



**professional soil classifiers association
north dakota**

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TO: Members, Professional Soil Classifiers Association of North Dakota (PSCAND)

FROM: Cheryl Feigum
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Dear Members:

The PSCAND annual business meeting was held on August 10, 2005 at the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, Jamestown, ND. The meeting minutes from the 2005-2006 Annual Meeting are attached to this document and can be found on the PSCAND website. The PSCAND officers elected and serving for the 2005-2006 year are:

President	Larry Edland
President Elect	Joe Brennan
Past President	Alan Gulsvig
Vice President	Manuel Matos
Secretary-Treasurer	Cheryl Feigum (2 nd year of two-year position)

The PSCAND Board in February 2005 reviewed the membership applications submitted by Lance Duey, Manuel Matos, Perry Sullivan and Melisa Toepke-Peterson. Congratulations and we welcome all of you as members of PSCAND!

To date, there are 47 members listed on the PSCAND website. For 2004-2005, 28 members paid their \$20 membership dues. For 2005-2006, 13 members have paid their membership dues. The dues for the year 2005-2006 have been set at \$20 payable to PSCAND. Dues should be sent to the PSCAND Secretary-Treasurer (Cheryl Feigum). Please check the PSCAND website to check if you have paid your dues at: <http://www.soilsci.ndsu.nodak.edu/soilclassifiers/pscand.htm>

Please review the committee memberships on the website. The 2005-2006 PSCAND Board meeting will be held in December 2005 and new committee memberships will be assigned. Please check the website for updated information regarding committees, meeting minutes, updated membership lists, activities, etc.

Sincerely,

Cheryl D. Feigum
PSCAND Secretary-Treasurer



PSCAND ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
USGS NORTHERN PRAIRIE WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER
JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA
AUGUST 10, 2005

President Alan Gulsvig called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last annual meeting of October 29, 2004 were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report from October 29, 2004 to August 10, 2005 was read by Secretary-Treasurer Cheryl Feigum and approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Alan Gulsvig asked if the PSCAND books have been audited. Mike Ulmer reported that this has not been done and he will get the information from Cheryl Feigum. Feigum needs to find the dollar value of the CD at US Bank.

By-Laws Committee: CJ Heidt reported no changes in by-laws at this time.

Ethics Committee: No activity – no report.

Membership Committee: Larry Edland reported. The PSCAND had 28 paid members for the 2004-2005 year. There were four new members accepted into PSCAND which included Lance Duey, Manuel Matos, Perry Sullivan and Melisa Toepke-Peterson. Questions were asked about the exams required and the dates exams would be offered for licensure as a Professional Soil Classifier (PSC). North Dakota will offer an exam in Spring 2006. The PSCAND/PSC website identifies practicing/non-practicing PSCs at <http://www.soilsci.ndsu.nodak.edu/soilclassifiers/pscand.htm>

Nominations Committee: CJ Heidt presented the following nominees for the 2005-2006 PSCAND Board:

President Elect – Joe Brennan, Ron Luethe
Vice President – John Kempenich, Manuel Matos
Secretary-Treasurer – Cheryl Feigum (will serve second year of two year term)

The PSCAND membership present at the meeting voted and elected Joe Brennan as President Elect and Manuel Matos as Vice President.

Registration Committee: No activity – no report.



Public Relations Committee:

- 1) Paul Benedict reported that he has not checked the funding website. Keith Anderson checked the website in April 2005 and North Dakota had committed \$550. It was suggested to contact companies for funding by each PSCAND member. Alan Gulsvig talked with Gary Puppe (Association of Conservation Districts) and they will not be able to contribute this year. Keith Anderson agreed to talk to Amity about funding. It was suggested to talk with the SWCS, NDSU and other companies about funding.
- 2) No activity – no report.
- 3) Larry Edland talked with Ron Luethe and he will take photos at NRCS sample sites this fall (2005). There will be no cost to PSCAND for the monoliths, etc. They will have banners ready for next year events. Banners can be printed at NDSU for \$20.
- 4) Keith Anderson showed the PSCAND poster with a picture of Devils Lake. There has been some criticism of the photo, but it was agreed to leave the photo on the banner. Anderson spent \$20 to have it printed and submitted a receipt to the Secretary-Treasurer for reimbursement. Anderson asked that the reimbursement be put into the PSCAND Scholarship Fund rather than given directly to him.
- 5) No activity – no report.

Joint or Special Committees:

- 1) North Central Work Planning Conference Committee: See discussion in “Old Business” section below.
- 2) Reclamation and Siting Committee: No report.
- 3) Annual Meeting Committee: No report.

Old Business:

Smithsonian Exhibit: Paul Benedict reported that a lot of states do not have trouble getting funding from companies, however North Dakota stood out since their funding totals only \$550. A total of \$10,000 is requested. Need a commitment from the PSCAND membership to visit companies, individuals, agencies, associations, etc and ask for money for the exhibit. There is a letter, written by Keith Anderson, on the website that is a template to use when asking for funding. Larry Edland commented that the initial cost is for set-up and that there is an additional cost for maintenance. Paul Benedict commented that state agencies are not likely to contribute funds for the exhibit. Todd Solem suggested PSCAND use the CD money to contribute \$1,000 to the North Dakota Smithsonian Fund. Moved by Fred Aziz to contribute \$1,000 from the PSCAND CD money to the North Dakota Smithsonian Fund. Seconded by Keith Anderson. Motion carried. Cheryl Feigum will cash the CD and send the contribution to the Fund.



New Business:

PSCAND Scholarship Funding for NDSU: Alan Gulsvig reported that the PSCAND Scholarship is still on the NDSU books but PSCAND has not sent money. The scholarship is in memory of Hollis Ommit and is worth \$250. Alan Gulsvig commented that \$250 is a small amount and perhaps it should be increased to \$500. Todd Solem asked who picks the scholarship recipient... Jackie Henderson replied that the scholarship is available for a Junior or Senior every other year. Moved by Jackie Henderson to increase the scholarship to \$500 starting in 2006 and ask the membership to contribute to the scholarship fund. Seconded by Melisa Toepke-Peterson. Motion carried.

Planning for the 2006 Signature Event: Larry Edland reported that he visited with Todd Hagle we will have a booth in New Town. Todd Hagle requested that a letter be provided explaining what will be in the booth by November 2005. Included in the display:

- 1) Monoliths: The two monolith sites will be sampled in September 2005. Ron Luethe and Mike Ulmer will be present at the sampling sites. CJ Heidt has built the frames for the monoliths and he just needs the soil to complete them. Alan Gulsvig reported that the monolith construction will be part of the NRCS training this fall. Larry Edland commented that the sampling sites are open to anyone who wants to participate. Edlund will send the sample site information to Cheryl Feigum who will post it on the PSCAND/PSC website. Paul Benedict reported that this sampling is funded by the NRCS.
- 2) Other “stuff” in the booth: Photos, banners, posters, t-shirts. Larry Edland asked for a special committee to be formed to plan the display booth. Keith Anderson requested a “more professional” shirt for members to wear and sell.
- 3) PR Committee: Committees need to be committed to follow through on activities. The event is in August 2006. Mike Ulmer reported that Ron Luethe agreed to be the lead person for the monoliths and pamphlets. Jackie Henderson asked if the four signature soils will be on one banner... Larry Edland replied “yes” and asked about the cost of the banner, pamphlet, brochures, etc. Paul Benedict replied that the NRCS would support the cost. Fred Aziz said that SWCS may help sponsor the cost.
- 4) T-shirts: Alan Gulsvig received an email from Illinois that had t-shirts with a soil symbol. Jackie Henderson suggested a historic seal on t-shirts. Larry Edland suggested a t-shirt with four soil profiles on it. CJ Heidt asked if we could sell t-shirts at the Northern Plains Work Conference and the North-Central Conference. CJ Heidt asked if we could sell t-shirts at the event since we are a non-profit association.
- 5) Dates of Event: Keith Anderson requested clarification on the dates at New Town. The date of the Work Planning Conference in Medora, ND is 25-30 June, 2006.



North-Central Planning Conference: CJ Heidt reported that the local soil association usually handles the registration and fees, has a booth with information and sponsors an open house (cost is covered by the registration fees). The PSCAND membership needs to take an active role and follow through on this event. Paul Benedict reported that the NRCS provides \$5,000 for the meeting with a \$75 fee that includes field trips, bus, meals, etc. A \$5 fee could be added to the \$75 as a contribution to PSCAND for a total registration fee of \$80. Jackie Henderson asked how many people would attend the meeting... Paul Benedict and CJ Heidt replied that approximately 70 to 10 people generally attend the meeting. Paul Benedict said that the steering committee for the meeting has six members who set the agenda, speakers and publish a Proceedings. The bulk of the detail work would need to be completed by the PSCAND membership, e.g. brochures, host for open houses, website details, moderators, logistics, tour host, refreshments, collect registration money, pay billsetc. The Civic Center in Medora has been reserved and there are 100 rooms reserved at \$65/night. Alan Gulsvig commented that we need a commitment to follow through on this event and that a Board/Steering committee should be formed to specifically address this event and make recommendations. Moved by Melisa Toepke-Peterson to go forward with participating in the North-Central Planning Process if a Steering Committee determines it will be financially feasible. Motion recanted by Melisa Toepke-Peterson. Moved by Keith Anderson that PSCAND have a presence at the North Central Planning Conference and our role will be determined by the PSCAND Steering Committee. Paul Benedict suggested contacting the Indiana Soil Association to find out their list of logistics and planning needs. Seconded by Melisa Toepke-Peterson. Motion carried.

Life Membership for PSCAND: Alan Gulsvig requested that PSCAND Life Memberships be presented to Ken Thompson and Don Patterson in honor of their years of involvement in the PSCAND and the PSC. Moved by Mike Ulmer to give Life Memberships to Ken Thompson and Don Patterson. Seconded by Fred Aziz. Motion carried. Larry Edland will present the Life Memberships at the next meeting.

Funding for Dr. Hopkins: This is an open motion from the 2004-2005 PSCAND Annual Meeting. The funding will be sent to Dr. Hopkins in Fall 2005.

Big Iron, Fargo, ND: Keith Anderson reported that Big Iron is scheduled for the week after Labor Day at the West Fargo Fairgrounds. He welcomes help from the PSCAND membership with set-up on Tuesday or assisting at the exhibit through Thursday. Last year Joe Brennan provided information on digitizing of the soil surveys. This year information will be provided on soil health. Cass County SWCD pays for the entire event.

Friends of the Pleistocene: Mike Ulmer reported this meeting will be in the Minot area in June 2006. PSCAND may want to set up display booth for PSCAND and sell t-shirts at this event. CJ Heidt suggested getting on a mailing list for the event.



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PSC Board News: Mike Ulmer reported that two people inquired about taking the PSC exam. One person took the exam but did not pass. The governor of ND requested recommendations for a lay person for the PSC Board. Fred Aziz and CJ Heidt will give Mike Ulmer some recommendations to pass on to the governor.

Thanks from Cal Thorson: Cal Thorson thanked the PSCAND membership, on behalf of the ND SWCS, for attending and helping to sponsor the joint meeting of the SWSC and PSCAND. Thorson reported that there were no expenses for the meeting. The SWSC will hold their next annual meeting on January 10, 2005 in Minot, ND. No program has been set and the SWSC is receptive to another joint meeting. Alan Gulsvig replied that PSCAND will assign this request to the Meeting Committee for discussion.

Other: Other new business included:

- 1) CJ Heidt requested that Mike Ulmer's presentation at this meeting be posted on the PSCAND/PSC website. Cheryl Feigum will contact Mike Ulmer for his presentation.
- 2) Joe Brennan and Manuel Matos agreed to create a new updated design for PSCAND. The design(s) will be provided to Cheryl Feigum who will post them on the PSCAND/PSC website for membership preview and comments.

Election: The following nominees were presented to the membership.

President Elect – Joe Brennan, Ron Luethe

Vice President – John Kempenich, Manuel Matos

Secretary-Treasurer – Cheryl Feigum (will serve second year of two year term)

The membership used paper ballots to vote for the President Elect and Vice President. Alan Gulsvig read the results of the vote – Joe Brennan elected as President Elect and Manuel Matos elected as Vice President.

Alan Gulsvig presented Larry Edland as the President of the PSCAND for the 2005-2006 year.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl D. Feigum