

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
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TO: Scott Yess, UMRCC Coordinator, LaCrosse

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SUBJECT: UMRCC Annual Meeting - Recreation Technical Section Meeting Summary

The UMRCC Recreation Technical Section has been inactive for a number of years. Prior to the 2006 Annual UMRCC Meeting, a number of members were contacted to gauge the level of interest in reactivating the Recreation Technical Section. Based on the input, it was determined that there was enough interest within the UMRCC membership to warrant an informal meeting as part of the Annual Meeting.

The Recreation Technical Section met at 3:00 pm on March 14, 2006 in the breakfast eating area. There was no set agenda but a lengthy and wide-ranging discussion ensued. Representatives from 3 States, 3 Corps Districts and the USFWS concluded that it would be very beneficial to continue sharing work experiences and information through a reactivated Recreation Technical Section. Participants identified the need to collect, collate and disseminate regional and systemic recreation and interpretive information. A balance between concrete work products and the discussion of recreational based issues was identified as a general direction for the Section.

Kevin Berg, Corps-St. Paul District, and Scot Johnson, Minnesota DNR, will work together to further organize participants and develop an agenda for this Fall's Recreation Technical Section meeting.

Recreation Technical Section participants included:

Carol Ryan, USACE, St. Louis
John Knoble, USACE, Rock Island
Kevin Berg, USACE, St. Paul
Martin Konrad, Iowa DNR, Des Moines
Jim Fischer, Wisconsin DNR, LaCrosse
Sharonne Baylor, USFWS, Winona
Scot Johnson, Minnesota DNR, Lake City