

NSCSS Board Of Directors Teleconference
February 20, 2001
12:00 (noon - Eastern)

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Donn Smith

8/3/00 Minutes approved as presented.

11/3/00 Minutes approved a presented.

New Business. Donn Smith introduced Letter of interest from Jim Culver regarding working with other professional soil scientist societies. Discussion regarding NSCSS interest.

C. Landers moved that the Executive Committee proceed and contact Jim Culver, explore options that we may be able to collaborate together. Sid Davis seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Donn Smith's Comments. Thanked everyone as opportunity to work as president, and then chairman of the board, doubled membership, good retention numbers, publication for state licensing, trench collapse work, etc. reflected some of the accomplishments under his tenure. Opened floor for nominations as next chairman.

Discussion regarding chairman/election. Timing, etc. Sid Davis motioned to nominate Bob Kendall as chairman of the BOD, Scott Livingstone seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Bob Kendall was passed the gavel.

President's Report.

Executive Committee. Cliff reported that we need president-elect and president-elect positions filled. He hoped that elections would occur quickly.

American Farm Review report. They solicited our business earlier this year. They prepare programs for PBS, and they are based in Florida (Morley Safer narrates.) The program would be on our society, and they would submit an 8 minute segment to PBS for airing. Cost was \$17,500 to prepare this. The EC discussed this, and the recommendation of the EC was that we couldn't really afford this expenditure (as a priority) at this time. It may be discussed at a future date.

Report on MOU with SSSA.

Discussion of proposals for candidates. Phil Small would be willing to serve past-president's role within EC.

2001 Proposed Budget. Submitted by EC for approval of the board. Sid Davis moved that the budget be approved as presented, Tom Flack seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Secretary's Report.

Phil Small asked if it was okay for NSCSS web site server goes down for maintenance. He reported that he is not yet ready to use credit card transactions on the internet. He is exploring "pay pal" which allows credit card transactions, but not live on the Internet.

Phil corresponded with the state of Alabama, and we are still a corporation in good standing, and the state of Alabama considers us to be a "not for profit" corporation.

E-groups. We are now a Yahoo Group. We have had a steady inquiry to join into this Internet discussion. A report on how to sign up will be in next newsletter.

Discussion regarding the changes "on the table" to the Bylaws. (Reference to 6/30/2000 email) Sid Davis motioned, Scott Livingstone seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding amendments to the membership definitions to the bylaws. Phil Small will create document in appropriate form, and then Bob Kendall will get approval of BOD.

Consensus was not to have a summer 2001 meeting.

2002 Meeting Plans. Planning on meeting in Tucson in 2002. Planning on putting together a 2-3 day meeting, with a few side events. (No meeting in 2001.) Pierre, Chuck Jackson and others will work to prepare this meeting.

MOU discussion. Donn Smith motioned to accept the MOU as written. Jim Hadlock seconded. Discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motioned carried.

Open Forum.

Sid Davis motioned not to move ahead on American Farm's proposal discussed earlier, Scott Livingstone seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Cliff Landers will refer the proposal to ASA.

Meeting adjournment was motion by Sid Davis, seconded Jim Hadlock. Discussion. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. (Eastern).