## **Changes to 2017 Commissioner Handbook**

Changed Secretary to Conservation Assistant

Changed IDALS-DSC to IDALS-DSCWQ

1-3: Under #15, changed the wording from "Require landowners to maintain cost-share practices for 20 years" to state "Require landowners to maintain cost-share practices throughout maintenance agreement period."

1-4: Under #7, moved CREP acronym behind REAP acronym

2-3: Removed statement "For information on becoming bonded, contact Conservation Districts of Iowa, 515-289-8300, admin@cdiowa.org"

3-3: Under Ken Wagner Award, removed statement "40 or younger"

3-3: Removed "CDI Outstanding District Award" and "Governor's Iowa Environmental Excellence Award"

3-3: Added "Conservation Woman of the Year Award— recognizes women who have made significant contributions to conservation and the improvement of Iowa's natural resources conservation through achievements on her own land, her career or voluntary efforts."

3-7: Updated with newest brochure

5-1: Under Spring Regionals, removed the paragraph "CDI and the SSCC hold spring and fall regional meetings. The fall regional meetings are typically held in conjunction with the Annual Conference. They are an opportunity for Commissioners to get together to discuss issues of mutual interest and hear updates on a variety of topics from CDI and its partners, IDALS-DSCWQ and NRCS. Resolutions that have been submitted in advance of the meeting can be discussed. Regional directors are elected on a rotating basis at the fall regional meetings. Alternate directors are elected in all regions at fall regional meetings. The spring regional are often half day meetings where Commissioners are presented with educational programs and/or tours.

Special programs may be presented from time to time at the spring regional meetings through cooperative efforts with many of the conservation partners. Commissioners are encouraged to discuss their development needs with their CDI regional director or with their DSCWQ field representatives. "

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6-1: Under NRCS, updated the fourth sentence to state "The NRCS in Iowa provides office space, computers, vehicles and other supplies for the Soil and Water Conservation District offices as well as state conservation employees."

Appendix A: Updated to use acronyms from P&P Manual

Appendix D: Updated with new Water Quality Specialist and Twitter page

Appendix E: Updated with current staff

Appendix F: Updated organization map and current staff