



Shaping the Practice of Soil Science in Maine

Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists 2012 Annual Meeting Program Agenda

Abromson Center, University of Southern Maine - Portland, Maine
Friday, March 16, 2012

8:00- 8:30 Registration (coffee and pastries provided)

8:30-10:00 **BUSINESS MEETING**

- President's Introduction – *Johanna Szillery* (5 minutes)
- Treasurer's Report – *Gary Fullerton* (10 minutes)
- Secretary's Report – *Allison Montgomery* (10 minutes)
- MDEP Task Force Update – *Bonnie Cobb, Michael Banaitis* (10 minutes)
- Envirothon Donation – *David Rocque* (10 minutes)
- University of Maine Soil Judging Team donation - *Ken Stratton* (5 minutes)
- Education Committee – *Michael Glessner/ David Turcotte* (15 minutes)
 - Cormier Scholarship Fund
 - Improvements to display and educational materials
- UMaine Update – *Ivan Fernandez* (10 minutes)
- USM Update – *Samantha Langley-Turnbaugh* (10 minutes)
- NRCS Updates – *Anthony Jenkins* (10 minutes)

10:00-10:15 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - Nominating Committee (*Anna Donahue*)

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30-11:45 **NEW BUSINESS**

- MAPSS/ MAWS Action Committee – exploring a joint natural resources professional group – *Johanna Szillery, Lee Burman, Albert Frick* (20 minutes)
- Technical Committee Update and Proposed Changes – *Christopher Dorion* (20 minutes)
- 2012 Workshop – Northeast Regional Cooperative Soil Survey Conference June 18-21, 2012 - *Anthony Jenkins* (15 minutes)
- 2012 MAPPS workshop – *David Rocque* (15 minutes)

11:45-12:30 Buffet lunch

12:30 -1:15 “Trace Element Deposition on Mount Everest”
Bill Yeo, University of Southern Maine

1:15 - 1:45 “Trends in the practice of soil science in the United States”
Dawn Ferris, Soil Science Program Coordinator, Soil Science Society of America

1:45 - 2:00 “Academia, Jobs, Soils and Why Do We Care”
Ivan Fernandez, Professor of Soil Science, University of Maine

2:00 - 3:30 **Panel Discussion: Shaping the Practice of Soil Science in Maine**
Panelists: James Brooks, Darryl Brown, Andrew Carpenter, Dawn Ferris, Ivan Fernandez, Stephen Howell, Anthony Jenkins, David Rocque

3:30 – 4:00 **Moving Forward...**
Johanna Szillery, MAPSS President