

## Ohio Soil Scientist Steering Committee Meeting

The steering committee for the soil scientists organization met on Wednesday, January 29 at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow in Columbus.

In general discussion it was decided the first order of business should be to elect an executive committee.

Nominations were opened for Chairman. Cecil Flesher and Joe Steiger were nominated. Dick Christman moved to close nominations. Bob Roseler seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cecil Flesher was elected by a hand vote.

Nominations were opened for Vice Chairman. Bob Roseler was nominated. George Hall moved to close nominations. Dick Christman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bob Roseler was elected.

Nominations were opened for Secretary. Jon Gerken was nominated. Joe Steiger moved the vote be unanimous. Dick Christman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joe Steiger moved George Hall as Editor. Motion was seconded and passed.

Joe Steiger suggested that we have our ideas on a constitution and by-laws to the other soil scientists by July for their comments.

Cecil suggested we send our ideas to him so he could consolidate them and send them back to us before our next meeting.

Joe invited us to hold our meeting in Bucyrus. A date for our meeting was discussed and set for March 27 at 9:30 AM.

Cecil suggested we send our ideas for constitution and by-laws to him by March 1.

Cecil suggested we send a position statement to the executive committee of SCSA to advise them of our intentions and goals for forming a state-wide soil scientists' organization.

Open discussion was held on lobbying; if it is needed and how it might affect the organization and its attempt to attain non-profit status. Dick Christman volunteered to see if he could find out anything about the legal aspects of forming an organization with the state to gain non-profit status.

Open discussion was held on membership and who would be allowed to join the organization. Joe suggested we maintain very loose membership requirements and that anyone interested in the field be allowed to be a member.

Various names were discussed and the connotations which they might carry with them.

A time-table was discussed to get our ideas presented to all interested people. It was suggested, with several agreeing that we put an initial draft together by March, firm it up at our March meeting, send it to other interested people by July, have a state-wide meeting to discuss it in July, have a meeting in the fall to incorporate suggestions of others and have a final format ready to present at a state-wide meeting in December.

Dues were discussed and items were brought up that would need to be purchased with money from dues. Joe suggested we work out a proposed budget for 1976 and use this to estimate what we would need to take in from membership dues.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon Gerken