

IEG-22 Business Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2002
Tybee Island, GA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Ammons.

Old Business

· Al Smith (University of Georgia) is the new administrative liaison to IEG-22, replacing Everett Emino. Dr. Smith was introduced to the group.

· Larry West distributed the Southeastern great group map to Experiment Station representatives. Larry will e-mail ARCVIEW files to interested parties. It was decided to not put any text with the map. Tom Ammons will write commendation letter to Larry for developing the map.

New Business

· A new member of the Southern Regional Soil Taxonomy Committee was elected.

Members and terms are as follows:

Larry West (January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2002)

Moye Rutledge (January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003)

Joey Shaw (January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2004)

Billy Kingery (January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005)

· Significant discussion occurred on the training of field soil scientists, and how this might be done. The workshops that have been hosted by Georgia (MO 14), Auburn and Florida (MO 15) were mentioned as possible formats. It was overwhelmingly agreed that any workshop should be open to graduate students and the private consulting sector. No action was taken.

· Mike Vepraskas discussed hosting of the Soil Science Institute (SSI), which NC State has done the last 3 sessions. Mike mentioned how this is a good opportunity for other institutes and/or instructors to become involved. In the Conference Business Meeting (see Conference minutes), further discussion revealed Washington State is likely to be the next SSI host.

· Significant discussion occurred on whether the flow of information within the MO/MLRA structure has satisfactorily occurred. Further discussion centered on what the National Cooperative Soil Survey (NCSS) meant. Tom Ammons stated that the NCSS is essentially a compilation of cooperative agreements. Several participants raised concerns about future training within our profession as the number of Universities with Pedologists declines. It was agreed by many that the private sector is providing many entry level positions for soil scientists, but this seems to be concentrated in the states with registration or licensing of soil scientists. Discussion of soil scientists role in the waste management arena also occurred. A motion by Moye Rutledge suggested that the person making waste management plans be trained in soils (B.S.) or closely related field. This motion was tabled until the conference business meeting, where it was not reintroduced.

· New officers were elected for the next two years:

Chair - Larry West
Vice-chair- Tom Hallmark
Secretary- Joey Shaw

· Billy Kingery, the IEG-22 representative from Mississippi, discussed hosting the Soil Survey Conference in Mississippi in 2004.

The minutes note that Wayne Hudnall was the IEG-22 representative to the concurrent agency meeting, and Warren Lynn was the agency representative to IEG-22.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attendance:

Tom Ammons, Warren Lynn, Al Smith, Dave Kissel, Richard Griffin, Mike Vepraskas, Moya Rutledge, Tasos Karathanasis, Larry West, Bill Smith, Billy Kingery, Joey Shaw