1. Call to order by President Leandra Cleveland
2. Determination of a quorum
   Board members present: Yvonne Vallette, Mirth Walker
   Board members present by phone: Andrew Ray, Lizbeth Seebacher, Scott Luchessa, Greta Murdoff
3. Introduction of guests and visitors - none
4. Discussion/Adoption of November 1, 2009 meeting minutes - moved to adopt (Scott), seconded (Yvonne), adopted (unanimous oral vote by old board)
5. Remarks by the President (Leandra)
   - Determination of quorum – At January 16 Board meeting a motion was made and passed that redefined a quorum to be at least three board members. Point of procedure (bylaw modification). Will revise the bylaws for a vote by the board in January, to be taken to the membership for a vote at our April meeting in Bellingham. Scott suggested membership vote electronically.
   - Action item: review bylaws for any changes in addition to a quorum of 3.
   - Ralph Garano will stay on our board as our chapter Scholarship committee representative, and is chair of the National/International SWS Executive Director Feasibility committee (to replace Burk function) and on the Human Diversity Committee (Ralph presenting at CERF meeting tomorrow)
   - Student Amanda receiving scholarship money for CERF meeting
6. Secretary’s report
   - Newsletter report (Mirth and Lizbeth) - none; Scott to provide CD from Jeff Walker to new Co-Secretaries with information
   - Membership: 428
   - Next Ooze News deadline January 15
   - Regulatory update (Scott)
   - WA State Wetland and Soil Scientist Certification update (Jim/Scott)
   - OR State Wetland Certification recap (Janet Morlan via Yvonne, Mirth)
   - President’s Corner (Leandra)
   - Meetings & Workshops (Leandra)
   - Achieving Carbon Offsets in Wetlands (Scott)
   - Salt Lake City 2010 (Scott)
   - Bellingham meeting in April 2010 (Leandra)
   - Sections Highlight (Leandra)
   - _Wetlands_ abstract summary (Leandra)
   - Invasive plants and the PNW IPC organization (Lizbeth)
   - Wetland crossword puzzle (Mirth)
   - Any new links to be sent to Leandra, Yvonne, Co-Secretaries to be forwarded to webmaster Kathryn for posting on website
7. Treasurer's report (Yvonne)
   - 2010 budget planning - Yvonne will email draft budget for January vote; then send to Nat'l/Int'l for approval
No meeting expenses this year
Providing $2,000 chapter initiative to support Washington State Certification Report (not lobbying, for administrative costs; Scott to email legal reminder for 501(c)(3) organizations)
Douglas County, Kansas checking account balance $35,186
Vanguard money market balance $24,699 (currently not accessible due to personnel change)

8. Reports of Standing & Special Committees
- Update on International Human Diversity Committee (Ralph) - none
- Update on International Sections (Ralph) - none
- Student Scholarship & Research Committee (Ralph) - none
- Ethics Committee (Scott) - must periodically review special committees or they lapse (Bylaws Section 10); this committee should be reviewed

Education and Outreach
- Workshop proposals (Leandra) - board must sponsor workshops to provide administrative fees (like $500 and still charge fee, idea is to break even or make a little profit), see website for form, voted on at Board Meeting. Can sponsor federal employees by issuing admission/compensation to meetings, and we issue completion certificates (Yvonne).
  - Macroinvertebrate – Spring (Yvonne)
  - Amphibian – Spring (Scott)
  - Willow Identification – Spring (Leandra) - PSU canceled the last one they offered
- Workshops for Bellingham 2010 Meeting - still looking for workshops
  - Regional Supplement Training by Corps staff (Leandra/Scott)
  - Hydric Soils Workshop (Leandra)

Website Report (Yvonne/Leandra)
- Possible transition of web updates from Applause Graphics (Kathryn) to Ralph or International to reduce costs and time in directing her; no savings if we use the National webmaster, ~$200/yr
- Quarterly updates (Leandra) - feedback wanted
  - Remove and archive older electronic materials for space (Yvonne)
  - Currently updating 2010 Conference Information
  - Add links for International Committees
  - Add workshop and classes list from Ooze News
  - Add invasive species page/links
  - Add latest meeting minutes

Meetings
- 2010 Salt Lake City (June 27-July 2) (Scott) - President Craft proposal to reduce the number of board members on the Executive Board (elected officers), larger board has chapter presidents and chapter chairs, about 30 people. Could we combine Alaska with OR WA ID and provide fair representation?
  - Workshops
    - global climate change
    - biogeochemistry
    - peatland ecology
- 2010 Chapter meeting in Bellingham (April 28-30) (Leandra)
  - Jim Wiggins heading up Bellingham meeting, our first solo meeting in 3-4 years, expecting about 250 participants, will not be doing a harbor cruise (lost $ on last Bell. mtg.)
• Randall Perry, Tina Tong, Gail Terzi, Matt Bennett all may be able to teach workshop on Regional Supplement Training as long as not all day functions (Lizbeth)
• Call for symposia
• 2012 Chapter meeting in Klamath Falls (Leandra) - Meetings every 18 months, supplemented with workshops on the off year.
• Andrew Ray is located in K Falls and thinks partnering with USGS meeting at OIT would be great, they draw from Portland and N. CA
  ♦ Recent and proposed wetland restoration in Upper Klamath and Agency lakes total some 18,000 acres; this might interest a large audience
• Greta Murdoff also interested in Medford opportunities
• Field Trips
  ♦ Klamath Basin Wildlife Refuge Complex of S. Oregon and N. California
  ♦ Williamson Delta, TNC, 6000 acres restored, 30 minutes north of K Falls
  ♦ Wood River Wetland, BLM 3,200 acres restored (30 min)
  ♦ Crater Lake (1.25 hr north)
  ♦ Agate Desert, vernal pools
• Andrew and Greta looking at end of September or early October

9. Other old business
  □ None.

10. New business
    □ Next Meeting January 29, 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Yvonne's house (potluck), Portland 4320 SE Pine Street (between Burnside and Stark, cross street is 44th) (Centralia is an alternate meeting location, think about train or carpool, 6.5 hours from KFalls, 1.5 hrs from PDX and SEA; board now comprised of 4 PDX, 2 SEA, 1 KFalls)

11. For the Good of the Order (Mirth)
    □ A very big thank you to the Officers of the board who have completed their terms and have rotated off the board (Imm. Past President Ralph Garano, Co-Secretaries Jeff Walker and Amy Dearborn), and a very big welcome to the new board (Exec. VP Andrew, Program VP Greta, Co-Secretaries Lizbeth and Mirth). A standing welcome to the existing board (President Leandra Cleveland, Imm. Past President Scott Luchessa, Treasurer Yvonne Vallette).

12. Adjournment 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Secretary C. Mirth Walker