

Soil Scientist's Organizational Meeting
Scott's Inn, Columbus, Ohio
January 14, 1975

The organizational meeting was opened by a panel discussion. The panel was made up of Jim Bauder, Bob Roseler, Dwain Waters, Lyle Jones, George Hall, Cecil Flesher, Joe Steiger and Jon Gerken. The panel had solicited information from other states who have either a state organization of soil classifiers or a state registration of soil classifiers or both.

Membership was the first topic discussed by the panel. Minnesota's organization presently has 35 practicing soil scientists in its organization and has a potential of about 50 members.

The objectives and membership qualifications for Iowa's organization were read:

Objectives (Iowa)

- a. promote the wise utilization of soils as a natural resource
- b. promote the public welfare by encouraging all qualified soil classifiers to register
- c. advance the professional interests of the Professional Soil Classifier
- d. advance and protect the interest of the soil classifier-in-training
- e. promote high standards of education in soil science
- f. enhance public appreciation of the profession
- g. establish high standards of ethical conduct in all professional matters

Membership Qualifications (Iowa)

- a. Member shall be one who meets following qualifications
 - (1) Minimum Civil Service requirements for Soil Scientist
 - (2) Minimum of 3 years experience in soil mapping and for soil classification
- b. Associate Member shall meet all requirements of a member except for 3 years of experience
- c. Student Member shall be any undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a Soil Science curriculum approved by the Executive Council
- d. Honorary Member shall be one whom the Organization desires to honor because of outstanding contribution to the profession, state or nation
- e. Affiliate Member shall be one who does not qualify under a,b,c, or d but who desires to participate in the advancement of the profession

Other states contacted either had no state organization or had not yet returned comments.

Discussion was opened to the entire group. Comments were discussed concerning the need and desires of state organization and registration in Ohio and a name for the organization.

Norb Lerch moved a steering committee be organized to lay groundwork for a state-wide organization. The motion was seconded by Niles McLoda.

Jon Gerken moved to amend the motion that the steering committee be elected by the group present. Two members would be elected from nominations of Division of Lands and Soils personnel, two from nominations of Soil Conservation Service personnel, one from OSU personnel, and one from soil scientists outside the first three categories. A seventh member would be elected by taking the largest vote recipient in all categories after the original 6 members were selected. The amendment was seconded by Norb Lerch.

The amendment passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

Nominations - DLS

Dick Christman, Jim Kerr, Dwain Waters, Ken Olsen, Lyle Jones
Larry Porter moved to close nominations, seconded by Mike Plunkett. Motion passed.

Nominations - SCS

Cecil Flesher, Joe Steiger, Norb Lerch, Bob Parkinson, Jon Gerken
Don Urban moved to close nominations, seconded by Ji, Bauder. Motion passed.

Nominations - OSU

George Hall, Neil Smeck, Larry Wilding
Jim Bauder moved to close nominations, seconded by Nile McLoda. Motion Passed.

Nominations - others

Bob Roseler, Jim Bauder, John Thatcher, Art Hock, Don Pavolny
Niles McLoda moved to close nominations, seconded by Jim Bauder. Motion passed.

Open discussion was held on possible meeting dates for the organization and for the steering committee while the ballots were counted.

Election Results

DLS - Lyle Jones, Dick Christman
SCS - Joe Steiger, Jon Gerken
OSU - George Hall
Others - Bob Roseler
At large - Cecil Flesher

Open discussion was held on a name for the organization. Don Urban submitted suggestions of Ohio Pedologist Society or Ohio Pedologist Association

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Gerken