

June 3, 2004, Announcement and Minutes of Teleconference

Teleconference Announcement - May 17, 2004

TO:

- Mike Singer, Past-President, Soil Science Society of America
- Tom Fenton, Professional Soil Classifiers of Iowa
- Kari Sever, Association of Women Soil Scientists
- Margie Faber, Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England
- Chad McGrath, Oregon Society of Soil Scientists
- Valerie Breunig, Director of Development, SSSA
- Clifford Landers, National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists
- Jim Ware, Soil Scientist, National Soils Staff, NRCS-USDA
- Tom Rice, SSSA, Past-Chair, S236.1 Membership, Identity, and Visibility Committee
- Deborah Soukup, Chair, S236.1 Membership, Identity, & Visibility Committee
- Luther Smith, ICCA
- Robert Kendall, National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists
- Dawn Tracey, Council of Soil Science Examiners
- Myra Peak, Peak Environmental
- John Zupancic, Agronomy Solutions
- Lee Sommers, 18th World Congress of Soil Science
- John Kimble, 18th World Congress of Soil Science
- Patrick Drohan, Smithsonian Exhibit
- Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy, ASA-CSSA-SSSA
- Sara Uttech, Manager, Marketing/Communications, SSSA
- Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Vice-President, ASA-CSSA-SSSA
- Mike Golden, Director of Soil Survey Division, NRCS-USDA
- John Doran, Past-President, Soil Science Society of America
- Bill Pauls, Missouri Association of Professional Soil Scientists
- Terry Arroues, Professional Soil Scientists Association of California
- Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions Mike Lilly, State Soil Scientist, Mississippi
- Bob Ahrens, Director National Soil Survey Center, NRCS-USDA
- Bruce Willman, President, Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists

FROM:

- Tom Sims, President, Soil Science Society of America (SSSA John Havlin, President-Elect, Soil Science Society of America (SSSA)
- Jim Culver, U.S. Consortium of Soil Science Associations (USCSSA)

SUBJECT: SSSA - USCSSA , Seattle Roundtable Planning Teleconference - June 3, 2004 Scheduled

Time: The teleconference will be Thursday, June 3, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time. Expected duration of teleconference is one to one and one-half hours.

Call-in Information: USA Toll Number: +1-773-756-4624, PASSCODE: 12960 ; LEADER: MS LINDA BOUC For security reasons, the passcode and the leader's name will be required to join your conference call.

Purpose of this teleconference is to develop an Action Plan for having a joint SSSA-USCSSA Roundtable session during the ASA-CSSA-SSSA annual meetings in Seattle this fall. Our first joint roundtable session at the meetings in Denver last year was a success and there is interest for a similar activity at Seattle this fall.

Background: E- mail of January 1, 2004, on 2004 Plans for SSSA and USCSSA from Tom Sims (copy attached). E-mail of March 28, 2004, to roundtable planning group from Tom Sims and Jim Culver (copy attached).

Agenda Items for Consideration: Please forward to Jim Culver any other suggested agenda items prior to May 30, 2004.

Procedural Needs:

- Need to determine activities such as meeting date and time, length of meeting, location, meeting room, cash bar and etc. Lead: John Havlin, Tom Sims, Jim Culver and all participants.
- Kind of meeting format -- formal and panel presentations, roundtable and breakout sessions, posters, demonstrations, field trips and etc. Lead: John Havlin, Tom Sims, Chad McGrath and all participants.

Presentations:

- Building a National Effort for Certification and Licensing of Soil Scientists
- Results of Questionnaire on "Meeting the Needs of Professional Soil Scientists." Lead -- Margie Faber
- ARCPACS activities Lead - Luther Smith
- Update on Smithsonian Soils Exhibit -- Valerie Breunig

- Membership concerns and decline of Pedologists at Universities to teach Soil Science
- Opportunities to inform administrators, policy makers, and other financial decision makers the value and resource needs for a productive soil science community in the United States.
- Update on 18th World Congress of Soil Science meeting

Summary of decision discussion and preparation of Action Plan for 2004
 "Roundtable" Lead: John Havlin, Tom Sims and Jim Culver

We are hopefully you will be able to participate in this teleconference. Thanks for your interest and assistance in planning this "Roundtable."

Tom Sims
 Jim Culver
 John Havlin

Teleconference Minutes

SSSA - USCSSA, Seattle Planning Teleconference

June 3, 2004 - 10:00 a.m. Central Time

Chair: Jim Culver

Participants:

- Jim Culver, Advisory Group USCSSA
- Deborah Soukup, Chair, S236.1 Membership, Identity & Visibility Committee
- Mike Singer, Past-President, Soil Science Society of America
- Margie Faber, Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England
- Tom Sims, President SSSA; John Havlin, President-Elect SSSA
- Luther Smith, ICCA; Valerie Breunig, Director of Development, SSSA
- Bruce Willman, President, Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists
- Jim Ware, Soil Scientist, Soil Survey Division, USDA-NRCS
- Mike Golden, Director, Soil Survey Division, USDA-NRCS
- Linda Bouc, Recorder

Mike Singer: Confirmed, but need to make final decisions on what activities we want to link to the roundtable. Jim had emailed out suggestions.

John Havlin: Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday evening during the SSSA Meetings in Seattle, but may start at 4:30 or 5:00 and end around 7:00 or 7:30. Have not yet verified this with Keith. Need to identify speakers.

Tom: The on-line Survey about the needs of Soil Scientists will be open until July 31st. Want to communicate to people about the survey and will try to put something in the CSANews for July. Would like Jim Culver to notify the Consortium. Would they summarize survey and discuss in August/September at another teleconference. Would like to come out of the roundtable with a couple of things for professional soil scientists to do.

Margie: Received 767 responses so far with a lot of good ideas. Will send out preliminary summary to this email group. Would be happy to discuss this in Seattle.

Bruce: It would be interesting to know where the responses were coming from across the country.

Valerie: Responses are confidential so you cannot tell where the responses were submitted from.

Tom: Margie will work with Sarah to put article regarding this survey in the October news so they have a chance to read before meeting.

Margie: Jim could send out to his distribution list and recommend that each Society put link in newsletter.

ACTION: Margie will send information to Jim to include in email message.

Luther: Not aware if there is a certification process for soil scientists in Canada.

Jim: How many agenda items should we have at the roundtable?

Suggestions from group:

- Canadian Soil Science Society.
- Certification Process.
- Licensing and how does SSSA help with this. What is the best way to go about this. Put together a roadmap. (North Carolina, Wisconsin, Washington) Provide model.
- General needs that come out of the survey.

Decisions:

- Have a panel of four people on Licensing
- Have Margie discuss the survey.

John, Tom and Mike need to discuss who will participate in panel. Follow-up with Canada to have someone represent them. John volunteered to follow-up with Canada for a representative.

Mike Golden: Texas went several years without being successful. Finally got a lobbyist and worked together with other groups.

Luther will review information collected about soil scientist certification work across the country to identify potential states to participate on the panel.. Have a representative from each of these states to work together with SSSA staff to build a roadmap or process that can be used by states and others in working with elected officials in getting certification programs approved.

Jim. Work with Margie to make poster summary of questionnaire soil scientists completed.

Tom: Margie will send summary of survey out and in August will get article for CSANews. In September will have a teleconference to finalize plans for roundtable.

Mike Golden: Letter will be sent out to states encouraging the State Conservationists to approve their field soil scientists to attend.

Margie: Suggest sending out draft of roundtable information. John Havlin will send out a draft agenda for the "Roundtable" session in Seattle by email to the teleconference group for review.

Valerie: The national program on State soils - Smithsonian Soils Exhibit is going well. Although we need ideas for corporate funders. States are sending in checks. Missouri and Montana have reached their \$10,000 goals. California is close. Lot of activity from Nebraska, Pennsylvania and a few other states. At annual meeting there will be a special meeting of state leaders group to review progress and projected plans of the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit. Will have a booth display. Hoping for \$3 million dollars.

Mike Singer: SE Johnson have made some major gifts to environmental education. Suggest adding them to the list of corporate funders to contact.

Jim Ware: Smithsonian has agreed to display the Missouri monolith as a prototype. Working on additional information for this display that should be

ready for public viewing in a month or two. Landscape setting of where you can find that particular soil type. When the public sees the display, hopefully, this will generate some more support. USDA reviewed article on Missouri monolith being displayed at Smithsonian. Wanted to do this as a USDA news release. Waiting for this display to be ready before sending out news release.

Will follow-up with teleconference the last of August or first part of September. Tom Sims, John Havlin and Jin Culver will coordinate and send out an announcement on date and suggested agenda for this group teleconference to finalize the agenda and other planned activities.

Teleconference adjourned about 10:00 a.m. Central Time.