



New York Association of Conservation Districts
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Dear SWCD Directors;

It is my hope that all of you had a wonderful time with family and friends over Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that Christmas is just twenty-four days away. Don't forget to get your shopping completed.

Since I last wrote to you I have been busy preparing for Legislative Days on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. I have secured a meeting room at the Legislative Building for 8:00 am-8:30 am, another room for through-out the day, from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm to drop off your coats, come in and sit between appointments, and just relax. The hotel has been selected and secured at the Best Western, 200 Wolf Road, Albany, NY. The rate will be \$80.10 for Monday evening. Ten rooms have been secured under my name, so when you call in to make your reservation be sure to tell the receptionist. The cost of travel and room will be on your District.

We will have a meeting Monday evening at the hotel in the Shaker room at the Best Western where we will be serving pizza and wings on NYACD at 7:30 p.m.

More information will be provided to you and your District as I move forward with the planning. I will need to know the Legislators you would like to meet with through-out the day of March 6th.

I have been working on the Legislative Booklet to be provided during Legislative Days for you to share with your Legislators. The booklet isn't quite completed because I am still receiving and requesting District projects from 2017. I think once this booklet is completed it will be a great tool for Directors and District Staff to share with their Legislators in Albany and at their home base.

I have finalized the 2018 Calendar and it will be provided to each of you and your District.

I'm busy setting up and planning for a one-day six-hour training session for all District Directors in Cortland SWCD office in early June. Mike Brown, National Association State Conservation Agencies Executive Director will be the presenter. Hotels if needed will be on your own, but lunch will be served and on NYACD.

The NYACD April 18, 2018 meeting will be a face-to-face meeting to be held in Cortland at the Cortland SWCD office. This will begin at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be on NYACD. All Directors are encouraged to attend this face-to-face meeting for the day.

I have begun working on the 2018 NYACD Annual meeting. Hotel RFP's have been mailed and we have received three responses so far. Still mailing and researching possible hotels through-out New York. The date has been set for October 23-26, 2018. Additional information will be provided as items are completed.

The next NYACD Board meeting will be held Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7 p.m. this will be a teleconference. Our annual face-to-face meeting will be held at the Cortland SWCD office on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 11 a.m.

Our webmaster, Donna, has been busy updating the website and adding NYACD Board minutes, resolutions, annual budget, and monthly financials. Donna updates the website as requested. So, if you notice something is needed please let us know, so we can request the update.

I have continued to stay in contact with Jillian Kasow with Senator Pamela Helming's office as it relates to the two resolutions that passed at the NYACD Annual meeting. The Senator's office is working on the wording and things are moving forward for both to be presented in January. I will keep you updated as to where these resolutions/bills are at as information is provided to me.

Please let Dan or myself know, if you'd like to be on any of the teleconferences. We will be able to provide you with the call in and code number.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dan Farrand, President NYACD at (607) 359-2611 or myself at (607) 965-6316 or my cell (607) 794-8086.

Sincerely,

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