

*Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists
Executive Committee Meeting
January 18th, 2005, Third Floor of Deering Building, Augusta, Maine*

The meeting was brought to order at 1:30 pm by President Jim Logan.

Roll Call: Jim Logan, Don Phillips, Andrew Carpenter, Dave Turcotte, and Dave Rocque

Reading of Minutes from the 12/16/2004 Executive Committee Meeting:

- 1) A correction was made within the section contained within **(NEW BUSINESS)** **(MAPSS Guidelines correction)**. The following text was changed from:

“The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to strike the word “engineer” for locating test pits on soil surveys ...”

to read as follows (*italic* font indicates addition):

“The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to *recommend that the membership vote to* strike the word “engineer” for locating test pits on soil surveys ...”

- 2) Another correction was made within the section contained within **(NEW BUSINESS) (Smithsonian Update)** to strike the last sentence as follows:

~~The \$10,000 will sponsor the State Soil monolith that we already have.~~

New Business: The first topic of discussion was the agenda for the upcoming Annual Meeting scheduled for March 8, 2005. A handout outlining a preliminary schedule, with a discussion contained in parenthesis where appropriate, is as follows:

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| 8:30 – 9:00 AM | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:05 | President’s Message |
| 9:05 – 10:30 | Reports and Updates |
| MDEP / LURC | - Darryl Brown |
| Membership | - Lee Burman (Andrew Carpenter agreed to take over this position as well as to continue acting as Treasurer. A discussion ensued on how to increase membership, with suggestions including recruiting from MAWS, and the ME Health and Engineering Department. Dave Turcotte will do this by writing letters after a discussion takes place during the Annual Meeting.) |

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| Treasurer's Report | - Andrew Carpenter |
| Secretary's Report | - Chris Dorion |
| Education Update | - Don Phillips (DP will ask the membership to determine by vote whether MAPSS should match money for the Smithsonian Drive, and if so by what ratio) |
| UMO Update | - Ivan Fernandez and/or Laurie Osher |
| NRCS Update | - Wayne Hoar (Dave Turcotte requested about 10 minutes to speak after Wayne) |
| NE Hydric Soil Com | - Joe Noel (Dave Rocque will discuss the upcoming Hydric Soil Workshop that will be held in Washington and Hancock Counties after Joe speaks) |
| Website Update | - Laura Suomi-Lecker |

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 11:45

Election of new officers

President - Laura Suomi-Lecker

Vice President - Chris Dorion

Treasurer - Andrew Carpenter

Secretary - Dave Turcotte

Open discussion

1. Strike the word “engineer” for location of test pits on High Intensity Soil Surveys
2. Definition of High Intensity Soil Surveys; we have guidelines but no actual definition for same
3. Should we put the Membership Chair onto the Executive Committee? Also, should we create a new Program Chair?
4. JEC Soil Science Scholarship – how much this year?
5. Envirothon – how much this year?
6. Smithsonian match – how much?
7. Continue our Agricultural Trade Show participation?

11:45 – 12:45 PM

Lunch

12:45 – 1:30

Sid Pilgrim speaks on *Spodic Aquods* followed by an award MAPSS will give to him. A discussion ensued on what kind of award – an engraved plaque? a shovel?

1:30 – 2:15

John Peckingham – Sludge Stacking Sites: Fate of nitrates

2:15 – 2:30

Break

2:30 – 3:15

Ivan Fernandez – Bear Brook Watershed: Fate of Contaminants

3:15

Adjourn

Unfinished Business: Items discussed included:

1. Don Phillips gave an update on the Smithsonian Fund Raising Drive, and passed around a draft letter that will be mailed to the membership.
2. A discussion ensued on whether the new MAPSS poster should be displayed at the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that it should.
3. A discussion ensued on whether MAPSS should continue participating at the Agricultural Trade Show next year. Don Phillips and Darryl Brown recommended to not continue while Jim Logan talked about continuing.
4. A discussion ensued about the Newsletter. Dave Turcotte said that it will go out next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Phillips, Education Chair, MAPSS