

Southeast Chapter of the River Management Society

2008 Accomplishments

Work Plan accomplishments:

Goal 1- Meetings, Workshops, and Float Trips: At the RMS Symposium held in Portland, Maine, a Chapter meeting was held with 13 people attending. Discussions centered on SE National Rivers Inventory of listed and study rivers and planning for a workshop and float trip in October. A SE Chapter workshop and float trip was held in Ducktown Tennessee on September 30 and October 1, 2008. We had twelve people in attendance.

Goal 2- Publications and Communications: The Chapter webpage is current and contains up-to-date Chapter information. Four SE Chapter articles were published in the *River Management Society NEWS* and, to date, four other articles by SE Chapter members have also been published. The SE Chapter will be featured in the winter 2008 issue of the newsletter which should contain up to ten articles by SE Chapter members, including a SE news article. The SE Chapter's work plans and yearly accomplishments will be posted to the web page by December 31, 2008. Numerous emails have been distributed to the SE membership and many phone calls and conference calls held by the officers and others.

Goal 3- Education and Promotion: On January 23, 2008, the Chapter President was a guest speaker at a graduate seminar at Clemson University where she discussed river management resources and promoted the RMS. Twelve SE Chapter members and six RMS members from Washington DC participated in the RMS Symposium in Maine.

Goal 4- Membership: As of September 1, 2008, we had 29 current/paid in full members. During the 2008 year we had as many as 38 paid in full members. Our SE members participate in RMS national committees, and include Jeff Litteral, who serves on the Membership Committee; Steve Reed, who serves on the Public Policy Committee; and Lee Larson, who serves on the Election and Awards Committee. Lee was recently elected to the RMS Board as treasurer and Elaine Mayer was recently elected as their secretary. Our SE officers (Steve Hendricks, Jeff Litteral, Bill Marshall and Mary Crockett) met via conference calls and email correspondence during the past year to discuss the yearly meeting, float trip topics, and logistics. Over the past year, the SE Chapter President has participated in 11 of 12 monthly national board conference calls and serves on the Scholarship Committee.

Finances:

Our SE Chapter fund balance as of December 31, 2008, was \$1,355.

Compiled by Mary Crockett, SE President