

Lincoln, Nebraska

Nebraska Society of Professional Soil Scientists Minutes of the January 20, 2004, NSPSS Executive Board Meeting NRCS State Office, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of the Nebraska Society of Professional Soil Scientists, held at the Nebraska NRCS State Office, on January 20, 2004, at 10:30 am.

Present

- Luis Hernandez
- Casey Latta
- Earl Lockridge
- Karl Hipple
- Gary Muckel
- Tyler Labenz

This meeting was a planning meeting for the upcoming winter meeting to be held 2/11/2004. Past business items were also discussed. Minutes from the last NSPSS meeting on 2/27/03 were distributed.

The first order of business was brainstorming to come up with possible sites to hold the upcoming winter meeting and what time to have it. Possible sites mentioned were the Student Union at UNL, a Downtown Lincoln restaurant, Valentino's, All American Steak Buffet, and a meeting room in the Federal Building. Action: It was decided to have an evening meeting with a meal from 5:00 to around 7:00. Earl Lockridge volunteered to check into possible meeting locations by Friday.

The next item was discussing meeting speaker. Luis suggested contacting Mark Kuzila for possible speakers. Curtis Talbot's South Pole trip to maintain weather stations, Gary Wells' China trip or Lied Center design, and Soil Survey user groups (assessors, appraisers, real estate agents, department of roads, etc.) panel discussion were brought up as possibilities. Action: It was decided to focus the presentation on Nebraska and focus on soils. Luis Hernandez volunteered to contact Mark Kuzila for potential speakers by Friday.

The agenda for the winter meeting was then discussed. Action: It was decided to have 1 hour of social time, a 45 minute business meeting focusing on NSPSS business and projects.

Old Business:

- Smithsonian Soil Exhibit

- Children's Ground Water Festival in Grand Island (making miniature soil profiles)
- Spring Creek Ranch

New Business:

- Nebraska Blue Book (Holdrege State Soil)
- Husker Harvest Days participation (possible soil pit)
- Joint meeting with Missouri and Iowa (Treyner, IA)
- Awards and Recognition
- and ending with a guest speaker.

Discussed which members should receive notification of the winter meeting, only active members or to everyone listed in the directory. It was decided to send an announcement to everyone in the directory. Action: Tyler Labenz will send out an invitation to all members in the membership directory by e-mail or USPS mail as soon as meeting information is gathered.

It was suggested that the Secretary look for the brainstorming project list that was developed by the members at a previous meeting. Action: Tyler Labenz will look in the files for this list.

It was decided that more discussion is needed about what information to include on individual members on the NSPSS website. Members may not want personal information such as their address and e-mail listed on the site. Action: Bring this issue up for the membership to discuss again. If there are objections than a listing of personal information will not be added to the site.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Respectfully submitted,
Tyler Labenz
NSPSS secretary