

NSCSS Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Phoenix, Arizona

February 8, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m. by NSCSS President Cliff Landers.

- **A moment of silence** was requested by Don Owens in memory of Jim Thayer.
- **Minutes** from the last meeting were reviewed by Phil Small. Approved as presented. (M/S/C McNeil/Bordenave)
- **Treasurer's Report.** P. Bordenave provided a copy of the Balance Sheet. Assets are currently at \$28,843.11 which is the total of NSCSS's various accounts. The Profit and Loss Statement showed total Expenses for 2001 at 10,280.56. He showed a Budget Report comparing 2000 Budget, 2001 Proposed, and the 2001 Budget. Some areas ran slightly higher, but several areas have somewhat decreased.

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. (M/S/C Owens/Small)

- **Election of Officers.** Ballots were distributed, and counted by Don Owens.

C. Landers reported the results of the election:

Northwest Director: Phil Scoles

Directors At Large: Sid Davis, Pierre Bordenave

Secretary: Phil Small

President: John Dickey

President-elect: Bob Kendall

- **2002 Dokuchaev Award** was presented to Don Owens with continuing appreciation for his many contributions to NSCSS. He commented that he had been in the soil science consulting business for 24 years, and he appreciates the organization for re-charging his batteries every year.

- **Transition.** Cliff Landers handed the gavel to incoming president, John Dickey. J. Dickey reported that his Strategy for the year will be to succeed in a few very important things, and directing the limited active volunteer core of the society to implement these few goals.

NSCSS Strengths: NSCSS is a business organization for consulting soil scientists

Constraints: Small size of organization, limited time consultants have to give to NSCSS.

Strategies: Need to leverage small numbers wisely to influence key arenas: political, business management, technical, and environmental.

- **Website Update.** Phil Small will continue to manage maintenance and updating of website. He will update and increase links to other organizations.

- **NSCSS Liaisons** to other organizations:
 - >Phil Scoles - SWS
 - >Willem van Eck - SWCS
 - >Pierre Bordenave - IECA,
 - >John Dickey/Sid Davis - SSSA. Will work with MOU. Plan to have lunch with Mike Singer.
 - >International Union of Soil Science meeting in Philadelphia. Encourage international membership of NSCSS.
 - >Consortium of Soil Science Societies (NSCSS, State Organizations):
Cliff Landers will continue to represent NSCSS with this group.

Mission and Master Agenda for Liaison Activities: NSCSS should be the face, voice, advocate of the soil science practitioner. Cooperate to further mutual missions and goals of NSCSS and associated societies. Information sharing, utilize other groups' information.

Committee Review.

- Annual Meeting. (President-elect Bob Kendall will chair): Bob Kendall, Vaughn Berkheiser, and others will serve. Interest was expressed in Tampa Florida. Topics include small flows and soil "P" loading; utilize Univ. of Florida, Gainesville to explain local issues on tour around Lake Okeechobee. One-day meeting, 1 day field tour, with optional days with separate fees (golf, include possible ethics training component).
- Board of Examiners. (NSCSS Board of Directors appoints to this board, currently there is one vacancy): Phil Small volunteered to serve on the Board of Examiners.
- Registry Discussion. A legal review of code of ethics is needed to avoid restraint of trade. Need to develop a statement of what RPSS represents. Consider

dropping exam, require entire registry to attend refresher ethics training periodically, offering CEU's through bi-annual training. The Board of Examiners might consider substituting an applicant's different registration that had similar qualification requirements.

- Bylaws (NSCSS Board of Directors appointed): After Registry and web membership processes are refined and updated, and application and member fee structures are updated by the BOD, then publicize changes in bylaws regarding wider membership opportunities. Present article to CSA News, etc.
- Education. Hubert Byrd Scholarship Fund. Internships, etc. J. Dickey mentioned that many opportunities exist for this committee. There were no volunteers to serve on this committee.
- Newsletter. Laurel Mueller will edit. Pierre to co-edit and watch schedule. Content. Encourage membership to produce articles of interest. A new focus will be to acknowledge awards, gifts, contributions, accomplishments, milestones, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.