

MEETING MINUTES – PSCAND GRANDFORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

August 20, 2003

Meeting was called to order by President Keith Anderson.

Minutes of the last Annual meeting of January 18, 2002 were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report from October 10, 2002 to August 20, 2003 was read by treasurer Norman Prochnow and approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Darrell VanderBusch reported that the Association Books are in Order.

Bylaws Committee: CJ Heidt reported no changes in the bylaws at this time.

Ethics Committee: No activity – no report.

Membership Committee: Heidt reported. Membership trends were discussed and the Association Board reviewed and updated membership categories assigned to association members.

Registration Committee: Mike Ulmer reported about concerns with ND Department of Health not requiring septic siting by Professional Soil Classifiers. Discussion followed on law regarding Professional Soil Classifiers.

Public Relations Committee:

1. Keith Anderson reported that the annual newsletter was not published.
2. Mike Ulmer reported on Mott as the soil of the year in North Dakota and displayed the poster developed. Discussion centered around how the posters were used and positive feedback was received. Ulmer has a list of who has received the posters. Mike indicated he would like someone else to take over this project. Discussion centered on assigning it to the Public Relations Committee – Seelig urged that an individual be accountable for this activity. After discussing costs, it was moved by Aziz, seconded by VanderBusch that \$150.00 for each 2003 and 2004 posters for the State Soil be funded by the Association. Motion carried.
3. Ulmer reported that the State Geologist Organization appeared not to be interested in affiliating with the Professional Soil Classifiers for

- registration and licensing. Discussion arose on who will monitor state legislation that will impact the Professional Soil Classifiers.
4. Seelig reported on web page development. Dave Hopkins is working on the site with student help. A continuous change in students makes the effort more time consuming. An effort is being made to get the site up and running in a year. No plans to provide additional funding at this time.
 5. No report or activity into developing a soils course for Certified Crop Consultants taught by Soil Classifiers was given. It was suggested to carry this activity over.
 6. It was reported that a letter was not prepared for Board Signature concerning OSM guidelines.

Annual Meeting Committee: Keith Anderson thanked everyone for their help with the Salinity Tour. No suggestions have been made for next years Annual Meeting.

Nomination Committee: Seelig provided the following candidates for office.

President Elect: Alan Gulsvig
Todd Solem

Vice President: Cheryl Feigum
Darrell VanderBusch

Nominees to the State Board of Registration: Darrell VanderBusch
Hal Weiser

Old Business:

1. Keith Anderson reported on the soil pit for Big Iron on 9/10-11/2003 at the West Fargo Fairgrounds. Keith asked for assistance. CJ Heidt indicated a desire to use the pit if it could be kept open for the Mollisol Tour on September 15th. Keith will check on access to the soil pit.

New Business:

1. Licensing Exam. Ulmer and Seelig reported on the Counsel of Soil Scientist Examiners Test recognized by large groups of professionals. Annual Cost was \$2000 for this exam. Board is continuing to look into this concern.
2. Incorrect Use of Soil Surveys. Irrigating Soils in the Devils Lake Basin raised this concern. Concern is that Soil Surveys are being interpreted by individuals that are not registered soil classifiers and are treated as equal to Professional Soil Classifiers. Also using existing information may also be information gathered by others and interpreted. It was also

stated that large Engineering Firms by pass law for Soil Classifiers. Question was raised Should we be policing this practice of wrongly using information for pay? Ulmer stated that the State Board is having this difficulty and is writing the ND Attorney General for understanding. Using existing information poorly and getting paid. How can this be addressed?

3. It was noted that 2 names will need to be submitted to the Governor for Ken Thompson's position on the Board.
4. Smithsonian Display: SSSA is working with the Smithsonian to plan a soils exhibit as part of their Global Links/Forces of Change exhibit. They are seeking a state soil monolith and support of \$10,000.00 for this effort. Keith Anderson volunteered to serve as a state liaison to the Smithsonian. Dave Hopkins was mentioned as University Representative. Jay Mar should be approach for possible RC&D help. Norman Prochnow was also appointed to this committee.
5. Keith Anderson gave a report on the United States Consortium of Soil Science Associations (USCSSA) of which our Association is a Member. This Consortium is envisioned to be a New Framework for Communications and Networking on Soil Science Concerns. Keith cited the need for a list of register Professional Soil Classifiers registered with the State of North Dakota to include in the Web site currently being developed.
6. CD Maturity: It was decided that the Association Board provide guidance on CD extension.
7. Caps and T-Shirts: Moved by VanderBusch that Association have caps and t-shirts on hand. Seconded by Aziz. It was discussed and decided on 10 each. Motion Carried.
8. Election Results presented were:
President Elect: Alan Gulsvig

Vice President: Cheryl Feigum

Nominees to the State Board of Registration:

1st Nominee Hal Weiser

2nd Nominee Darrell VanderBusch

Moved by VanderBusch and seconded by Gulsvig to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman D. Prochnow