



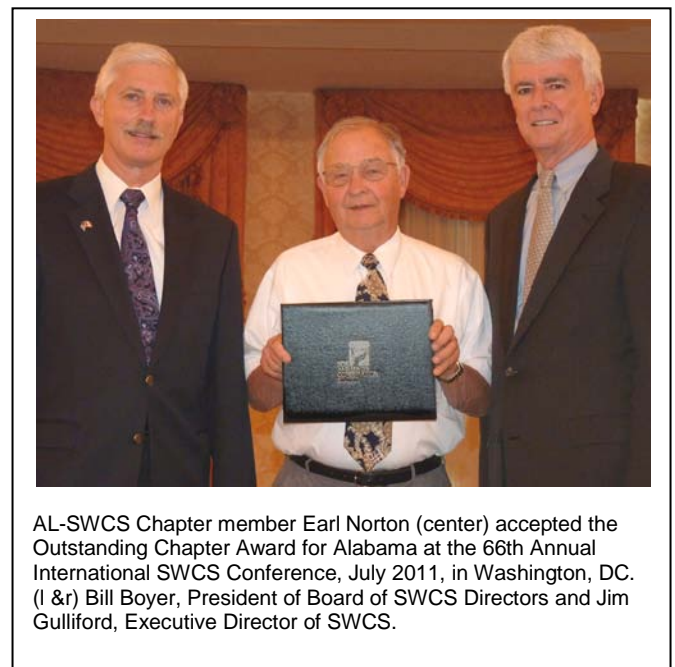
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## Alabama SWCS Receives 2011 Outstanding Chapter Award at Annual Meeting

The Alabama Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) received the Outstanding Chapter Award at the 66th Annual International SWCS Conference, July 2011, in Washington, DC.

The award recognized the accomplishments of the Chapter during 2010 in overall programming to carry out the goals and objectives of SWCS which included the chapter's excellent professional development activities as well as the new scholarship program.

- The Chapter initiated its first ever [scholarship program](#) in 2010, awarding a \$1,000 student scholarship. The criterion for selection was based upon a "student enrolled in an Alabama school and interested in furthering their education in the field of soil and water conservation."
- This Chapter continues to offer a number of workshops that allow participants to obtain Conservation Education Units (CEUs). In 2010, their workshops provided a total of 9.5 hours of CEUs. Even their annual meeting entitled, "Managing Our Soil and Water Resources," offered opportunities for CEUs.
- The Chapter also holds an event called "Clear Water Alabama" in support of the state's Erosion and Sediment Control. Last year over 125 participants learned about stormwater management and streambank stabilization. This event provided seminars, handbooks, field guides, and field day activities for members and individuals across the state.
- The Alabama Chapter's continued member support and the addition of new members.



AL-SWCS Chapter member Earl Norton (center) accepted the Outstanding Chapter Award for Alabama at the 66th Annual International SWCS Conference, July 2011, in Washington, DC. (l & r) Bill Boyer, President of Board of SWCS Directors and Jim Gulliford, Executive Director of SWCS.

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