

3/21/24 (12:35-1:33pm) MAPSS annual meeting

1. **Election of Officers:** Rodney Kelshaw (president); Roger St. Amand (Vice President); Gary Fullerton (Treasurer); Eric Whitney (Secretary); Chris Dorion (Past President); Natalie Curry (Director) - Dave Moyse motioned to accept, Tony J. second - Officer slate accepted
2. **Treasurer Report** - Gary Fullerton handed out report for review
  - a. Discussed that sharing the meeting with MAWS is going well
  - b. Dues are \$25 and need to be paid separately (from MAWS) to Gary for membership

- Roger motioned to accept treasurer report, Tony seconded it - Treasurer report was approved
3. **Envirothon Donation:** \$1200.00 total donation was approved (\$1000.00 + \$200 earmarked donation)
4. **Membership update** - Gary Fullerton
  - a. Currently 33 full, 10 associate total members (memberships up!)
5. **Education Chair & Janet Cormier Scholarship** - Dave Moyse
  - a. The application is out of date and needs to be updated/rewrite
  - b. Discussion of maybe making it a natural resource scholarship to bring in more people?
  - c. Discussed how it is distributed through the University of Maine system through the online app.
  - d. Gary F. made a motion for \$2000.00 (\$1600.00 + 400.00 earmarked donation) for scholarship, Roger Second - motioned approved
6. **University of Maine** - Abby Stevens
  - a. Soil scientists are filling the gaps in the 100 level soils class. Class is going well, students like meeting all the different soil scientists.
7. **Natural Resource Conservation Service Update** - Tony Jenkins - no updates
8. **State Soil Scientist Update** - Matt Boucher
  - a. Soil health program set to launch soon - 6.5 million over 10 years
  - b. Matt has also mentioned he is willing to be newsletter editor and using Bytes for website (Bytes is what the state uses for website)
9. **Doug Fox (Unity College of Environmental Science)** - Doug presented an idea to create a class or classes through Unity directed for students looking to get licensed/certified as a soil scientist in Maine. Most of the classes currently at the school are online and the current age of students is around 27. They complete 3 credit classes in 5 weeks online. It was discussed that this idea should be brought in front of the licensing board to see if they would approve the class. Doug mentioned he will be retiring within a year so would need to act quickly to create class while he's there.
10. **2024 Workshop Request for help** - Rod Kelshaw
  - a. Location? NOT going back to Wolfe Neck Farm, Joanne Szillery mentioned she might know of a location..maybe Saddleback area?
  - b. Topics: MASE Training, Farmland Soil Protocol....