



**Wisconsin Association
Of
Land Conservation Employees**

2008 Administrative Committee Report
By: Greg Baneck – Temp. Chair

Andy Johnson stepped down as Chair of the Administrative Committee in December after serving as such since the reorganization of WALCE. His thoughtful insight and leadership as Chair will certainly be missed.

- April 2008 – Worked with the Land and Water Conservation Board to help them define their statutory duties and powers and to set a mission for the board, and to provide comment on changes to the LWCB duties proposed for Chapter 92.
- Provided input on ATCP 50 and NR 151/153.
- October 2008 – Drafted official WALCE position on the 2009 Allocation Plan.
 - Supported lapsing SEG allocation, not reducing staffing grants, an increase in \$115K in staff funds, and continued support of the SOC.
 - Expressed concern with:
 - The timing of the Allocation – Delayed nature places Counties in a very tough position.
 - Consistency with State Statute and creation of Tier 3 fund category before fulfilling Tier 1 & 2 obligations.
 - Lack of increase in funding amounts to reflect cost of living increases since Oct. 1999.

Due to these concerns, WALCE went on record as officially opposing the Allocations Plan as presented.

- Currently setting up an Adhoc Committee to work towards a long term funding strategy for conservation programs and staffing.
- Worked closely with WLWCA to establish a united front on major conservation issues and they came up. This involved close coordination with shared lobbyist Kurt Paulisch.