



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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TO: Jim Bauder Bob Roseler
 Cecil Flesher Joe Steiger
 Jon Gerken Dwain Waters
 Lyle Jones

FROM: George Hall

Thanks to each of you for volunteering to help in the organization phase of a state association of soil scientists. From your very positive response, I assume that each of you feel the need for some type of state organization. One of the long range goals of such a group is the promotion of a bill in the State Legislature for registration of soil scientists. This action is, I suspect, a few years down the road; however, a goal that I think just as important in this type of non-job oriented organization will be to improve communication among soil scientists and increased professionalism in the group.

As Cecil pointed out at the soil scientists meeting two weeks ago, time is slipping by, so why don't we get moving. I therefore propose the following tight schedule. Get inputs from other states and personnel around the state in the next three weeks. Then have an organization meeting immediately following the SCSA meetings. This meeting will include all interested soil scientists and not just this committee. We have scheduled a meeting in Rooms 551-553 of Scotts Inn at 1:30 p.m. on January 14 for this purpose. This has been cleared with the Federation which will be meeting at the same time. If we are well organized, I believe we can complete our business in 1½ to 2 hours and you can all be home by supper.

At this meeting I believe we should do a minimum of the following:

- 1) Present an outline of an organization charter and/or by-laws.
- 2) Elect officers who, along with this committee, would be responsible for finalizing the organizational process.
- 3) Have open discussion concerning
 - (a) Membership
 - (b) Dues
 - (c) Goals
 - (d) Meeting dates

These are only suggestions on my part and each of you will probably think of others to add. I would appreciate any comments you have before the meeting and would encourage each of you to discuss this with your fellow workers. In order to unify the thinking of this organizational committee, I suggest we meet after the SCSA Banquet on Monday evening. I might say that if any of you are unable to attend the SCSA meetings, I would still like to have you serve on this committee and send your comments to me or other members of the committee. Or you may want one of your working associates to represent you at this meeting.

In order to profit from the experience of other states, I have written to people I know in Iowa, Maryland and Wisconsin to find out about charter, dues, membership, etc. I suggest that each of you write to the following states to obtain similar background information.

Cecil	-	Indiana
Jim	-	Maine
Jon	-	South Carolina
Bob	-	North Dakota
Dwain	-	South Dakota
Lyle	-	Arkansas
Joe	-	Minnesota

If you have a good contact in another state not already mentioned, go ahead and get information. If you are able to get the information by the SCSA meeting, I would like to have you give a brief (5 minutes) report at the Tuesday, January 14 meeting. If you cannot get the information by that time, don't be disturbed, we will need it for writing a charter and by-laws, setting dues, and general guidance.

If you have questions or comments that shouldn't wait until our meeting, please write or call me at (614) 422-2001. I plan to be on leave December 27 through January 1.

Best wishes for the happiest of holiday seasons.

Sincerely,

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