- Call to order (Nate)
  4:34pm
- Determination of a quorum
  - Nate, Colin, Yvonne, Karla, Tom, Katrina, Fiona
- Introduction of guests and visitors
  - No guests
- Secretary’s Report (Katrina)
  - Ooze News submissions due July 15.
  - Katrina: Deadline is somewhat flexible.
  - Nate: It would be great to have someone write about the new waters of the US rule.
  - Yvonne: Will write a description of the rule.
  - Nate: Will put together a conference summary, and scholarship announcement. What is the status on sponsorship?
  - Yvonne: We are really far behind on sponsorship. We should do whatever we can to make it happen. Sponsorship is the key to making the meeting affordable.
- Nate: Will draft a public announcement for the general list serve and for Ooze News, aiming for the July 15 deadline. We are also behind on abstract submissions, with an Aug 1 submission deadline. We will probably increase the emails on the list serve to once or twice weekly before the Aug 1 deadline. Nate will draft a general email as an abstract submission reminder.
- Treasurer’s Report (Yvonne and Karla)
  - Yvonne: Nothing much has changed recently. We did pull out $1500 from our account for conference totes.
  - Karla: Thanks to Yvonne for helping Karla get up to speed on the treasurer duties.
- Reports of Standing Committees
  - Ways and Means (Yvonne)
  Nothing new to report on ways and means.
- Scholarship and Awards (Nate and Tom)
  - Nate: We have flown the scholarships and awards announcement in the Spring Ooz News and to a few other organizations, please feel free to share widely. Most volunteer requests are going to Elyse Denkers. Will ask her for an update on volunteer requests.
  - Tom: Will send the scholarship and volunteer announcement to the DOT interns, they might be interested.
- Conference
  - 2015 Olympia, WA Chapter Meeting update
    - Tentative registration fees
    - Sponsors/donations
    - Conference Q and A on the Clean Water Rule
- Nate: Tentative registration fees are: Members $240; Students $100-125. We need sponsors and abstracts. Sponsor packets will go out next week.
- Karla: Jim Wiggins (ATSI) will donate one of his art pieces, perhaps will motivate others to contribute.
- Yvonne: Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) is sponsoring $250. We seem to have workshops and field trips lined up for the conference.
- Nate: Utah State – requested $500 – updated 7/20 – won’t come through.
- Colin: Will ask folks at Interfluve.
- Nate: Sent Yvonne and Tracy an email about a 30+ minute Q&A on the Clean Water Rule at the conference. Would be good to get 2 or 3 talks back-to-back on this hot topic.
  - Executive board election
- Nate: Will send a draft out next week about nominations opening mid-August, closing around the time of the meeting or end of October. We can use the meeting as a last opportunity to solicit interest to self-nominate or nominate qualified peers.
- Yvonne: August to October is a long timeframe. Maybe Aug to Sept (or Sept to Oct ??).
  - Alaska chapter
- Nate: Talked to Jeff Mason from the Alaska chapter at the national SWS conference recently. The Alaska chapter is inactive, many members are co-members with other chapters. They should either be restructured with new leadership, or merged with the PNW chapter. If any Alaska members feel strongly that they should not merge, and wants to take a leadership role, they have the first call. If nobody is interested, will put a vote to their membership about the merging option. Already about half of their members are also PNW members. Additionally, Alaska is on the schedule to be a SWS national conference location in the next 4 or 5 years. It would be hard to host a conference there without a strong membership. Nate will have conversations with Jeff, and will make those available to the board for continuing discussion.
  - UPDATE. Maki talked to some AK chapter members on her last trip up there. They wouldn’t mind merging chapters if it maintained benefit for members.
  - Clean Water Rule statement
- Nate: Scott asked if we could create a position statement to back up the national statement about the Clean Water Rule. Told Scott he can write it, with signatures from current and past chapter presidents. Later decided against a letter since the Clean Water Rule has already passed. Scott also asked about the potential Wetland/Soil Scientist Certification Board. There isn’t currently any WA legislature certifying Wetland/Soil Scientists at this time. We’re tabling that issue until later.
- Yvonne: We could provide funds if that’s what he’s looking for.
- Nate: Will follow up with Scott and clarify.
  - Nominations (Leandra)
  - Bylaws and Standing Rules (Leandra)
  - Archives (Yvonne)
- Old business
  - Approve April meeting minutes
  Minutes approved
  - Adjournment
5:11 pm