

May 9, 2003, Teleconference Announcements and Agenda.

Participants:

- Jim Culver
- Mike Singer-President of SSSA
- Tom Sims-President-Elect SSSA
- Valerie Bruenig-Director of Development SSSA
- Margie Faber-Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England
- Keith Schlesinger
- Luther Smith-ASA-CSSA-SSSA
- Tom Rice-SSSA Chair, Membership, Identity and Visibility Committee
- Chad McGrath-Oregon Society of Soil Scientists
- Linda Bouc, recorder

Discussion on Agenda for USCSSA meeting during the SSSA meeting in Denver this fall. Propose to have a formal program for about an hour, then Panel discussion and round table discussions for about an hour. Suggest to have a round table discussion of topics of interest to SSSA and USCSSA.

Tom Rice: Would like to see an action plan as a result of these round table discussions.

Suggest to have a teleconference after the meeting in November to develop this action plan.

Suggest to have good publicity on this meeting to get as many people to attend as possible.

Keith: Tuesday evening has the least conflicts. Tour conflicts on Wednesday. ASF reception on Tuesday evening at 5:30. Most tours are due back around 5:00 p.m.

Suggest Tuesday evening starting at 7:30 - 9:30.

Suggest to have the Committee Membership involved in this.

Tom Sims will send out a revised version of draft agenda for additional comments and ideas. Include Smithsonian.

Assuming about 100-125 participants.

Culver: Suggest to have a President of one of the Societies lead the discussion on USCSSA.

What can SSSA and the Consortium offer them?

Who will be the contact person for publicity: Sarah, Tom and Valerie.
Mike can mention this in his column.
Send update to Consortium regarding this meeting.

Set out membership forms for the various groups. Education resource display.
Contact SSSA for approval to display membership items.
Tom Sims will work with Keith on room set-up. Will have area for display for various group information. Smithsonian information could be displayed.

Tom Rice: Statistics on background information to have available before the round table discussions. Tom volunteers to be the collector of this information and will solicit for this information.

Suggest to have Crops, Agronomy and Soils to meet concurrently at this time. Also the committees.

ACTION: Jim will contact Cliff.

Margie will represent State Societies on the agenda.

Round table discussion on the certification process. Raising the visibility of ARCPACS to soil scientists.

ACTION: Please respond to the draft agenda with recommendations or changes.

Talked about putting a Consortium link on SSSA Homepage.

Valerie will work with Sarah and Jim Culver to draft a letter to send out information.

End of very productive one hour teleconference.