

NSCSS Board of Directors
9-27-04 Teleconference Minutes

In Attendance: Pierre Bordenave, Director at Large (2005); Tom Flack, Director at Large (2006); Roy Shlemon, Southwest Regional Director (2005); Phil Scoles, Northwest Regional Director (2006); Rick Joslyn, Director at Large (2007); Laurel Mueller, northeast Regional Director (2006); Bob Kendall, Director at Large (2006), Sid Davis, Director at Large (2005); and Mary Reed, Executive Secretary. Also in attendance, Phil Small.

Not in Attendance: Larry Baldwin, Director at Large (2007); Dave Ralston, North Central Regional Director (2005); Kari Sever, South Central Regional Director (2006); and Scott Franz, Southeast Regional Director (2005).

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Chairman Sid Davis.
- II. Minutes accepted as presented. MSC (Shlemon/Mueller)

Old Business

- III. Executive Committee Reports.
 - A. President's Report. Tom Flack reported that he was working on getting nominations for empty board seats, and is also working on filling various standing committee positions.
 - B. Secretary's Report.
 - 1. Phil Small reported that the Executive Committee recommended to the Board that for the 2005 annual meeting two items in the Bylaws be waived: VII.B (ballot at the meeting instead of mail-in ballots) and VII.C.3. (candidates not be required to attend the meeting). MS (Flack/Bordenave) Discussion. Motion was amended to only include the waiving of the requirement to attend the meeting, but not include the waiving of mail-in ballot election, however, the date of 9/1/04 will be extended. Also included was the requirement that if a board member was unable to attend the 2005 meeting physically that they agree to teleconference to participate in the meeting. Motion as amended was MSC (Bordenave/Shlemon)
 - 2. Phil Small reported that the website now offers an on-line application and applicants can pay by Pay Pal.
 - C. Past President's Report. Bob Kendall reviewed positions whose terms were up in 2005, and reviewed possible nominees. He stated that he hoped to have ballot together within 3 weeks.
 - D. Treasurer's Report.

Balances:	BofA Checking:	\$10,440
	BofA Savings:	\$10,227
	CD 339:	\$10,000

CD 346:	\$10,000
Scholarship:	\$ 5,101
Total Checking/Savings:	\$45,769

Total "Ordinary" Income To Date:	\$25,467
Total "Ordinary" Expenses To Date:	\$22,964

NSCSS expenditures are currently a little behind budget in terms of the amount approved in January 2004, however, he expects to end the year right at budget.

1. Non-Profit Status. NSCSS is presently retaining a lawyer to attain 501(c)3 status. Shlemon reported from his experience that each state requires a biennial signature process and statement. Other considerations on this topic, such as considering creating a NSCSS Foundation with 501(c)3 status were discussed. One important point is that a Non-Profit organization is not permitted to lobby, and so there may be an advantage to creating a separate Non-Profit ‘Foundation’ for donations and contributions; but still allowing NSCSS to lobby if needed. Pierre will plan on getting information/recommendations on this topic out to the entire BOD within about 2 weeks.
 2. Scholarship Fund. Pierre recommended that, given the fact that NSCSS has been enjoying a regular net income each year, that we consider moving 50% of the Net Income into the scholarship fund, and award a regular scholarship. Discussion.
- E. President-elect’s Report. Annual Meeting Update. Phil Scoles reported that in May he and Pierre Bordenave traveled to Hawaii and investigated opportunities and locations. He briefly covered the proposed destinations and activities as set forth for the meeting. He reported they were working to nail down hotels in Kailua-Kona and in Kauai. Pierre reported that they are working to put together a mailing within the next two weeks including the specific time frames and specific lodging and transportation needs for the participants.
- IV. Chapter Reports. Phil Small reported that right after the February Annual Meeting he made contact with the chapters and updated them on the chapter requirements.
- V. Board of Examiners’ Report. Phil Scoles reported that they had approved RPSS standing for applicant Oren Reedy, pending completion of a book about business practices/responsibilities to clients. Book has not yet been given to Mr. Reedy.
- VI. SSSA Certification Update. Bob Kendall reported that the Tri-Societies have split their various certifications into being the responsibility of the various individual societies, so CPSS will now be included under SSSA activities. Bordenave suggested getting this locked-in with SSSA under a reciprocal agreement.
- A. There will be a Consortium Roundtable meeting at the SSSA meeting in Seattle. Mary Reed will forward the announcement to all NSCSS members via e-mail.

VII. Outreach Activities. Laurel Mueller reported that there had been some progress in the Smithsonian display project, and she has posted an announcement on the papss.org website, and is working to collect written reports on soil scientists' work and what it encompasses. Wants a visual portrayal of "career excitement." She is collecting the pieces to include in a "Careers in Soil Science" for the Smithsonian display. She would like to post something similar to this on the NSCSS website.

VIII. E+O Insurance Programs.

A. Pierre Bordenave reported that he just signed the contract for the 2004-2005 insurance for NSCSS as an entity.

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B. Discussion was continued about E+O Insurance opportunities for NSCSS members. The concept of limiting this coverage only to members who hold RPSS status seems like it has a number of advantages. A motion was made that coverage for the E+O Insurance program limited not take effect until 2006. MS (Bordenave/Flack) (not carried) Discussion. Phil Scoles would like to have this discussed through Yahoo Groups. Discussion was tabled, and will be discussed again at the 2005 annual meeting.

New Business

IX. Nominations. Bob Kendall will ensure that ballots are distributed by mid-October.

X. Review of Dues Pro-Rating. Pierre proposed that we consider changing the Bylaws to not permit pro-rating of dues. Discussion. This will be discussed again at the 2005 meetings.

XI. Open Forum.

A. Scholarships for 2005 Annual Meeting. Laurel Mueller said that she would contact local Hawaiian students after discussion with local soils professors.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m. MSC (Bordenave/Shlemon)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Reed

NSCSS Executive Secretary

