

NSCSS Executive Committee Teleconference
September 5, 2000

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.
 - A. President P. Brandt, President-elect C. Landers, Secretary P. Small, Past President B. Dutton, Treasurer P. Bordenave, guest D. Smith (Chairman of the Board of Directors) and Executive Secretary M. Reed were in attendance. None were absent.

- II. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written, with the stipulation that a listing all who were in attendance be included.

- III. Treasurer's Report.
 - A. P. Small reported that the liability insurance invoice had been received. Discussion. It was concluded that NSCSS should continue to maintain liability insurance, but that we should seek to receive a discount on the premium. P. Bordenave will contact S.N. Potter to request a reduction on the premium.
 - B. P. Bordenave stated that the treasurer's report prepared for the August Board of Director's meeting still reflected the basic financial status of NSCSS.

- IV. President-Elect's Report. C. Landers reported on meeting plans for Minneapolis.
 - A. Meeting will be held at Embassy Suites - Downtown in Minneapolis. All people registering for the hotel will do so through the Executive Secretary.
 - B. C. Landers inquired if there should be a silent auction? After discussion, it was agreed that there should be a silent auction. The Executive Secretary was instructed to include a request for items in upcoming (9/13/00) meeting reminder/registration packet. P. Brandt will contact local chambers, etc. and request donations for the silent auction.
 - C. C. Landers inquired if NSCSS would present awards for this year. Discussion. Executive Secretary was instructed to solicit nominations in the upcoming registration packet for Best Project, and the Professional Soil Scientist of the Year Award (V.V. Dokuchaev Award).
 - D. Additional items discussed:
 1. P. Brandt will schedule meeting with Congressperson in Minneapolis.
 2. C. Landers will ask D. Lietzke to set up meeting with ASA regarding registration/certification.
 - E. Cliff reviewed final agenda:
 1. Saturday: 2-3:30 EC Meeting
 2. Saturday: 3:30 5:30 BOD Meeting
 3. Saturday: 7-9 p.m. Reception. Pierre arranged room, food is still to be arranged.
 4. Sunday: 8:30 - 9:00 Breakfast - in separate room?
 5. Sunday: 9 - 11 Annual Business meeting
 6. Sunday 11-1: Committee meetings, lunch on your own
 7. Sunday 1-1:15 Welcome
 8. Sunday: 1:15 - 2:45: Business Structure. P. Brandt has contacted several attorneys to present.
 9. Sunday 2:45 - 3:15 Break

10. Sunday 3:15-4:45: Regional Directors will present initial licensing and certification, registration, etc. Then update on Georgia. Then Federal agency competition. There are things consultants can do to help protect their work. Who is watching our backs? We need to watch our backs.
11. Sunday 4:45 - 5: Conclusions and wrap-up.
12. Monday morning: at Embassy Suites breakfast will be organized by Regions.

V. Other Business.

- A. B. Dutton mentioned that there is a Soil Scientist running for U.S. Senate in Montana. Discussion. B. Dutton will draft an article for the next issue of Soil Profiles, highlighting the candidate and his background.
- B. Officer and Board Nominations are needed for: Secretary, President-Elect, Northeast Regional Director, South Central Regional Director, Northwest Regional Director, and 2 Directors at Large. According to Bylaws this is the Past-President's responsibility. B. Dutton asked the Executive Secretary to put a request for nominations in next newsletter.
- C. P. Bordenave suggested adding a discussion of the NSCSS Bylaws to Annual Business Meeting agenda.
- D. The publication date for next newsletter was discussed. An October 1, 2000 mailing date was targeted.
- E. Web Site Update. Not much new activity at present. Appreciation was expressed to P. Small for his efforts on the web site.
- F. E-groups Update. P. Small reported that there was not much activity at present.

VI. C. Landers called for adjournment at 9:07 a.m., all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Reed.

NSCSS Executive Secretary