

PAPSS 2002 Annual Business Meeting
Friday December 13, 2002
Dauphin County Agricultural Center
Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin
Prepared by Nancy Sansoni

President Tim Craul called the 2002 PAPSS Annual Business Meeting to order at 9:40 am.

2001 Annual Meeting Minutes Review

The November 9, 2001 Annual Business Meeting Minutes prepared by Nancy Sansoni was distributed for review. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ed White, seconded by Darryl Fritz, and passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

An Annual Treasurer's Report prepared by Bruce Willman was distributed for review. The report included the current budget status and the proposed 2003 budget. Tim Craul mentioned that the summer technical session did very well. Ed White stated that the latest Pennsoils costs were not submitted yet. Bruce Willman replied that several outstanding expenses are listed in the last paragraph of the report. A motion was made by Leonard Tritt to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by John Chibirka, which passed by unanimous vote.

Bruce Willman then made a motion to maintain the current membership fee structure for year 2003 ((\$25 Professional, \$20 Apprentice/Associate, \$10 Students, \$5 late fee). Motion was seconded by John Chibirka, and passed by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Constitution and Bylaws- Bruce Willman initiated discussion on the proposed bylaw changes. Bruce stated that many applications are received that stretches the definitions of core soil course. He indicated that better definitions are necessary to be consistent with Soil Science Society of America (SSA). The proposed bylaws changes were sent to all members with the 2003 Annual Meeting Announcement. After a thirty-day review period, a subsequent mailing will be sent with voting ballots. Tim Craul added that the proposed bylaw change would assist board members in application reviews. Mike Farbotnik questioned whether pre-graduate work is taken into consideration during review of applications. Tim Craul responded that if 15 credits in soils were completed first, and then the applicant worked full time, and then received a master's degree, both the basic and graduate school time will be counted as work experience. However, work experience does not count until 15 undergraduate soil credits are complete. Bruce added that the bylaws define experience as post-academic. Referring to the proposed bylaw changes, Leonard Tritt mentioned that Soil Genesis and Pedology can be interpreted as either a soils or geology course. The courses should be clarified to avoid misinterpretation. Bruce replied that the proposed changes were taken verbatim from the SSA definitions, and any member can submit suggestions to the board for consideration. John Chibirka stated that he is often asked why the PAPSS professional membership

requirement of 5 years experience is so rigid. PAPSS previously required only 2 years experience. Bruce responded that PAPSS needs to maintain consistency with the ARPACS experience requirements, since PAPSS does not have a registration program of their own.

Program Committee- Tim Craul reported on this year's Urban Soils and Hydropedology programs. Next year, he hopes to develop a program on storm-water dealing with runoff, infiltration rates, and soil properties. The topic of storm-water is pertinent to developing urban/rural areas and existing urban areas. He proposes to engage a soils professional, engineer and hydrogeologist as presenters of the program. Joe Valentine added that the Villanova University Engineering Department has an annual symposium on storm-water. He suggests that PAPSS get included in the symposium and registered on their mailing list. Walter Grube and Russ Losco provided brief examples of sites in their area with problems or potential problems with storm-water. Both agreed that a storm-water symposium including soil scientists is necessary. Bruce Willman stated that PAPSS should disseminate information and should not be involved with storm-water counseling or recommendations. Ross Wolford agreed that information pertaining to soils in storm-water management is lacking, and most engineers need to incorporate it into their approach. Joe Valentine mentioned that Bruce Willman previously presented a "Best Management Practices" PowerPoint presentation to Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, which was well attended by municipal officials. However, municipal engineers were low in attendance. Joe expressed that PAPSS should put more emphasis into these types of meetings that disseminate information. Bruce offered the PowerPoint presentation to any member that can use it. At the conclusion of discussion, Lester Rothermel motioned to accept the program committee report, seconded by Leonard Tritt, approved unanimous vote.

Scholarship Committee- Tim Craul announced that Melissa Lehman was this year's scholarship winner, and she was in attendance at the Urban Soils summer technical session. PAPSS had three applicants this year. Tim intends to send out the notices for scholarship in the same manner next year. John Chibirka discussed releasing the scholarship information in the spring, opening it up to other disciplines, and contacting other schools (other than Penn State and DeVal). He feels that we need more exposure to get more applicants. He would like PAPSS to be linked to State Schools of Higher Education websites. Tim offered to get in touch with scholarship offices in colleges. Ed White proposed that PAPSS consider giving scholarships to students taking a soils class, not exclusively to students in soil science program.

Editorial Committee- Ed White reported that two issues of the Pennsoils newsletters were prepared and distributed this year. Ed requested that if anyone has ideas how to get more information in the newsletter, to please contact him. Bruce Willman recommended that we get designated reporters in each region to assist Ed in collecting information for Pennsoils.

Legislative Committee- Mark Mills summarized the Hazleton State Soil Bill history. The Bill died in committee during the recent 2-year session. A new session starts in January.

The Bill was unsuccessful because PAPSS members did not provide enough support. Ed White and Bruce Willman suggested that we solicit the assistance of one or more school groups to get the Bill through. Garland Lipscomb offered that he has some ideas to discuss with the Legislative Committee on how to get the Bill passed. He stated that he would contact Mark Mills to discuss further. Ed White offered to contact the Pennsylvania State Teachers Association to look for help from any schools wanting to become involved. John Chibirka pointed out that schools participating in the Globe Program might be supportive. Mark Mills reiterated that the Bill couldn't be passed unless PAPSS members become involved and provide full support. Mark suggested taking a vote of the members present to see if there is sufficient interest. Nancy Sansoni stated that the full membership should be polled to see if sufficient interest in supporting the Bill is present. Nancy Sansoni made a motion to mail out a ballot to all members to inquire whether members want to pursue the Hazleton Bill for the next committee session. Mike Farbotnik seconded motion. Half of the members present voted for the mailing, and half voted against. Tim Craul then cast his vote to proceed with the ballot mailing.

Fundraising Committee- Joe Valentine reported that no fundraising was conducted this year as a result of profitable programs and sufficient budget. He proposed a fundraising event to sell numbers. He knows of an organization that made \$3,000 profit using this method. He also proposed a golf tournament in the fall. Joe Valentine and Ed White intend to discuss the tournament at a later date.

Sewage Advisory Committee (SAC)- Joe Valentine reported that two SAC meetings were held this year in March and November. SAC recommended that the DEP Sewage Disposal System Alternate and Experimental list be re-instated. In regards to the A/B sewage system technology, SAC researched and proposed two other mechanical treatment methods other than the re-circulating sand filter. Any changes by DEP will require posting in the Pennsylvania Bulletin before approval. SAC also reviewed and discussed an "F-Tech" protocol system of identifying and monitoring experimental systems. F-Tech methods require a submission with proposal for monitoring, data evaluation etc. prior to installing an experimental system. As of yet, the F-Tech protocol has not been accepted by DEP. Joe Valentine also mentioned that an Engineer on SAC is disputing the term "Qualified Soil Scientist" in the DEP guidance, since there is no certification of Soil Scientists in Pennsylvania. A brief discussion regarding "Board Certification" by PAPSS and the State of Indiana's approach to certification followed.

Nomination Committee- Darryl Fritz conducted the nomination and voting activities. Lew Auchmoody and Bruce Willman completed their terms, leaving these two board positions vacant. In addition to previously nominated members, a request for additional nominations was open to the floor. No new nominations were presented. Joe Valentine made motion to close the nominations, seconded by Russ Losco and passed by unanimous vote. The ballot vote for the two board positions resulted in majority votes for Bruce Willman and a tie between Jake Eckenrode and Larry Hepner. A second ballot was cast, resulting in more votes for Larry Hepner. The 2003 Board members are as follows: Tim Craul, Mark Mills, John Hudak, Bruce Willman, Nancy Sansoni, Larry Hepner, and

Darryl Fritz. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer followed. A motion to nominate Bruce Willman for president made by John Hudak, seconded by Joe Valentine, passed by unanimous vote. A motion to nominate Tim Craul as Vice President made by Leonard Tritt, seconded by Joe Valentine, passed by unanimous vote. A motion to nominate Nancy Sansoni as Secretary made by Mark Mills, seconded by Russ Losco, passed by unanimous vote. A motion to nominate John Hudak as Treasurer was made by John Chibirka, seconded by Nancy Sansoni. A motion to nominate Darryl Fritz as Treasurer was made by John Hudak, seconded by Tim Craul. John Hudak was received majority ballot vote for the Treasurer position.

The 2003 PAPSS Board is as follows:

President- Bruce Willman (03-05)

Vice President- Tim Craul (02-04)

Secretary- Nancy Sansoni (01-03)

Treasurer- John Hudak (02-04)

Board Members-Darryl Fritz (01-03)

Mark Mills (01-03)

Lawrence Hepner (02-04)

New Business

John Chibirka motioned to generate a Website Committee that will produce reports on hits received on the website, educators reached, and demographics. He stated that the website has been in existence for 2 years and members should be informed who is being reached by the website. Joe Valentine proposed that the Secretary be the web administrator or may delegate the task while retaining responsibility. John Chibirka indicated that the website needs to be maintained. Tim Craul indicated that forming a committee will require bylaw changes, he recommends a website subcommittee of the Editorial committee be formed. John Chibirka amended his original motion to create a subcommittee of the editorial committee, for which it is the responsibility of the President to assign a chairperson/webmaster. The subcommittee will be charged with generating a report at the annual meeting on website updates, current activities, financial matters, number of hits, demographics, customers served, contacted educators, and schools reached. Joe Valentine seconded the motion, approved by unanimous vote.

Joe Valentine mentioned of paper presented at the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) meeting in Indiana this year on the demise of soil science. Ed White provided information on the upcoming 2006 American Society of Agronomy meeting in Philadelphia. The Society is looking for ideas for field trips. Joe Valentine offered that this would be a great opportunity for PAPSS and he suggests that the Penn State soil archive be brought down closer to Philadelphia and incorporated into a PAPSS sponsored field trip. Ed White discussed the proposed Smithsonian soil display. A concept display has been developed, but more ideas and \$1-3 million funding are requested. Ed White also indicated that the Pennsylvania standards for environmental education for grades K-12 were recently passed, and a copy was distributed.

Russ Losco questioned whether licensing or board certification through PAPSS is viable. Tim Craul responded that this would require bylaw changes, as well as changes to the mission statement. Joe Valentine offered that if anyone is interested in spearheading this task, they are encouraged to do so. Mark Mills suggested a workshop with soil scientists from other states that have implemented certification or licensing. Bruce Willman offered that the US Consortium of Soil Scientists have a wealth of information on what other states have done to implement licensing. John Chibirka noted that his research into PAPSS history shows that the very first motion made was to form an organization committee to seek licensing. Since that time, more than 8 motions have been made to form subcommittee's etc. for certification or licensing. He proposes that PAPSS have a technical session strictly on the licensing issue and invite success stories from other states. John cautions that this issue will require major effort and funding.

Leonard Tritt made motion to adopt a resolution recognizing the hard work of the 2003 Board. Motion seconded by Leonard Tritt, passed by unanimous vote.

Greetings from the New President

Bruce Willman provided a brief acceptance speech and indicated that he looks to get committee's involvement this year.

The Business meeting adjourned 12:00pm.

Post Annual Business Meeting Board Meeting:

Three applications were reviewed, but were not copied and distributed to Board Members. Michael Lane was approved as an apprentice member, Joseph Corona was approved as a Professional member, and Brendan O'Boyle approved as Associate member.

Ballot Vote for PAPSS 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes

Member Name: _____

- I vote to accept the PAPSS 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes without modification.
- I vote to accept the PAPSS 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes with the following revisions:
- I vote to not accept the PAPSS 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes.

**RETURN YOUR VOTE AT THE SUMMER TECHNICAL
SESSION OR BY MAIL TO:
BRUCE WILLMAN
PAPSS PRESIDENT
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