

MAPSS Executive Committee Meeting
February 7, 2011
via teleconference

The meeting was brought to order at 4:35 pm.

NOTE – BOLD ITEMS ARE ASSIGNED TASKS

VIA TELECONFERENCE: Chris Dorion, Ivan Fernandez, Anna Kettell, Joe Noel, Dave Rocque, Johanna Szillery

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting is March 16, 2011 at the Wells Conference Center at University of Maine, Orono, Maine. Location and speakers are confirmed. Final menu choices and numbers are pending. Each speaker will be “hosted” by an EC member: what are their needs for the presentation and the day?. MAPSS provides lunch for each speaker. Assignments:

James Santiago – Johanna Szillery

Dave Turcotte – Chris Dorion

Darryl Brown – Dave Silver

Tony Jenkins – Johanna Szillery and Chris Dorion

Dave Silver will check on what A/V equipment will be provided by Wells. MASE (through Gary Fullerton) can provide laptop and projector.

The group discussed student and faculty posters for display during the Meeting. Ivan thought it was a good idea, but there is limited time to arrange this. EC decided to discuss to table poster submissions until the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Dave Turcotte’s proposed changed to the drainage keys will likely be the first charge of the newly appointed Technical Committee.

2011 WORKSHOP: The group discussed at length the potential topics that may fit at the wind farm facility tour. Some ideas: disturbed soils, skid trail “wetlands”. Joe noted that there is much interest among NH resource professionals in these disturbed conditions, and their regulatory status. Others discussed having presentations by: civil engineer, forester, builder/contractor, and natural resources professionals. Dave emphasized the importance of having a well-developed workshop, with tangible topics and committed regulators. These factors draw participants, and the workshop will be a credit to MAPSS.

Johanna will ask Mike Banaitis and Mike Glessner to begin networking to determine the location and presenters for this workshop.

2012 COOPERATIVE SOIL SURVEY MEETING: The group discussed the propriety of MAPSS involvement and the value to the membership. All are in favor of MAPSS participation in concept. Joe noted that Joe Homer, NH NRCS soil scientist, has been involved in high elevation soil mapping, and would be a great resource for this meeting.

Johanna and Chris will meet with Tony Jenkins before the Annual Meeting to learn more about the proposed nature of MAPSS’ involvement.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Johanna and Joe are working on filling the slate of candidates. Several members indicated interest in helping with the Executive Committee (Mike Banaitis, Mike Glessner). **Joe and Johanna will contact existing EC members to determine their interest in being on the ballot. The Nominating Committee welcomes nominations from the membership.**

Joe notes, obtaining CEU's or PDH's should be assigned to one of the EC positions. He also notes that, MAPSS may need a Program Committee to develop workshop concepts and arrange logistics. Or, this task should be divided among EC members.

According to the MAPSS Constitution, a proposed nomination slate should be mailed to the membership by March 1.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:40 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Szillery, acting Secretary for the meeting.