

Minutes of PSSASD Annual Meeting

June 12, 2015 in Deadwood, SD

President Katrina Wilke called the meeting to order.

Motion by Denise Miller to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jim Westerman and motion passed.

SECRETARY REPORT

The report was passed out to the attendees and it was decided not to read it. Motion by Doug Malo to accept the report. Seconded by Bruce Kunze and motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT

Craig Veldkamp gave report. Motion by Bruce Kunze to accept the report. Seconded by Tom M. Schumacher and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

Went through an old list of the members on the committees and attempted to update the committees with new members and chairperson.

1. Membership Committee: Tom Schumacher does not want to chair this committee but will remain on the committee. He recommended Steve Winter to be the chairperson.
2. Nominations Committee: contact Roger Assmus about renewing membership and continuing to chair this committee; the past-president should be on this committee.
3. Finance Committee: Lance Howe should not be on this committee since it is responsible for auditing the books. Question was asked when the last time the books were audited. Jim Westerman volunteered to chair this committee.
4. Constitution-by-laws Committee: Wayne Bachman agreed to stay as the chair of this committee.
5. Public Relations: Tom E. Schumacher will still be the chair. Katrina Wilke was added to this committee.
6. Ethics Committee: someone will ask Jim Doolittle if he still wants to be chair. Dan Brady and Ed Ensz will stay on the committee and Denise Miller was added to the committee.
7. Newsletter Committee: Bruce Kunze will remain as the chair of this committee.

No committee reports were given.

Status of 501(c)3:

Officially announced to the membership that the PSSASD is now a certified 501(c)3 organization. Need to check into when we have to file the yearly IRS 501(c)3 paperwork.

NEW BUSINES

Officer Nominations:

Katrina Wilke reported that Andrew Champa was nominated for President-Elect. Jim Westerman made a motion to cease nominations for President-Elect and elect Andrew Champa. Seconded by Wayne Bachman and motion passed.

With Denise Miller and Andy Oxford wanting to run for the Vice President position, Katrina Wilke proceeded with a ballot vote with Denise Miller winning the nomination of Vice President.

Katrina Wilke introduced Craig Veldkamp as new PSSASD President. Craig Veldkamp assumed the Office of the President and presented outgoing president Katrina Wilke with a plaque for her service.

Land Judging:

Doug Malo reported there were 10 students on the team last year and around 10 students again this year. The competition will be held at the University of Minnesota at Grand Rapids this year. The competition will be in SD in 2018 so we need to start thinking about where to have it and getting ready. The team placed 4th or 5th at the Quad Cities competition. He thanked PSSASD for the donation last year. He encouraged us to look at the scholarship PSSASD provides to SDSU and determine if we need to increase it. He suggested increasing the endowment in order to provide a larger scholarship.

This led to discussion about putting more of our savings into the endowments so we can fund the scholarships, land judging teams, etc. Discussion about current level of yearly expenses and what we need to have in our checking and savings accounts in order to cover those expenses.

Discussion about putting some of the savings account money in the SDSU scholarship fund.

Question about whether there is a minimum balance needed in our accounts at Wells Fargo so we do not incur any fees.

Discussion about using a match incentive instead of PSSASD just making a direct donation. PSSASD will match up to \$2000 as a way to encourage donors.

Wayne Bachman made a motion to donate \$1000 to the SDSU Scholarship Fund. Seconded by Tom M. Schumacher and motion passed.

Several motions and amendments followed about donating to the SD Community Foundation including \$2000 as a match incentive, \$2000 as a match incentive but if matches are not made by December 31st then PSSASD will donate the remaining difference up to \$2000. Finally, Denise Miller made a motion to amend all previous motions to not do the matching incentive contribution but to just outright contribute \$2000 to the SD Community Foundation. Seconded by Katrina Wilke and motion passed.

Wayne Bachman made a motion to donate \$500 to the SDSU Collegiate Soil Judging Team. Seconded by Kent Cooley and motion passed.

NCSS Newsletter:

Discussion was held about writing an article for the NCSS newsletter. Other state professional societies are doing this. Katrina Wilke volunteered to write an article about our annual meeting and submit it to SD NRCS and the NCSS for publication.

PSSASD Marketing:

Discussion was held about services we can provide to promote soils and outreach to younger kids. Using social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Discussion was held whether this group can act as soil consultants. Would the retired members be willing to act as consultants? Kent suggested to leave it up to the executive committee and Bruce Kunze, Wayne Bachman, and Jim Westerman to look into whether we could or should provide consulting services.

2015-2016 Goals:

Discussion about sending out a letter or calling past members to see if they want to rejoin. Executive committee will make a list of past members and then determine who should contact them.

Need to increase our membership numbers. Discussion about whether we should have a goal of increasing membership by a certain number or certain percentage. Decided that each member will recruit a new member by the next annual meeting.

Announcements:

Bruce Kunze thanked all the officers and anyone else who helped organize the meeting. Donations were accepted to cover the cost of the donuts and coffee.

Next Year's Meeting:

Kent Cooley made a motion to have the next meeting in Brookings. Jim Westerman seconded and motion passed. Suggestions for tours included the new SDSU football stadium, cheese factory, SDSU ice cream factory.

Jim Westerman made a motion for executive committee to decide on the date of the next meeting and discuss with SWCS about a possible joint meeting. Motion passed.

With no further business, Katrina Wilke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Westerman seconded and motion passed.

Submitted by: Andy Oxford on behalf of Lance Howe