

Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists
Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES
of January 23rd, 2007 at the Skowhegan FSA/NRCS offices

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Dorion at 1:15 pm.

ROLL CALL: Chris Dorion, Laura Suomi-Lecker, Darryl Brown, and Dave Rocque were present.

REQUEST TO USE MEMBERSHIP E-MAIL LIST: We have received requests to use the general membership list E-mail. It was decided that soils related discussion topics are fine.

FIELD VESTS FOR UNIV. MAINE SOIL JUDGING TEAM: Andrew Carpenter and Dave Moyse will investigate a rugged, durable field vest. A group purchasing opportunity for the MAPSS membership would lower the per-unit cost. We need to purchase approximately 6 vests for the soil judging team, and these will be embroidered locally. Andrew Carpenter and Dave Moyse will report on the cost and availability, ordering schedule, etc. at the Annual Meeting.

Darryl Brown pledged \$250 toward the Soil Judging Team purchase and embroidery, and Chris Dorion pledged \$100. We will be asking the general membership for matching funds also at the Annual Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The account balance is \$2,297.73

CHANGE TO MAPSS CONSTITUTION: The wording of Article IV, Section C.4 needs to be changed from: "4. Have the authority to approve expenditures in excess of \$250." to "4. Have the authority to approve expenditures not to exceed \$250."

This change will be posted on the web page and also in the winter edition of the newsletter to be mailed in early February to members.

DISPLAY BOARD: The E.C. discussed the need for two versions of the display board. One would be a technical version suitable for conferences/workshops with other professionals, and the second would be a non-technical presentation with more photos, less text, aimed at the high school level of soils knowledge. Dave Turcotte and Laura Suomi-Lecker will develop these two presentations.

Chris Dorion has ordered both a rugged canvas carrying case and table apron, made of a natural, brown fabric, for the display. Cost not to exceed \$200.

LETTER TO MASE: Chris Dorion circulated the thank you letter to Brady Frick who organized the MASE/MAPSS soils workshop in late September, 2006.

LETTER TO ASSOCIATE DEAN ALAN KEZIS, GREG PORTER, AND LAURIE OSHER: Chris Dorion circulated the letter regarding the Soil Judging Competition in October, 2006, hosted by the University of Maine. MAPSS is offering high quality, embroidered field vests, an Associate Membership for one year to MAPSS, and an invitation to the Annual Meeting. For additional details, read the article in the winter edition of the *Lay of the Land* at: www.mapss.org

MARCH 6, 2007 ANNUAL MEETING: Final meeting details were arranged, and the Agenda was finalized.

We should have two reliable PowerPoint projectors and two reliable laptops. Laura Suomi-Lecker will bring one and perhaps Wayne Hoar could bring the other.

Registration - Andrew Carpenter and Laura Suomi-Lecker will run the registration desk, and may draft an additional person.

The lunch menu was decided after input from last year's meeting. More juice available in the morning, and substitute bagels/muffins for pastries.

Dave Marceau volunteered to serve as Nominating Committee Chair. He will first contact current officers and committee chairs, then, if needed, reach out to the general membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Dorion, President