

May 19, 2002, Email from Jim Culver, to all societies and associations, with an update of the USCSSA web site.

Greetings to all Societies/Associations,

Thanks to your cooperative assistance, the web site for the United States Consortium of Soil Science Association (USCSSA) is beginning to take shape and provide productive information. The following are highlights for your attention and to share with the membership of your organization. This letter will be posted on the USCSSA web site under "Organizational Operations" for your reference.

1 - **URL** -- There has been some differences in the URL for our web site sent out on correspondence. The correct URL for the United States Consortium of Soil Science Association is <http://soilsassociation.org>. Please provide your membership this correct URL for the USCSSA.

2 - **Membership** -- Congratulations to all !!!!!!! Our web site now has a new listing of the contact person and officers for each Society/Association. This is the most complete list of contacts and Societies/Associations officers available.

Most all organizations have done an excellent job of providing complete information. This information has been collected during the past few months. A sincere effort was made to report correct information. However, I am sure there are inadvertent errors of spelling, e-mail address, telephone numbers, names that need to be updated, etc.

Please review your organization's information for completeness. Send me any revisions at j4culver@aol.com. Our plans are to promptly make any reported corrections. Once a satisfactory review has been made, we will collect updated information and make requested membership revisions at least once each quarter.

3 - **Links** -- The available web site of each Society / Association of Professional Soil Scientists is listed for easy reference. Good progress is being made by state organizations in developing new web sites. Please let us know when you develop a new web site or have a change in your URL.

Under "Links" there is a section on Soil Survey Standards and Information. This is primarily designed to assist field soils scientists and others to access technical soil survey information. It includes the *Field Guide for Describing Soils* and other similar documents. One can easily copy this entire section and put it in your personnel computer directories as a quick reference to available soil survey standards used by the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

4 - **Consulting Services** -- Please take a look at this for your state or area of work. We listed what was reported in addition to what was on some web sites.

There is an opportunity for more states to include a list of soil consultants on this web site.

5 - Certification Process and ARPACS Certification -- We are presently developing questionnaires to collect information for these two web site sections. We plan to send you these questionnaires before long, so your cooperative and timely response will be greatly appreciated.

6 - "What's New Around the Country" -- We are encouraging Societies / Associations newsletters and web sites have a section where they can share information to their membership about what other Societies / Associations are doing around the country. This could be a short section with two or three brief interesting activities of other organizations.

We are very pleased with the excellent cooperative assistance and work of all Societies / Associations in getting an attractive and productive web site up and running.

Best Regards,
Jim Culver