

NSCSS Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2004

San Diego, California

- I. In attendance: Sid Davis, Director at Large; Pierre Bordenave, Director at Large; Tom Flack, Director at Large; Robert Kendall, Director at Large; Richard Joslyn, Director at Large; Phil Scoles, Laurel Mueller, Northeast Regional Director; David Ralston, North Central Regional Director; Phil Scoles, Northwest Regional Director; Roy Shlemon, Southwest Regional Director; Kari Sever, South Central Regional Director (via teleconference), and Mary Reed, Executive Secretary. Also in attendance: Willem van Eck, and Larry Baldwin (via teleconference).
- II. Minutes were approved as read. MSC (Shlemon/Flack)
- III. Executive Committee Reports.
 - A. Annual Meeting. Tom Flack reported that all items were in place for the 2004 Annual Meeting. There will be good attendance.
 - B. President's Report. Bob Kendall reported that the Executive Committee's meeting included plans for the annual meeting, scholarships that were being presented to four students attending the meeting. They are hoping to grow the scholarship fund to the point where NSCSS will be able to give a true scholarship.
 - C. Past President's Report. John Dickey reported that a slate of candidates has been presented for 2004 elections.
 - D. Treasurer's Report. Pierre Bordenave presented a treasurer's report.
 1. Current assets report (See attached):
 - Checking balance is \$7852.72
 - Savings Balance is \$10,199.96
 - CD#1 Reserve is \$10,000.00
 - CD#2 Reserve is \$10,000.00
 - Scholarship Fund is \$4,213.28
 2. Budget Report: (see Attached) Pierre noted that some items were less than budgeted, and others simply had not been billed within the calendar year and would thus be included in the 2004 report. The overall 2003 actual budget came in significantly lower than the 2003 proposed budget.
 3. Profit and Loss Statement: (See attached) The net income for 2003 is \$4895.49.
 4. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. MSC (Kendall/Scoles)
 - D. Secretary's Report. Phil Small reported that NSCSS will be posting an electronic membership application form on the internet. It will be a little different in that a signature will not be obtained, but will substitute this with a check box stating "I agree" and will have a Pay-Pal payment option.
- IV. RPSS Report. Phil Scoles reported that there is one RPSS application pending (Oren Reedy),

He the first person to apply in several years, and is applying under the recently approved “new rules.” The applicant has provided NSCSS with his ARCPAC’s classification in place of the old RPSS examination. The newly revised RPSS application will be circulated at the Business Seminar portion of the Annual Meeting. The newly adopted criteria of attending one ethics seminar every three years will go into effect this year. Current RPSS holders will also need to adhere to this standard. Bob Kendall suggested that NSCSS consider using the ARCPACS exam exclusively, and not admitting other state examinations. Discussion. Don Owens has agreed to serve another term on the Board of Examiners. Continuing to serve are Phil Scoles and John Dickey. Phil Scoles recommended sending out a letter to all RPSS (certified mail) to notify current RPSS holders that they also would be required to attend the Ethics Seminars at one out of three NSCSS Annual Meetings, or they would not be able to retain RPSS status.

- V. SSSA Report. Bob Kendall reported that SSSA is planning a field trip at the Seattle meeting in 2005 with a poster session and field tour focusing on consulting soil scientists (professional soil scientists). It is anticipated that CPSS certification is going to be taken out of ARCPACS and administered under SSSA. Bob Kendall will continue to be working closely with some of these decisions, and continue to represent NSCSS’s interests.
- VI. 2005 Annual Meeting update. Phil Scoles reported that the meeting will primarily be a training workshop (mostly a field tour). Current plans include two days on the island of Hawaii, and two days in Kawaii. With travel time, it will be a whole week-long workshop. All time will be spent out-of-doors, but it will be structured to be “family friendly.” The first week of February 2005 is the anticipated time frame. NSCSS will probably request folks to sign-up 6 months in advance, as NSCSS will probably need to release reservation blocks 3 months before the meeting. The meeting will probably be split into two parts (2-days on each island), so that folks can come for only part if they are unable to attend the entire meeting. Terry Cook knows some soil scientists who will help act as local hosts. Soil geomorphology will be the focus of the meeting. Bob Kendall requested a report on this information be prepared for the Annual Business meeting in order to get the general membership’s feedback.
- VII. Open Forum.
 - A. Insurance. All applicants for the E+O Insurance must be members of NSCSS (some had initially applied and received an insurance package, but were not members); and maybe consider only RPSS members. Discussion.
 - B. Upcoming Opportunities. Laurel Mueller challenged NSCSS to take a pro-active role in

participating/having a presence at two upcoming “historical events in the world of soil science.”

1. World Congress. Any pathways that NSCSS might have a presence? Discussion. Bob Kendall recommended that the President responsible for 2006’s activities should appoint a committee.
 2. Smithsonian Display. Each state who contributes \$10,000 will get their monolith presented with a plaque acknowledging individual donors from that state who contributed \$1000 or more.
- C. Non-Profit Status. Sid Davis would like to pursue obtaining 501(c)3 status for NSCSS and encourage the Executive Committee to appoint a committee for this purpose.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. MSC (Shlemon/Bordenave)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Reed
NSCSS Executive Secretary