

2012 South Regional Work Planning Conference Business Meeting Minutes – Maxine Levin  
Recorded by Dena Marshall  
Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

#### Bylaws revisions needed

- Link on the soils website is hard to locate – Maxine will see about having a better link established
- Membership list needs to be reviewed and updated to reflect upcoming changes due to restructuring of the soils division
- Dena will provide a list of the participants present at the meetings this week to Maxine and note which are cooperators

#### The South Regional Work Planning Conference will be held in Tennessee in 2014

- Paula Gale – UT Martin and Doug Slabaugh – SSS-NRCS will be the co-chairs for organization
- There will be a committee formed to revise the bylaws and have the proposal for the National NCSS Meeting in 2013
  - Review addition of Soil Ecosystem Dynamics Committee
- Roy Vick moved to replace Lexington on the steering committee (in the bylaws) with Morgantown
- Dr. Karathanasis seconded and the motion was approved
- Paula and Doug will be part of the steering committee for the National Meeting to be held in Annapolis, Maryland, 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June 2013
- 2014 Meeting Location – tentatively Nashville
- National Consulting Soil Scientists organization will be changing due to the fact that they are now part of the Soil Science Society of America division S-12

#### Advisory Committee of Cooperators – proposed by Dr. Karathanasis

- Add this committee to the Bylaws
  - Phillip Owens wanted to appoint members now but it was decided that there were not enough cooperators present at this time. Nominations were suggested instead.
  - Committee Members nominated
    - Christine Morgan
    - Joey Shaw
    - Dave Weindorf (alternate)

#### Items from the Cooperators Report

- Item 1 (see report) – recommending as an official committee to serve
- Dr. Karathanasis moved to forward this item on to the other regional meetings for discussion and to be agreed upon for the National Meeting in 2013.
- Clarifies the roles of the director to the advisory group
- Will provide an advantage to the director by being more informed
- Clarifies the communication pathways

Cooperator Report accepted by the group

Standards and Taxonomy Committee Report – Accepted as submitted

Research Needs Committee Report – Accepted with the following clarification/amendment

- Nutrient Dynamics in soil (P&N) “place holder” in this committee
- Add this to #5 of report, Global – soil science needs to be at the table

Soil Interpretations Committee Report – Accepted with following clarification/amendment

- Reemphasized the partnership with cooperators by
  - Keeping informed of new interpretations i.e. National Commodity Crop Productivity Index (NCCPI)
  - How new interpretations are developed
  - Rationale for new interpretations
  - How new interpretations are distributed/rolled out

Subaqueous Soils Committee – Accepted with the following clarification/amendment

- Recommend that the issue be elevated to the National level

New Technology Committee – Accepted with following clarification/amendment

- Mainly a review and approval of the SBAAG report on issues and recommendations
- X-ray florescence
- Aligning goals with the CDSI
- Ruggedized tablets will be coming up for replacement soon and these needs should be compatible with future CDSI and field operations

Soil and Ecosystem Dynamics Committee – Accepted as submitted

Anita Arends to send word document report to Maxine Levin

Members Present

Maxine Levin  
Steve Blanford  
Steve Crabtree  
Matt McCauley  
David Gehring  
Jerry McIntosh  
Pam Thomas  
Delaney Johnson

Susan Andrews  
Paul Benedict  
Mike Robotham  
Charles Guillory  
Steve Lawrence  
Doug Slabaugh  
Paula Gale  
Dr. Karathansis

Debbie Anderson  
Roy Vick  
Luis Hernandez  
Edgar Mersiovsky  
Larry West  
Phillip Owens  
Zamir Libohova