

**Professional Soil Scientists Association of South Dakota
Annual Meeting
Friday, August 16, 2002
Room 102
SDSU Biostress Lab
Brookings, South Dakota**



9:00-9:20	Registration	
9:20-9:30	Welcome	Jim Westerman
9:30-10:00	Soil Sampling with a Modified Chain Saw	Anthony Bly
10:00-10:30	In-situ CO ₂ Evolution and Soil Organic Carbon Pools in Switchgrass Land Managed for Biomass Production	Do-Kyoung Lee
10:30-11:00	The Mysterious Tri-Cornered Holes of the Whetstone Valley	Judi Rudebusch
11:00-11:45	Business Meeting	
11:45-12:30	Lunch	
12:30-1:00	Travel to the EROS Data Center	
1:00-3:30	Tour EROS Data Center	Dr. Darrell Napton
3:30	Adjourn	

Nominations Committee Report

Walt Schafer volunteered to be president elect. The Vice President position is still open; if there are no volunteers by then, nominations will be taken from the floor. Dan Shurtliff will move from President Elect to President.

Dan Brady

Presidents Particles

The PSSASD summer meeting for 2001 finally came to Rapid City and the Black Hills area July 25th through the 27th. This meeting provided members with the opportunity to see how NRCS “does business” in various aspects of soil survey in the 21st century. We certainly have come a long way since the days of the plane table, alidade, and typewriter! A word of “Thanks” goes out to Walt Schaefer, Dan Brady, and Kent Cooley for organizing the workshop/meeting and guiding members on the field tours through the Black Hills. A special “Thanks” is extended to Larry Fine for hosting the group in Silver City for dinner the evening of the 26th.

Speaking of the 21st century, PSSASD has the opportunity to team up with other professional soil science societies across the United States via the Internet. Many of these societies (including PSSASD) operate independent web sites. A project is currently underway to link these sites together on the Internet using a common web site. This could eventually lead to an improved methodology for the exchange of ideas and technology, as well as provide users with a common link to the many societies across the country. Stay tuned for more updates.

With that, I hope to see all of you at the annual meeting in Brookings on August 16th!

Jim Westerman

Membership Dues Notice

If you have not paid your PSSASD membership dues (this is separate from Certification dues) and do not plan to attend the March meeting, please mail your \$15.00 dues.

Send payment to: Eugene Preston, Secretary-Treasurer, PSSASD
904 East Fir Street.
Brandon, SD 57005

Name _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Email address _____
Payment Enclosed _____

Minutes of the March 9, 2001 Annual PSSASD meeting

President Dan Brady called the meeting to order on March 9, 2000 at Huron, South Dakota with 23 members present.

Doug Malo moved that the meeting agenda be approved, seconded by Tom Schumacher. Motion carried.

Tom Schumacher moved that the minutes of last year's annual meeting as reported in the Newsletter be approved, seconded by Bruce Kunze. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the scholarship. Bruce Kunze will represent the PSSASD at the scholarship banquet.

Treasurer's report was read. Kent Cooley moved the report be approved. Seconded by Walt Schaefer. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Certification. Tom Schumacher (NRCS) reported 14 certified members. Certification is gradually decreasing and they plan to disperse the funds next year according to the constitution. Certification is currently being done through ARCPACS.

Membership. Bruce Kunze reported four new members whom we welcomed.

Constitution and Bylaws. Loren Shultz reported no changes.

Ethics. Ken Heil reported no problems to submit.

Finance. Jim Millar had no negative report.

Public relations. Nothing to Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Millar reported on the need Certified crop consultants have for Soils Credits and they are some of the harder credits for them to get. There was some discussion on possibly providing some soil training. Arvid Meland spoke of seminars he has given for Realtors. General consensus was to plan to use next years annual meeting to provide certification training for crop consultants since our normal program includes soils appropriate soils information. This will require an earlier agenda schedule. Doug Malo will check with Jim Gerwing on how many Crop Consultants will need soils training.

Jim Millar moved that we look into providing training for Crop Consultants at the next annual meeting. Walt Schaefer seconded the motion. Discussion about location, type of consultants and need for pre-registration. Motion Passed. Jim Millar, Doug Malo, Wayne Bachman, Bruce Kunze, and Walt Schaefer will check the details of planning this type of meeting.

Draft copies of the book and scorecards were handed out for review. These should be reviewed by next month. They plan to publish them and inform the Teachers at the FFA meeting

There was discussion on Land Judging Texture Kits. No action.

Tom Schumacher presented samples of the Houdek and PSSASD website at www.abs.sdstate.edu/plantsci/pssasd. The problem is this address is within the university address system and consequently hard to access. He said that PSSASD could have its own address for about \$70.00 for two years.

Doug Malo moved that PSSASD have our own WEB address, Wayne Bachman seconded. Motion passed.

Jim Millar reported on the Publication on Saline Soils in SD. The consensus was that the current publication should be on the WEB site. No formal action.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations

Kim Kempton nominated Dan Shurtliff, President Elect; Wayne Bachman, Vice President; and Eugene Preston, Secretary-Treasurer. Kent Cooley nominated Walt Schaefer as President Elect and withdrew nomination. Walt Schaefer seconded the nominations. Motion passed.

Summer Meeting

Tom Schumacher suggested the summer meeting could be held in Mitchell during Dakota Fest. Walt Schaefer suggested having the meeting in the Black Hills. Larry Fine said he would be honored to host a meal for us. Arvid Meland said we need to avoid the Motorcycle Rally weekend. Walt Schaefer will work with Jim Westerman on availability of rooms and date.

Other items

Doug Malo has received a letter from Maxine Levine, who is on the committee for securing soil scientists for the Cooperative Soil Survey. They are looking for ideas to improve recruitment of soil scientists. Doug had a few suggestions including a starting salary of about \$30,000/year, more family friendly, State generating 2 internships per year, a bonus the 2nd year, incentives for graduate school after 3 years and the need of a recruitment plan. Forward other ideas to him.

Walt Schaefer asked if the dues should be raised. After brief discussion Dave Clay motioned that dues be raised to \$15.00. Seconded by Wayne Bachman. Motion carried.

Meeting turned over to the new president, Jim Westerman.

Motion by Tom Schumacher, second by Tom Schumacher to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Eugene E. Preston (Secretary)

Editors Notes

Hope to see you at Brookings on August 16th.

Bruce Kunze



 **Biostress Building**

SDSU Campus

BRUCE -- THE ATTACHED IS FROM THE UNITED STATES CONSORTIUM OF SOIL SCIENTIST ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS REQUESTED THAT WE SEND IT TO ALL PSSASD MEMBERS. I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE KEEPER OF THE EMAIL LIST. COULD YOU SEND IT ON, PLEASE? -- THANKS! DAN

Subject: Survey Invitation for Retransmittal to Members of USCSSA-Affiliated Organizations
Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2002 14:15:00 -0400
From: Randy Brown <rbb@mail.ifas.ufl.edu>

MEMORANDUM

TO: Officers of Member Groups in the United States Consortium of Soil Science Organizations

FROM:

Randy Brown, Chair of Committee S236.1 (Membership, Identity and Visibility) of the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA)

SUBJECT:

Invitation to Participate in SSSA Survey on Training Needs of Soil Scientists

John Graveel, Chair of SSSA Committee S587 (Training and Continuing Education for Soil Scientists), has asked me to transmit to you an invitation to participate in an on-line survey. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on the training needs of soil scientists, including field practitioners who may or may not be members of SSSA.

Please take a moment to fill out the survey.

Also, please forward this email to members of your respective organizations who have email addresses, so that they might participate as well.

John's invitation to participate appears below. Note that his invitation contains a convenient link to the on-line survey, which will take only a few minutes to complete.

"Committee S587, Training and Continuing Education for Soil Scientist, invites you to take a survey to help develop recommendations for a Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) training program for practicing soil scientists and other practitioners in closely related fields. This survey can be completed in less than 10 minutes. You can assist the S587 committee by completing this survey before August 15, 2002.

The Web address for the survey is http://www.soils.org/s587_survey.html

Thank you for your assistance.
John G. Graveel"

Many thanks and best wishes to you all.

Randy Brown
Chair, SSSA Committee S236.1 (Membership, Identity and Visibility)

cc:

Jim Culver
John Graveel

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