

**Professional Soil Scientists Association of South Dakota
Annual Meeting**

Friday, March 7, 2003

Room 300

Federal Building, Huron, South Dakota

9:00-9:20	Registration	
9:20-9:30	Welcome	Dan Shurtliff
9:30-10:00	Developing Soil and Surface Runoff P Relationships Using Simulated Rainfall	Ron Gelderman
10:00-10:30	Soil Respiration in Switchgrass Land Managed for Biomass Production	Do-Kyoung Lee
10:30-11:00	Impact of Selected Organic Matter Destruction Methods in Soil Particle Size Analysis	Doug Malo
11:00-11:45	Water Tables in Glacial Till Soils	Bruce Kunze
11:45-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-1:30	Natural Resources of South Dakota Web Site	Howard Woodard
1:30-2:00	Detailed Survey Using GIS	Eugene Preston
2:00-2:45	Update on Soil Survey Digitizing	Jerry Schaar
2:45-3:30	Business Meeting	
3:30	Adjourn	

President's Particle

It has been an active period of time for the association. There is currently a national effort to establish a permanent Soils display at the Smithsonian Institution spearheaded by the Soil Science Society of America. The National Consortium of Professional Soil Scientist Organizations continues to develop and make it's way. At our upcoming meeting we will look into how involved our society wishes to become in these initiatives.

We have also received a request to meet jointly, for our Winter 2004 meeting (March 12, 2004), with the South Dakota chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA). Within this issue of our newsletter is an excerpt from a "working document" of ASFRMA promoting this idea. A joint meeting will allow us, as soil scientists, to meet with some of the leading users of our information.

Here's wishing everyone Happy Trails. See you at the meeting!

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 August 16' 2002 Annual PSSASD meeting

President Jim Westerman was unable to attend the meeting. President elect Dan Shurtliff called the meeting to order on August 16, 2002 at Brookings, South Dakota with 17 members present.

Motion by Bruce Kunze, second by Wayne Bachman to approve the minutes of the March 9th 2001 annual meeting as published in the July 31st 2002 newsletter. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Stukel, second by Walt Schaefer to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Certification: Wayne Bachman reported that the Certification Board was dissolved and the money in their account was turned over to the SDSU Foundation to establish an account to help defray costs of the SDSU soil judging contests and/or be added to the scholarship fund when not needed for soil judging.

Membership: Bruce Kunze reported that a letter will be sent to former members who had not yet renewed their membership for 2002.

Constitution and Bylaws: No changes were reported.

Ethics: No ethics violations were reported.

Finance: Jim Millar presented a positive report.

Public Relations: Nothing to report.

Nominations: Nominations for officers for 2002 are:
Walt Schaefer—President Elect
Wayne Bachman—Vice President

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Schumacher reported that the PSSASD website is up and running. The address is www.pssasd.org. Please send any additions, corrections, or changes to Tom at SDSU.

Jim Millar reported that there was not a critical need anymore for soil credits for Certified Crop Consultants. An effort will be made to apply for credits for the next annual meeting and forward our agenda to any Certified Crop Consultants.

Jim Doolittle reported that the new High School land judging pamphlets had some minor corrections made to them and that they were going to be printed in the near future.

No action was taken on providing land judging texture kits.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Shurtliff assumed the duties of President for 2002.

Motion by Jim Doolittle, seconded by Doug Malo, that nominations cease and that Walt Schaefer be approved as President-elect and Wayne Bachman approved as Vice President. Motion carried.

Dan Shurtliff that there is a national soil scientist association that is promoting the work of the state associations. The PSSASD has a link on their website which is www.soilassociation.org.

It was suggested that the 2003 annual meeting be held in Huron, SD on the Friday of spring break. The executive committee will take care of final arrangements.

Motion by Bruce Kunze, seconded by Wayne Bachman to present Larry Fine an award for outstanding service to the profession of soil science. Bruce will take care of the award.

Motion by Jim Doolittle, seconded by Wayne Bachman to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Wayne Bachman (acting Secretary)