

Southeast Chapter of the River Management Society

2007 Accomplishments

The Southeast Chapter (SE RMS) of the River Management Society (RMS) saw a transition period in leadership during the months of October through December of 2006. The new officers began their term on January 1, 2007. The SE President participated in her first board conference call on January 3, 2007. Following the board conference call, the SE President called officers and other SE members to do news articles for a deadline of February 1, 2007. On January 12, 2007, the SE President emailed a letter to all current SE RMS members notifying them of the change of leadership and asking for articles for the SE Focus Newsletter. All articles were turned in by the date due. The 2007 Spring Newsletter featured the Southeast Chapter with 9 articles. This issue can be viewed on our SE Chapter Website. Chapter updates and articles were published in all 2007 newsletters.

The first conference call meeting of the new SE Officers took place on February 15, 2007. We discussed our participation in the membership drive by sending mailings to all the southern states environmental agencies, major SE colleges/ universities and to organizations with river related connections. The SE president mailed 40 packets of RMS information to various state agencies and organizations in the southeast. We gained 3 new members during this campaign. And we gained two other members during this fiscal year for a total of 5 new SE members. As of December 31, 2007, we had 31 current and paid in full members.

The VP of the SE Chapter attended the Interagency Workshop, participated in a national board meeting and presented our SE membership award.

During the summer of 2007, the SE officers planned a workshop/float trip for October 2007, in Tennessee. The SE chapter website was patterned after the NW website and launched on September 9, 2007. An email was sent to all current SE Chapter members about the web site and included information on the chapter meeting and float trip in Tennessee. This workshop/float trip was cancelled due to lack of participation and family tragedies with some of the officers.

The officers had four conference calls and have emailed and/or talked to each other throughout the year.

Finances:

The outgoing treasurer and the incoming treasure moved the account from Kentucky to South Carolina. A bank was chosen and the checking account was opened, our balance as of December 31, 2007, is \$ 1,162.21.

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