

**NSCSS Board of Director's
Teleconference Minutes
December 18, 2003**

In attendance: Tom Flack, Director at Large; Pierre Bordenave, Director at Large; Bob Kendall, Director at Large; Sid Davis, Director at Large; Roy Shlemon, Southwest Regional Director; Kari Sever, South Central Regional Director; Dave Ralston, North Central Regional Director; Laurel Mueller, Northeast Regional Director; and Richard Joslyn, Director at Large; Phil Small, Secretary; and Mary Reed, Executive Secretary.

Absent: Hal Owen, Director at large, Phil Scoles, Northwest Regional Director; Scott Franz, Southeast Regional Director.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. (Eastern) by Chairman of the Board, Sid Davis.

Old Business.

- Minutes from the 2/7/03 meeting were approved as submitted. (Davis/Shlemon MSC)

- **Treasurer's Report.** Pierre Bordenave reported:

\$ 6,129 - Checking

\$20,196 – Savings

\$10,184 - CD (Reserve)

\$ 4,212 – Scholarship Fund

\$40,722 – Total Reserves

Income/Expenses for the Year:

\$25,138 – Total Income

\$21,786 - Total Expenses through 12/15/03

\$ 3,352 - Unspent Income through 12/15/03

The Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the board how to utilize these reserve funds. Additionally, a portion of the funds currently held in the regular savings account will be transferred into the CD account. The treasurer's report was approved as presented. (Shlemon/Flack MSC)

- **Executive Committee Report.**

- **Scholarships.** Four are available for the 2004 Annual Meeting. Discussion on how to advertise this. Pierre will write article for newsletter, Laurel Mueller and Kari Sever will contact universities to promote this opportunity.
- **Annual Meeting update.** Tom Flack reported that most of the meeting details are in place. Hotel contracts are done, golf contracts are in place, field tour is almost all in place, and speakers are in place. Everyone on the ExCom and BOD were encouraged to register for the Annual Meeting.
- **RPSS Update.** New RPSS policy will include the requirement of attending the Annual Meeting Ethic's Seminar a minimum of 1 time every three years. Pierre Bordenave will write an article reviewing this for the upcoming newsletter.

New Business.

- **ARCPACS Update.** Bob Kendall reported that ARCPACS will move under SSSA's administration, and this may offer some opportunities for NSCSS's RPSS. SSSA wants NSCSS to be a partner in this ARCPACS move, and offer our input. Terry Cook attended the ARCPACS session at the SSSA meeting, and will be asked to update NSCSS members at the 2004 Annual Meeting.
- **SSSA Report.** Bob Kendall reported on the SSSA meeting/Roundtable Forum. NSCSS will continue to offer guiding direction as changes are made, and emphasize focus on the needs of consulting soil scientists.
- **2005 Annual Meeting.** The anticipated destination is still Hawaii. Pierre Bordenave reported that he and Phil Scoles will have some specific meeting details to report at the 2004 Annual Meeting.
- **Elections.** Bob Kendall reported that John Dickey would be preparing a slate of candidates for the 2004 annual election which would be held at the February meeting in San Diego.

- **Wrap Up.** Pierre Bordenave asked the Executive Secretary to distribute a list of action items generated from the above discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. (Kendall/Sever MSC)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Reed

NSCSS Executive Secretary