



AAS Community Coordinator Meeting

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018
GSWU, Joseph C. Roney building, room 203
Georgia Southwestern State University Dr.,
Americus, GA 31709
~ Meeting Agenda ~



10am – 11:30am: Meeting

Started @ 10:20

In attendance: Julie Shutters, Laura Schneider, Tom Weiland, Michele Smith, Seira Baker, Mary Lou Hoffacker

Introductions

Upcoming AAS workshops and meetings listed below.

➤ **Updates from the State Office:**

- Welcome Jana Pearce!

- Confluence
 - 2018 Confluence Overview
 - 2018: Total registered: 157. Total comp'd registrations: 28. Student registrations: 20 (5 comp'd)
 - Total Silent Auction income: \$1,147
 - Sponsorship 2018 Total: \$1,700
 - Rollover for 2019: ~\$5,000

 - Basin breakouts → extension of networking sessions.
 - Regional reports to audience/regional meetings?
 - Trainers + vols (to connect groups in the region, updates, large basin breakouts)
 - K12- more engagement (project WET session)
 - Vermeer meters- Michele → push to use these more, interest in meters?
 - Make a map of people that come for Friday and Saturday for confluence

 - 2019 Confluence Update
 - Networking opportunity, celebrating achievements, is the current format of the event serving this purpose
 - March 16 or 23 is possibly on hold at GEHC for Con19: Water Drop Dash, State Science Fair
 - First Confluence 2019 Committee meeting date: mid-late July?
 - Location ideas: Unicoi State Park, Emory, Charlie Elliott, Callanwolde
 - Keynote speaker ideas: bringing in a speaker from out of town vs. a local speaker, additional value? Suggestions: Nicholas Mallos – Microplastics, Chatty Wight Stover (Jen McCoy), Anna George – TNACI, Eve Brantley – Auburn University
 - Event Format: reducing number of sessions, 1 hour session options in addition to 2 hour, door prizes during lunch so that everyone can leave after afternoon session

 - Awards update
 - New Teacher Award
 - Draft shared from Ruth:
 - Excellence in Teaching:

- Nominee has gone above and beyond at exposing students to the goals of AAS.
- Nominee involves students in water quality testing, watershed cleanups and stream appreciation both in the classroom and in the field
- Nominee has excited students to become involved in protecting their watershed

- Nymph Award rewording

Nominee has participated in the AAS program for no more than two years and has excelled in meeting its goals and promoting improvement and protection of water quality.

- Manual/Website Updates
 - Format review of new manuals
 - Volunteers for Manuals Committee? May have first meeting in July.
 - Don't forget you can "add contacts" yourself!

- Quarterly Newsletters

Please feel free to let us know if you have any ideas for articles or contributions for the newsletter.- 5th grade logo turtle award

- Veteran Trainer point system

James Moore has shared ideas from GAWP for point system- supportive of idea; extended trainer certifications, every other year; electronic test

Obstacles: database reorganizing, changing/editing QAPP; special designation/ sign in needed on website? Recognition?

➤ **Updates from Community Coordinators**

Laura S: start using meter in June or July

Community meetings: not just trainers, include volunteers; Princeton study- send in minutes interested in comparing meters to kits

Educators guide: Julie S and Michele S want copies; board revise?; state standards need updates?; PLU updates/revise; committee- add Julie S, Michele S, Tom W for ed guide; visual monitoring trainer workshop; ed guide trainer workshop Themes for community coordinator mtgs?

QAQC Tests: bact- ID portion range on tests needs to increase?; laminate the plates? (Mike K tried, didn't work. AAS still working on this. Need better images, PA project?)

Michele S: needs manuals sat after next; new STEM coordinator

Julie S: needs manuals for workshops in 2 wks; macro test kit, needs by June 6; macros preserved in silicone, plastic squares, Julie S to look into this more or share

11:30am – 12:30pm: Trainer Recertifications

Upcoming AAS Events

Volunteer Workshops:

Tue, May 22, 9 – 12 : Henry County Bacterial Monitoring Workshop

Wed, May 30 : New Coastal Train-the-Trainer Workshop

Thu, May 31, 9– 12 : Clayton County Bacterial Monitoring Workshop

Wed, June 6, 6:30– 9p : Cobb County Chemical Workshop

Thu, June 7, 2– 4:30p : Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful Chemical Workshop

Thu, June 28, 9 – 1:30 : Henry County Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Workshop

Events:

Fri – Fri, June 15-22: Georgia River Network's Paddle Georgia, Yellow & Ocmulgee River