



professional soil classifiers association
north dakota

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting:

10/09/08 – Days Inn, Dickinson, ND

JR Flores, State Conservationist North Dakota addressed the group briefly prior to the business meeting.

Meeting called to order approximately 4:30 PM by President Perry Sullivan.

In Sec/Treas. Cheryl Feigum's absence, Keith Anderson read the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Lance Loken, seconded by Todd Solem.

Perry Sullivan read the Treasurer's report. Discussion: Todd Solem brought up checks for dues that hadn't cleared. Larry Edland and CJ Heidt indicated their checks hadn't cleared. Discussion followed regarding the small number of few members who have paid their dues for 2008. Perry Sullivan volunteered to collect the dues of individuals who wished to pay at meeting and send them onto Cheryl. Ron Luethe moved to accept the report, seconded by Fred Aziz.

Committee Reports requested by Perry Sullivan:

Finance Committee: no report

Membership Committee: Perry Sullivan introduced Bruce Seelig and Brian O'Gorman as new members.

Nominations Committee: Joe Brenna reported on the nominees for offices.

President elect: Lance Duey and Wade Bott

Vice-president: Ray Finocchiaro and John Kempenich

Secretary/Treasurer: Cheryl Feigum and Keith Anderson

Board of Registration: No member's terms were to expire. However, CJ Heidt indicated that Mike Ulmer (not present) was contemplating resigning early from the board. CJ Heidt suggested a registered classifier from the private sector take the place of Mike following his impending resignation. It was suggested that Larry Edland would be a good candidate to fill in behind Mike. Larry indicated that he would be interested in attending a meeting prior to accepting an interim nomination. CJ Heidt indicated that a second nominee may not be required due to the fact that it was only an interim nomination. Bruce Seelig moved to recommend to the governor that Larry Edland fill the interim Board position. Motion carried.

Registration Committee: no report. Group was unsure if any new registrars were accepted in 2008.

Public Relations Committee: no report.

Events Committee: no report. A short discussion on a possible Soil & Water Science summit taking place in calendar year 2009 followed.

Website Committee: no report. Minutes were posted on the website and a couple updates and improvements were made in 2008.

Reclamation Committee: no report.

Annual Meeting Committee: Perry Sullivan reported that he and Todd Solem worked to put together the annual meeting in association with SWCS.

Fred Aziz moved to accept Committee Reports, seconded by Ron Luethe

PSC Exam and Self Study – Reported on by Perry Sullivan

The testing fees were reviewed. Current applicant fees were evaluated by Board of Registration. Changes were made for 2007, and reviewed again in 2008. Application fee is set at \$50 each. The CSSE fee is \$125. Examination and Proctor fees are waived. First year for practicing registrant is set at \$50. First year for out of state registrant is set at \$100. Annual registration fee for Classifier-in-training certification is set at \$25. Non-practicing fee is \$20. Perry Sullivan read the fees that were associated with examination. Lance Loken questioned the agronomic academic requirements of ARCPACS certification. CJ Heidt and Bruce Seelig clarified that they were administered by the Council for Soil Science Examination. Bruce Seelig also clarified the importance of the board going with ARCPACS certification as the test translates to other state certifications.

Unfinished business:

Smithsonian exhibit: a DVD was produced to promote the exhibit. SWCS approached PSCAND regarding splitting the cost of the DVD in return for a copy. The cost is \$100. Lance Loken motioned to accept request from SWCS, seconded by Fred Aziz.

Perry Sullivan announced that the Soil Health Cards have been completed. They are good education tools. Members can contact Kristin Brennan who has access to the cards through the Department of Health.

Photo Library Report – CJ Heidt, Earnie Jensen and Mike Ulmer have copies. CJ Heidt recommended that experienced members review the library to identify profile pictures.

Perry Sullivan has PSCAND T-shirt inventory and no sales were reported in 2008.

Soil Recognized by Senate - Keith Anderson reported on US Senate resolution passed unanimously to recognize soil as an essential natural resource and the soil professionals as playing a critical role in managing our nation's soil resources.

Election of officers: 2009 nominees were announced. Motion for nominations to cease by Todd Solem, second by Ron Luethe. Results:

President Elect: Wade Bott

Vice President: John Kempenich

Secretary/Treasurer: Keith Anderson

President-elect Ron Luethe assumed the duties of president.

Motion to adjourn by Lance Loken at 5:25 PM, seconded by Ron Luethe