

State Societies/Associations Teleconference

July 25, 2001

Participants: Jim Culver, Ron Bauer, Tom Fenton, Mark Kuzila, Bill Pauls,
Linda Bouc (recorder)

Jim: Bill Pauls raised the fact as to how large we want this group to be. Comments were that we should keep it in the United States and keep it manageable. Use societies and associations.

Discussion and recommendations on the review of the "Revised Goal and Objectives".

2.A. Mark Kuzila indicated he would be willing to take the lead in doing the design, layout and etc on this brochure.

2.B. Checking the records to find out the status of each organization. An ongoing process – Culver currently working on the initial phase of this activity. Geology? Several Geological Associations and in a few states soils and geology and together.

2.C. North Carolina and North Dakota are good examples.

2.D. This item helps the public understand what we are trying to do – Mark..

2.E. Develop a liaison with the political arena- added.

2.F. Land use and environmental issues-added.

3.A. Sharing? Good discuss during teleconference on use of the term "sharing".

Mark will revise 3A as appropriate and provide to Linda.

Tom suggested to use Land Evaluation instead of Tax Assessment.

4.C. Good discussion on 4.C. Revised as follows: "Develop a speakers bureau that will serve as a resource to the public and private sectors on the interpretation and use of soils information".

4.D. Ron Bauer recommended we add 4.D "Fostering development and providing training, e.g., symposia and workshop specifically designed for accreditation maintenance".

Suggestion was made to have someone give a report at the ASA Meeting in North Carolina in October. Suggest: Kevin McSweeney who is the Director of Natural Resources Division and also the current chair of the S-5 Committee.

ACTION: Next week send revised draft of this meeting to the teleconference group for their review and responses returned to Linda or Jim by August 20, 2001.

Plan to have web-site this fall prior to S-5 meeting. Need some suggestions, need nice cover page, digital pictures, wording, etc. Have some resources and suggestions sent to us. Tom Fenton said he had resources to take the lead in design and development of a web site cover page. Mark Kuzila indicated he could get the web site set up. Suggested Tom could ftp him the web site cover and they could go from there.

Suggestion to use a combination of logos or come up with one new one. Map of U.S. with states that belong identified in some way.

ACTION: Have this as an agenda item in September. Also will review and approve the "Goals and Objectives" prepared by this working group. Any other agenda items?

Preferences for names and if they have web-site.

Our next teleconference for the teleconference group of April 25, 2001 and other potential members will be scheduled in September, 2001.

Note:

I appreciate the excellent comments and frank discussion during our excellent teleconference. Good Job Everyone !!! I feel we are off to a good productive start.

Best Regards,

Jim