

Ohio Pedologist

President's Message

Dear AOP members,

The Association of Ohio Pedologists was founded in 1976, and was chartered (I think that means when the constitution and bylaws were adopted) in 1977. So, depending how you look at it, this is our 25th anniversary. Our anniversary is a great occasion to make ourselves more visible to the public. There's potential for even more visibility for us in the next year or so, considering the new proposed sewage rules that soon might make us invaluable.

Executive council is starting to plan for a workshop some time in the summer or fall. This workshop will focus on preparing AOP members to write a soils report for county health departments. Well, I thought it sounded like a simple task, but apparently counties want different kinds of information on the soil investigations they require. This workshop also hopefully will let us come to an agreement on what we think should be included in a soils report for an on-site description for septic fields. We could give our results to the Ohio Department of Health for inclusion in any new sewage rules in the future. We're not sure yet if we're going to limit attendance to AOP members.

We also are planning for a summer meeting at Old Man's Cave/Hocking Hills State Park in Hocking County. Probably would be a 1 day event, with lunch, maybe a naturalist, and then we can go hiking. Please contact your federal/state/academic/private representative, or any friendly member of executive council, with ideas.

Other ideas for our anniversary include FREE STUFF for members (maybe), promotional items like bumper stickers or pencils, swimsuit issue, etc. Again, contact executive council members with your ideas.

I'd like to thank Past-President Frank again for his excellent leadership for almost a year and a half. I'm glad he's just in the next room!

Also, I would like to recount some of the topics in my 1st Presidential address. Yes, I remember being called by nominations chairperson Bob Parkinson, and I remember him asking me if I would run for President. And I remember being shocked and turning him down, because I thought there are so many other AOP members that have been around longer and would make good presidents. And then I remember Bob masterfully coaxing me to run anyway. I guess that's why he's in the state office. I think what he was telling me was something like new blood, fresh perspective, the future of the organization, you know. I started feeling like a patriotic AOP member, so I relented and agreed to run. Of course, I was surprised to win, but.... It's truly a great honor to be your President. And I look forward to being on executive council again this year. Please feel free to call me any time, and remember, as a soil scientist, I'm always at my desk.

And don't forget to send in your applications for certification!

BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE IN THE AOP!

Did I mention that we might need to check on copyrights for this?

Jeff
President



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Association News

Annual Meeting

Submitted by Jeff Glanville

The Association of Ohio Pedologists held their annual meeting January 24 at the Marriott North, Columbus. There were more than 50 members in attendance.

After lunch, and a most delicious dessert, we listened to Dr. Scott Moody from Ohio University talk about "Using Soil Surveys To Find Endangered Species". It was a very good presentation. Dr. Moody does research on the endangered eastern spadefooted toad. He noticed that he was finding the toads on sandy soils in some areas near the Ohio River, and then he discovered he could use soil surveys to help him locate populations of the toads. The only low point during his talk was that I think there was a toad crawling around in the wiring system, making the lights come on.

We introduced new members, and we heard from an OSU student, who thanked us for financial support of the OSU soil judging team. Don't forget to contribute again this year!

Tim Gerber gave a report on the status of the new Ohio Department of Health sewage rules, and Dan Michael reported on the activity of the certification board.

Check out the list of new officers elsewhere in this newsletter!

For the grand finale, outgoing President Frank Gibbs passed the official Presidential gavel to incoming President Jeff Glanville. President Glanville outlined his vision for the future of AOP, or at least for this year.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the meeting (after Dr. Moody's presentation) was President Glanville's rendition of the new unofficial (as of yet) slogan for AOP, "Be all that you can be in the AOP".

2002 Committee Chairs

Archives - George Hall
Awards - Larry Milliron
Certification - Dan Michael
Educational - Rick Griffin
Finances - Frank Calhoun
Membership - Terry Lucht
Regulatory and Legislative - Tim Gerber
Nomination - Frank Gibbs
Scholarship - Linda Barrett
Bylaws - John Allen
Publicity - Vacant

New Members and Upgrades

Welcome to our new AOP Members!:

Don Burgess (Student)
Matt Deaton (Affiliate)
Duane Wood (Soils Professional)

Congratulations to our Members upgraded from Affiliate!:

Dan Benyei (Soils Professional)
Aaron Lantz (Soils Professional)

Appeal from Academic Representative

Tom Zimmerman, the current Academic Representative, asks that those of you who are academic types, to contact him if there are any issues he needs to bring before the Executive Council for their consideration. He can be contacted by email: zimmerman.4@osu.edu or by phone: 800-OH-STATE ext. 1325. Thank you.

Appeal from Membership Committee Chair

Terry Lucht, the Membership Chairman, would like to encourage all members to "think outside the box" for additional membership. While we definitely want and need Pedologists, we also need and want Associate and Soil Professionals. It is a good sign that we have new employees, which is resulting in new and younger members.

From the Editor's Desk

The *Ohio Pedologist* is published quarterly. Please have your articles submitted by June 15, Sept. 15, and Dec. 1 for timely distribution of the newsletter. Please note:



- 1) The deadline for submitting articles to the newsletter is 2 weeks before issue date.
- 2) The editor reserves the right to condense letters, make routine changes in grammar, and decline articles due to incriminating or offensive content..
- 3) Newsletter items should be brief, legible, and in good taste.
- 4) Articles submitted for publication in the *Ohio Pedologist* should be sent to: Steve Miller, 1974 N. 3 B's and K Rd, Sunbury, OH, FAX (614) 262-2064, or e-mail steven.miller@dnr.state.oh.us

Agency News

ODNR's Soils Program Turns 50

Although the Division of Lands & Soil (DLS) was one of the original seven divisions in ODNR in 1949, it was the last of the seven to be activated, on April 1, 1952. That division merged with the Div. of Soil & Water Conservation Districts 30 years later, and its work continues in the Soil Inventory & Evaluation Section of the Div. of Soil & Water Conservation today (DSWC-SIES).

The program's 50th anniversary will be recognized in two events being planned in 2002. NRCS' Soil Survey Division Director Berman Hudson will draw attention to the milestone at the Awards Luncheon during the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts' Summer Supervisors School on July 29 in Cincinnati. Then, in September, a reunion for DLS alumni and for current and past employees in the DSWC-SIES will be held in the Columbus area. Former DLS Assistant Chief Dick Christman will be working with Bob Ritchie, Ken Powell, and Tim Gerber to plan that event.

Also, an article on the "Origins of Ohio's Soil Survey Program" is being written for publication in the *Soil Survey Horizons* this fall. Christman's chapter on the DLS in *A Legacy of Stewardship: The Ohio Department of Natural Resources 1949-1989* offers a history of the Ohio Soil Survey prior to 1949, as well as information about enabling legislation for the DLS. However, it does not tell who the chief proponents of a soils program were when the legislation was drafted or who shaped the state's cooperative soils program between 1949 and 1952. The *Horizons* article will attempt to solve those "mysteries."

History of Soil Science in the Making

The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) and the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) are collaborating to publish a book on the history of soil science. The editorial committee invites interested historians to contribute to the volume tentatively entitled "Roots of Civilization; Soils and Society." They plan to direct the contents of the book to an audience primarily from disciplines other than soil science and to a public increasingly concerned about global soil degradation. This book will contribute to the small but growing literature concerning the origins of the prevailing concepts in soil science and how these concepts developed within their broader social contexts. The soil science societies have recognized a need for understanding how people in other times and in different parts of the globe have understood soils. Interested parties should contact Lloyd Ackert at lloydack@bellatlantic.net.

Staffing News from the Div. of Soil & Water Conservation

Two members of the Soil Inventory & Evaluation Section have retired since the last edition of the *Pedologist* went to press. Larry Tornes retired at the end of December, and Linn Roth retired two months later. Larry will continue to work on the State Envirothon this spring and the Land Judging Contest this fall, but as ODNR's contractor.

Linn will also continue to contribute to the Ohio Soil Survey Program. For the past year, he has been assigned to supervise automated recompilation and digitizing work being done by ODNR's contractor, Draft-Co, Inc. in Martins Ferry. Draft-Co recently hired Linn to provide the same service to the company, which has a contract to digitize soils maps in eight southeast Ohio counties in the next year. The company is hoping to digitize soils maps for 14 other counties before the Statewide Digital Soils Information Project is completed in 2006.

Six other division employees, including Chief Larry Vance, took advantage of ODNR's Early Retirement Incentives Program, which is scheduled to end in May. David Hanselmann was appointed chief of the Division on March 14th.

OSU Soils Judging Team member Bryan Ford is working part-time as an intern in the Soil Inventory & Evaluation Section. The section was not directly affected by a reorganization action announced in January to reduce ODNR staff.

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🌴 Larry Tornes is enjoying his retirement. 🌴
🌴 With exercises, the dizzy spells he experi- 🌴
🌴 enced in December, January, and February 🌴
🌴 appear to have gone away. He wishes to 🌴
🌴 thank you for the outstanding cooperation 🌴
🌴 and working relationship he received during 🌴
🌴 his career with SCS and ODNR. 🌴
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NASIS is Dominating Northeast area Workload

Submitted by Jon Reedstrom

Work on the NASIS database is progressing nicely, although not quickly, it seems, in Northeast Ohio. The somewhat lengthy procedure has been completed on Cuyahoga, Summit and Trumbull Counties. They all have been submitted to the State Office for certification. Wayne County data has been edited on hard copy, and sent down to the State Office for data entry. This, by the way, has been an extremely helpful bit of assistance. It makes things much less painful knowing that the edits will be made correctly and that I don't have to worry about the job getting done. Hats off to Susan Spencer, the quiet, unassuming, yet vital person in the data editing process.

Along the way in the process of NASIS, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Intermediate NASIS Training session held in Morgantown, West Virginia. Neil Martin, Rick Griffin, and Steve Miller also attended. Going into this session, no one really knew what was going to happen because this was the first time this

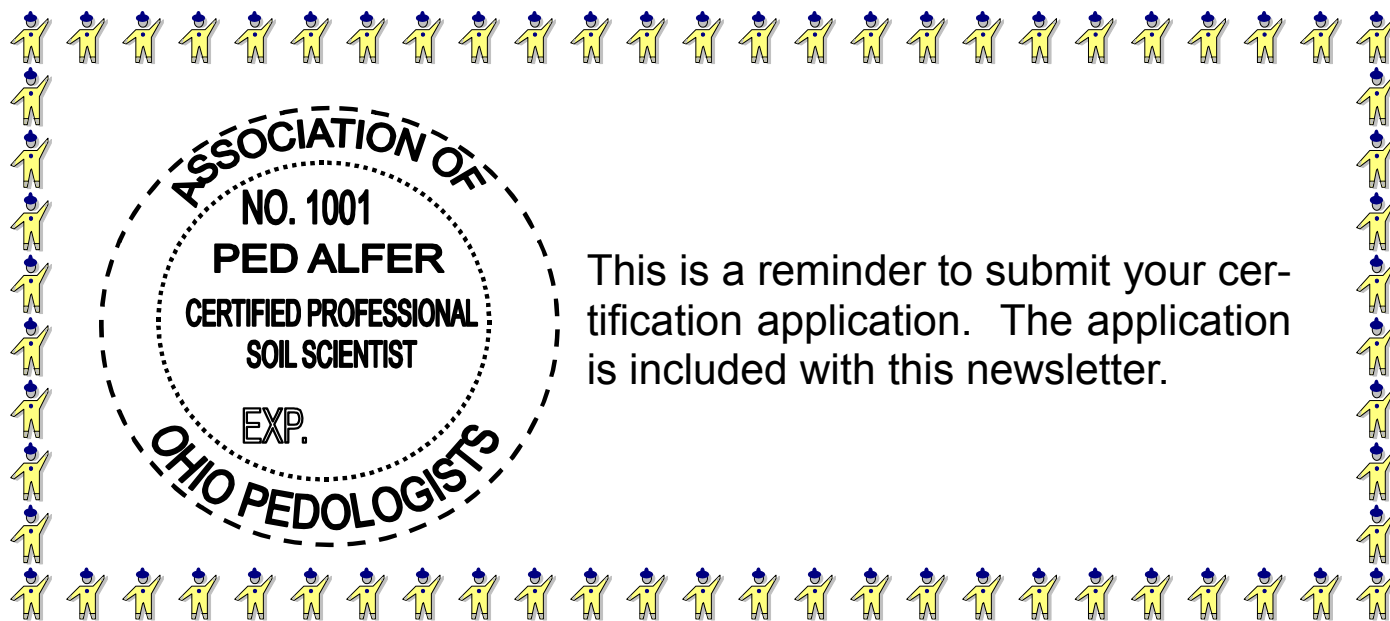
had been offered as a formal class. The agenda was open, and everyone brought their own work and specific questions relating to it. Rick Biggler, out of Lincoln, and Bob Dobos went over different processes and then opened the session up and spent time with each person individually dealing with their questions one on one. I personally took away a lot of information that I feel will speed up my editing work. I recommend that anyone who gets the chance take this course. There was some excitement as well, including seeing a fire in a coffeehouse, and old man hit by a car, and the participation in a commercial (this went along with free beer as requested by Rick). I lost at euchre and got bronchitis. But it was a good week spent.

There are some outdoor activities going on as well. Envirothon is coming, people are planning and designing ponds so there have been some soil investigations for different districts,

and if spring would ever arrive, people have wetlands to be investigated.

I am also taking on another project this spring, if I get enough response from district offices. I will be offering to spend one day in each of 5 counties, on a first come first serve basis with the NRCS probe truck from the kind and agreeable Marietta staff making monoliths. Districts will be required to supply the materials and make access arrangements, and I pull the monoliths and do the finishing work. I'll let you know how this goes.

Well that about sums it up for the Northeast Resource Area. I hope everyone enjoys the spring, and we'll see you this summer.



22nd Annual Central States Forest Soils

October 15th—17th, 2002

Toledo, Ohio Area

Ohio is the proud host of the 22nd Annual
Central States Forest Soils Workshop

Tentative program includes:

- Maumee State Forest
- Tour of Sauder Wood Products
- Sandy glacial outwash
- Discussions on forest-soil relationships
- Goll Woods Nature Preserve
- Ridgeville Corners Wastewater Plantings
- Windbreaks
- Greentree Marsh



Hosted by:

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Division of Soil and Water Conservation
The Ohio State University
Ohio Society of American Foresters

For more information please contact Frank Gibbs, USDA-NRCS, 7868 County Road 140, Suite F, Findlay, OH 45840-1898, (419)422-8347, frank.gibbs@oh.

**Registration form and a detailed agenda will be
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www.ohioSAF.org**

Membership News

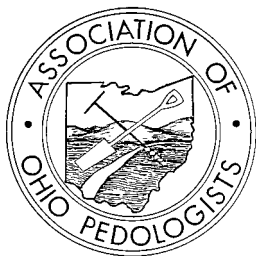
Current Members

Angle, Mike	Glanville, Jeff	Nash, Tom
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Bauder, James	Hall, George	Perales, Anna
Benyei, Daniel	Hamilton, Steve	Plunkett, Mike
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Bone, Sam	Herbst, Raymond	Prebonick, Steve
Brug, Bill	Holowaychuck, Nick	Redmond, Doc
Bureau, Marvin	Huffman, Keith	Ritchie, Bob
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Buzard, Rick	Jenny, Paul	Roth, Linn
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Gilmore, Gordon	Milliron, Larry	

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