

MAPSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
11-2-07, 1 p.m.

Members present: Chris Dorion
Dave Marceau
Dave Turcotte
Anna Kettell
Dave Rocque
Andrew Carpenter
Darryl Brown

1. Treasurer's Report - Andrew Carpenter

- Current balance approx. \$6370, \$4275 from summer workshop
- this includes all bills paid
- What should we do with some of our money?
- one option is an internship program, this could rotate amongst members that could participate, including people in different fields

2. 2008 Annual Meeting

- MAWS meeting is March 21.
- decided that the Elks club is cheap, centrally located, and fine for our purposes
- we can get a better meal this year, but charge members the same amount
- Date: March 11. (4th also a possibility)
- topic ideas:
 - stream entomology
 - climate change with regards to organic horizons and temperature regimes
 - residuals - Andrew
 - Dave R. will give update on meeting about regionalization of 1987 Corps Manual
 - student posters
 - speakers about loss of OM in soils, etc. - ask Ivan
 - could find somebody nationally to talk about soil OM loss
 - Ecological site descriptions, site index, etc.
 - biosolids: sites for animal disposal (45 minutes), why we shouldn't be afraid of it, septage vs. biosolids, how it fits in with soil survey
- we will be honoring one of our members for his achievements over the past year

3. September MASE/MAPSS workshop

- have had problems with time and personnel
- the annual meeting times have been in conflict
- We could possibly have a joint committee?
- until 2 years ago, things were mostly ok
- we hope there will be somebody good to take Ken Stratton's place
- Dave Marceau is the new president of MASE, this should help
- it may be farther South this year
- we should continue to do this workshop every year, plus another workshop in the summer
- the Site Examiner department may be part of the DEP in the future

4. Membership Drive

- Dave T. is planning on sending letters to increase membership
- he will also send them to some non-members, and include activities that are coming up
- He will follow up with a phone call
- will also put item in the newsletter
- we currently send about 90 newsletters, but only have 38 full members, and 34 associate and honorary
- will send application with the letter
- should include member's area of interest on directory

- may also make new list of those looking to work with the public, this could be given to towns, there may be a person at the state level to distribute this
5. Common Ground Fair
- We could use more volunteers!
 - there are a few people doing most of the work
 - we should put a sign on the booth advertising the field tours
 - we may want to buy a table in the future, we could also use it at other events
 - we could also use more handouts next year
 - could trim down number of Power Point slides next year
 - during the tour, we should show people how to take a soil sample to send into Soil Testing Lab at U Maine
 - we should continue this every year
6. Reid State Park workshop
- this went very well and helped us raise a lot of money
 - the sites are still open, if anybody wants to go back and review them, or if they missed it
 - there was an issue with DEP and the spring tide line
 - it would be easy to do a workshop there again, with less planning than this one
 - we may be able to resolve more issues there in the future
7. Winter edition of *The Lay of the Land*
- Amy will do this again
 - Please send her your articles!
8. Letter from MAPSS to MAWS regarding certification of wetland scientists
- this was discussed at last meeting
 - we need to have a consensus from the membership, then Chris can write it
 - we will work on this at the Annual Meeting
9. Programs for the future
- a. The education Chair can create a pool of interns and compile a list of people who could support an intern
 - b. We could produce a list or a flyer advertising the people who are Soil Scientists and looking for work, this would go to Town Offices, etc.
 - Include why Soil Science is important, many uses, road building, etc.
 - Why to choose a Soil Scientist over a Site Evaluator, etc.
 - c. Could produce separate poster for schools, so students understand the range of activities involved in soil science
 - members should volunteer to teach a class at their local school
 - We can help students understand how to make a living in Soils, Environmental Science, etc.
 - we could reach students who aren't currently in a Soils program, but may want to switch

See you at the Annual Meeting!