

# Lincoln, Nebraska

## **Nebraska Society of Professional Soil Scientists Minutes of February 27, 2003 NSPSS Meeting at Lincoln, Nebraska.**

Minutes of meeting of the Nebraska Society of Professional Soil Scientists held at the University of Nebraska, Nebraska Union Building, Lincoln, on February 27, 2003.

Vice President Luis Hernandez called the meeting to order at 10:30 am with approximately 40 member present.

Treasurers Report by Gary Muckel.

\$1292.00      Balance as of 2/27/03

68              Membership as of 12/30/02

Constitution and By-Laws. Karl Hipple led the discussion on the final comments of the Constitution. A copy of the Constitution with the additions and modifications was sent out to all members prior to the meeting. One final modification concerning ARCPACS affiliation was added with the approval of the members present. The final version of the Constitution and By-Laws was voted on and approved by the members. A copy of the Constitution will be posted on the NSPSS web site.

NSPSS application form. A few more additions and modifications will be made on the form. There is a need to establish a permanent mailing address for NSPSS. A executive executive committee will check out the possibilities for a mailing address. The new application form will be posted on the web site.

ARCPACS Affiliation. NSPSS will be associated with ARCPACS, and will need to follow the code of ethics. The code of ethics will be posted on the web site.

NSPSS Web site. Duane Mohlman presented a demonstration of the new NSPSS web site. All members agreed that the web site looked good, and that we move forward with using and posting material on the web site. Duane will be the webmaster for the site. There was some discussion on the listing of members on the site, and what information to include on individual members. The executive board will meet to discuss this issue. If you have any concerns or comments on the subject of information to be listed with members, please send them to [steve.scheinost@ne.usda.gov](mailto:steve.scheinost@ne.usda.gov). The new web site address is; <http://csd.unl.edu/nspss/>.

NSPSS Projects.

Spring Creek Ranch: Brief report by Norman Helzer. Norm and Lyle Steffen volunteered to contact Spring Creek Ranch to see what assistance or projects NSPSS can do.

Ground Water Festival in Grand Island. Renee Gross and Richard Zink volunteered to check into what NSPSS can do for a poster, demonstration or hands on project at the festival.

Gary Muckel displayed some items that other states are using to promote soils information, state soils, etc.

New Business.

Chadron State College Soils Program. Chuck Butterfield, professor at Chadron State sent a power point presentation for the purpose of asking for assistance on establishing a soils program at the college. There was considerable discussion as to just how much assistance NSPSS could help with this project. Mark Kuzila will contact Mr. Butterfield as to what type of assistance NSPSS or the University can provide.

Soil Survey Horizons. Mike Wilson gave a report on the purpose of the booklet, Soil Survey Horizons. He asked for soil scientists support by subscribing to the publication and to submit articles for publication.

Smithsonian Soils Exhibit. Gary Muckel gave a report as to what is being done on the Soils Exhibit, and why. Jim Culver volunteered to head up a committee on what NSPSS and others can do for fund raising activities.

UNL-Land Judging Team. Zach Rigg, Neil Dominy, and Burch Breazeale, Members of the Land Judging team, gave a report on their success of winning the collegiate regional Land Judging contest in Minnesota last fall. The team asked for financial support for their upcoming trip to the National Contest to be held at Texas A&M in April. NSPSS voted on and agreed to donate \$250 to the team for their travel expenses.

The noon luncheon was furnished by UNL-C&SD, which was held at the Nebraska Union. The luncheon speaker was Robert Diffendal, Professor and Research Geologist with the Conservation and Survey Division. Prof. Diffendal gave an interesting slide show on the Lewis and Clark Expedition and what they saw and described in their journals on soils and geology along the Missouri River.

Submitted by:  
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