activity for the PSAC CESU
• There was a round robin discussion of the activity for CESU projects in the PSAC by each participating federal agency. The amount of activity varies by agency based on the expertise needed to implement a project. There were no issues expressed by any of the federal agencies with the project services they were receiving from the PSAC CESU.

General Discussion
• Tom Fish provided information from the National CESU Network level. He discussed having received the legal review of federal agency’s authorities. He would make the information available (possibly electronically on line) to the federal agencies once he had a chance to review it.

• It was also discussed that it would be nice to invite Jim Sweeney or the Host University Representative to the Federal Manager’s meeting to meet with the federal agencies one on one to address any issues and/or concerns.

The Federal Manager’s Meeting Adjourned approximately 2:15 PM
Poster Presentations

1. **Habitat distributions of spiders (Araneae) of Kings Mountain National Military Park, South Carolina** – Sarah Stellwagen and Joe Culin, Clemson University

2. **Florida Invasive Species Partnership (CWMA) and Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Website Development and Enhancement**, David Moorhead, Charles Bargeron, and Erin Griffin, University of Georgia.

3. **Ethnohistorical Study of the Community of Archery, Georgia**, Antoinette Jackson, University of South Florida

4. **Ethnohistorical Study of the Community of Nicodemus, Kansas**, Antoinette Jackson, University of South Florida

5. **Understanding Relationships Between Sediment and Carbon Deposition and Floodplain Forest Functions in the Congaree National Park, SC.** William Conner¹, Cliff Hupp², B. Graeme Lockaby², Gavin Blosser¹, and Matthew Ricker²; ¹Clemson and ²Auburn Universities and ³USGS.

6. **Climate Change and Tidally Influenced Freshwater Forested Wetlands of the Southeast: Understanding Functional Ecological Attributes of Forest Transitions to Marsh - Year 1**. William Conner¹, Ken Krauss², Greg Noe², Jamie Duberstein¹, Nichole Cormier², and Camille Stagg²; ¹Clemson University and ²USGS

7. **Ecology of Carolina bogmint, a rare plant of the Congaree National Park**, Katherine Weeks, Clemson University; Joan Walker, USDA Forest Service; and Craig Allen, Nebraska Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Unit
