

2004 Winter Meeting – Holiday Inn Mitchell, SD

**Professional Appraiser Association of South Dakota (PAASD)
South Dakota Chapter American Society Farm Managers & Rural
Appraisers (ASFMRA)
Professional Soil Science Association of South Dakota
(PSSASD)**



8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. - Jerry Schaar and Dan Shurtliff: Soil Survey Basics

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. – Doug Malo and Jim Millar: Soil Productivity Ratings

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. – Jim Millar and SDSU Soil Fertility Specialist: Soil Quality / Soil Fertility

11:00 A.M. to Noon – Tom Schumacher and Merle Kost:
Nutrient Management Planning For Animal Feeding Operations

Noon to 1 P.M. - Lunch

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. – Wayne Bachman and Kent Cooley: Wetland Determinations

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. - PSSASD Business Meeting

TOPICS for the Business Meeting:

- Preparation for the Regional Soil Judging Contest – Black Hills
- Smithsonian Soils Exhibit
 - o Soil Texture samples fund raiser report.
- Other Business
- Election of Officers

Nominations Committee Report:

The following members have agreed to stand for nomination for the following Offices.

President-Elect: Bruce Kunze

Vice-President: Arvid Meland

Secretary Treasurer: Eugene Preston

Registration for the Joint ASFRMA-PAASD-PSSASD Meeting.

All of you should have received by now a copy of the Professional Land Appraisers Newsletter, outlining the schedule for the three day convention. OUR meeting will be on Friday, March 12, as a part of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers “break out” meeting.

If you wish only to attend the Professional Soil Scientist of South Dakota Meeting ONLY, Please send \$20.00 to:

PAASD (Professional Appraisers Association of South Dakota)

102 Stewart Place
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Please make every effort to send the money in by March 1, 2004. This \$20.00 fee will cover the room rental, break refreshments throughout the day, and lunch.

If any of our organization is interested in attending any of the other portions of the meeting, or wish to receive continuing education appraiser credits, then they need to also add those fees.

President's Message

As you can see, our winter meeting this year will be a little different. The South Dakota Chapter of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers has requested our Association to present information on Soil Surveys, and soil interpretations at their annual meeting. Because of this, the presentations portion of our annual winter meeting is geared toward teaching others about soil survey, and the information available. This will be a good opportunity for all of us to get acquainted with a major user of our soil survey product – the Land Appraiser.

Also, you will soon be receiving in the mail, information on the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit, and our Association's efforts to raise money for its completion. The Soil Science Society of America has a new website devoted to the exhibit. It can be seen at:

www.soils.org/smithsonian . Give it a look. Our association will match, dollar for dollar up to \$5,000.00 any contributions given through the PSSASD toward the exhibit.

See you at the meeting!

Dan Shurtliff

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 _____

Dear Smithsonian Soils Exhibit State Liaison and State Soil Association Presidents:

As you know, SSSA and state soil associations have embarked on a major project that could dramatically raise the visibility of soil science to millions of people each year: the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit (www.soils.org/smithsonian)

You'll recall we asked each state to raise at least \$10,000 to help support the exhibit. To ensure that we meet our timeline of the exhibit opening before the 2006 World Congress of Soil Science, we need to have about one-third of our fundraising done by this summer.

Several states have submitted exhibit ideas and embarked on fundraising already. We'd like to see each state involved, and we're contacting our state liaisons and the state soil association presidents to encourage educational and fundraising efforts to begin immediately, if you haven't already. Specifically, we're suggesting each state form a committee to work on this project. Attached is a "committee guidelines" document your state committee might find helpful.

SSSA and the Agronomic Science Foundation have brochures, pledge cards and sample solicitation letters; we simply need personal contacts by professionals in your state to seek sponsors. You may contact Valerie Breunig, vbreunig@a-s-f.org or 608-273-8090, ext. 315, for advice and materials.

We feel this is a rare chance to partner with the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum of Natural History to explain the role of soils in earth science. One of our SSSA Presidents or national development committee members will be calling you in about a week to see what support your state needs. Thank you in advance for your time and work.

Mike Singer	Tom Sims	
John Havlin		
SSSA Past President	SSSA President	SSSA

Dear Official Contacts of Soil Societies/Associations

The American Society of Agronomy (ASA) and the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) have voted to move the soils certification from ASA to SSSA and to no longer use the ARCPACS name.

The USCSSA is assisting SSSA in determining where the term 'ARCPACS' has been used in various kinds of municipal, county, regional or state legislation and regulations. Please have the appropriate people in your Soil Society/Association to assist as noted below in providing the requested information on the use of ARCPACS to Kathie Nardi at ASA-CSSA-SSSA.

SSSA is conducting a review of all local, county, and state legislation related to ARCPACS certification programs to determine the following:

1. What municipalities, counties, and states use the term "ARCPACS" in their legislation.
2. How the term "ARCPACS" is used.
3. A Web site and/or regulatory contact person to learn more about the legislation.

If you know of legislation in your state or nationally where the term ARCPACS is used, please send the name of the municipality/county/state and the Web site link and/or regulatory point person's name and contact information to Kathie Nardi at ASA-CSSA-SSSA headquarters, knardi@agronomy.org

Kathie would also appreciate a response if your review finds there has been no use of "ARCPACS" in your state.

If you have questions, or for more information, contact Luther Smith, Executive Director of Certification Programs, 608-273-8090, ext. 337; lsmith@agronomy.org

Thank you,

Jim Culver, USCSSA Advisory Group

50th MIDWEST FRIENDS OF THE PLEISTOCENE FIELD CONFERENCE
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, MINNESOTA
MAY 21-23, 2004

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Midwest Friends of the Pleistocene sponsored by the Minnesota Geological Survey will meet Friday, May 21 – Sunday, May 23 in central Minnesota on the St. John's University campus. This will not only be the 50th Midwest Friends of the Pleistocene meeting but it will commemorate 50 years since Herb Wright and Al Schneider led the 5th FOP here in central Minnesota in 1954. (FOP math was used in the above calculations!)

LOCATION: St. John's University campus is located 90 miles northwest of Minneapolis-St. Paul near I-94. As you travel west on I-94 you take the "St. John's U" exit about 15 miles west of St. Cloud. Go south (you will see a large church bell tower in the distance to the south) for approximately one mile and watch for FOP signs as you enter campus. Check-in and lodging will be in Mary Hall and meeting/banquet rooms will be in Sexton Commons, which is adjacent and attached to Mary Hall. The campus lies in the center of a beautiful 2000 acre woodland. If you have time come early or stay late and enjoy hiking through the hilly forest, swimming in Lake Sagatagan, visiting their renowned medieval manuscript library, or attending vespers with the monks!

ITINERARY: Check-in will begin at 6 pm Friday, May 21st at Mary Hall. If you will be arriving late in the evening please let us know so that necessary arrangements can be made. There will be a discussion/poster room

in Sexton Commons available both nights where beverages may be purchased. There will be wall space available for anyone interested in bringing posters or maps to be viewed for discussion. On Saturday and Sunday we will visit outcrops exposing: Late Wisconsinan Des Moines, Superior, and Wadena lobe deposits and also deposits of at least three pre-late Wisconsinan ice advances. These sites include exposures in eskers, drumlins, moraines, thrust blocks, tunnel valley fans, and also an exposure of a buried soil. These exposures should stimulate discussion on the following topics: dynamics of glacio-tectonic thrusting; drumlin formation; erosion, transport and deposition of source area material; and the processes involved in the formation of the St. Croix moraine. There will be a banquet Saturday evening, followed by "special activities". On Sunday, May 23rd we will return from our field trip to St. John's by 2 pm.

REGISTRATION: The \$100 fee includes field trip guidebook, two breakfasts, two lunches, banquet on Saturday night, field trip refreshments, and bus transportation on Saturday and Sunday.

LODGING: Accommodations will be in Mary Hall dormitory. Cost for a single room is \$28.50/night per person and cost for a double room is \$20.50/night per person. All rooms are supplied with sheets, towels, blanket, pillow, soap, and essential furniture. Each room has a sink; restrooms and shower facilities are shared. Please indicate a roommate preference if so desired when sending your payment. If you prefer to camp the nearest available campgrounds are the St. Cloud Campground and R.V. Park (about 10 miles east of St. John's), 320-558-2847 and El Rancho Manana in Richmond (15 miles southwest of St. John's), 320-597-2740.

MEALS: All of Saturday's meals and breakfast and lunch on Sunday are included in the registration fee. There will be food available for purchase in Sexton Commons on Friday night.

PAYMENT: Include your registration and lodging fees on the same check. Please note your lodging choice (single/double) and roommate preference. Make checks payable to "Friends of the Pleistocene" and mail to:

Alan Knaeble
Minnesota Geological Survey
2642 University Ave.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55114

We won't reserve a place for you until we receive your check. Confirmation of receipt will be via e-mail (so include your e-mail address with your check). Paper receipts will be provided at conference check-in.

If you have questions or need special arrangements please contact Alan Knaeble at knaeb001@umn.edu or 612-627-4780 ext. 210.