



Association Report to the Commission

March 2025

2025 Association Annual Meeting

We had a successful 2025 Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Imperial in Durham. I am appreciative of the Commission for scheduling their meeting in conjunction with our meeting. It is a great opportunity for more participation for soil and water people.

2026 Association Annual Meeting

I am excited that planning for the 2026 meeting has started. I have assembled a great team to assist me in the planning process that addresses my theme, What a Wonderful World. We will be at Cherokee again after a very successful 2023 Annual meeting there. Be on the lookout for more information concerning the meeting as we get closer.

Disaster Assistance

The Association commends the efforts of those who are actively participating in the recovery efforts for our western conservation family. The response of those wanting to help is amazing. This effort will help speed the recovery process through the programs we help implement.

2025 Basic Trainings for Soil and Water Conservation

We hosted the Basic Training at the Annual meeting and the regional trainings were held February 4 for the Coastal region (Pitt County), February 18 (Madison County) for the Mountain region and February 26 (Alamance County) for the Piedmont region. The participation was good.

Meeting Participation

I am strongly encouraging Supervisor participation at Area and State meetings. It is important to our efforts to have their input these meetings. As a challenge, for those Areas that have greater than 50% participation, we are working on a plan to plant a tree in their honor as a way to enhance forest resources and habitat, and confirm a long-term commitment of conservation.

Biochar

ATTACHMENT 6A

We are actively working on a biochar program for our state. This will be an important part of disaster recovery and soil health.