

**Annual Meeting
Professional Soil Scientists Association of South Dakota
Friday March 9, 2007
Federal Building, Room 300
Huron, South Dakota**



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Call for Papers for the 2006 Spring Meeting

The spring business meeting will be held on Friday, March 9, 2007, in the Federal Building, Room 300, in Huron, SD. Jerry Schaar has graciously provided the room, projection equipment and coffee and rolls!

If you are interested in presenting a talk or poster before the business meeting, please contact Ron Gelderman (605-688-4770, or Ronald.Gelderman@sdstate.edu). With all the buzz on high corn prices, corn on corn, utilization of stover and forage for ethanol, carbon sequestration and their effects on soils, soil quality, soil carbon etc., there should be no shortage of topics.

Any posters from previous presentations or new ones that would be of interest to the group are welcome.

We have such a good diverse group; I know we will have many volunteers with interesting suggestions for posters and presentations. If not, I will have to twist arms and I hate it when they break. I will put out the agenda right after the last break

Ron

The Smithsonian - Houdek Goal has been met!!

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Smithsonian Houdek Soil monolith display. I will make a final report at the March meeting.

Bruce

Nomination Committee

This year, there will be nominations for President-Elect and Vice President. If you are asked to serve in one of these offices, please give thoughtful consideration to accepting. If you would like to volunteer, call Bruce at 692-2344. The members of the nominations committee are Bruce Kunze, Walt Schaefer, and Dan Shurtliff.

SDSU Soil Judging Team Places Seventh in Region 5 Collegiate Soil Judging Contest

On October 1-6, the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Collegiate Soil Judging Team participated in the Region 5 Collegiate Soil Judging Contest held at Manhattan, KS and hosted by Kansas State University. Region 5 represents the states of North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Soil judging involves describing, classifying, and making land use decisions for soils. The contest consists of individual and group judged pits. Kansas State University won the competition and Iowa State University was second. SDSU placed seventh in the competition. Team members include Jennifer Lund, Wade DeGroot, Grant Rix, Christopher Schaefer, Michael Singlestad, Kevin Schmidt, Nick Ihnen, Randi Ransom, Brad Heyne, Justin Freeland, and Blake Anderson. In 2007 the team will participate in the national NACTA Collegiate Soil Judging Contest in April in Hastings, KS. The SDSU Soil Judging Team is coached by Carrie Werkmeister and Doug Malo.

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