

**Canadian Society of Soil Science - Annual General Meeting 2005  
Minutes**

Location: Halifax, NS. –approx. 40 attendees.

**1. Call to order and welcome** (Anne Naeth).

**2. Approval of the Agenda.** Move to accept Yash K., 2<sup>nd</sup> Rigas K. Carried.

**3. Approval of the 2004 AGM minutes.** Move to accept David C., 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan P. Carried.

**4. Business arising from the 2004 AGM minutes** (Anne Naeth). None.

**5. President's Report** (Anne Naeth).

-membership is at an all-time high –+420, about 25% students.

-proposed bylaw changes: Council terms to follow the calendar year since meeting times now vary. –three lawyers examining bylaws to ensure in appropriate legal terms.

-web site updated – please give Council feedback. –does it give a clear message of who we are.

-history of CSSS being updated by Vimy Glass. –will appear on the web site.

-soils initiative at the Museum of Nature in Ottawa being investigated by Ed Gregorich.

-CSSS pedology subcommittee has been established led by Dan Pennock.

-on-line voting coming soon.

Move to accept Martin C., 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed G. Carried.

**6. Treasurer's Report** (Don Flaten).

-Don Flaten sends his regrets – report given by Anne Naeth.

-Trust Fund: growth in value –after 10,000 repayment to operating for awards, fund grew from 254K to 256K.

-additional expenses from Seattle (overall deficit). – membership income down slightly. – overall income greater than expenses by about 5K.

? from Gerry C.: accounts settled from Seattle meeting? Anne N.: yes.

Budget for 2006: newsletter cost increasing – Council travel costs down.

Move to accept interim 2005 statement and budget for 2006: Rigas K., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom B. Carried.

**7. Election Report** (Gary Parkin) no election results to report. – election will be held in the fall for Eastern Councillor, Student Representative and President-Elect.

Move to accept David C., 2<sup>nd</sup> Craig D. Carried.

**8. CJSS Editor's Report** (Martin Carter).

-3 AE's finished their terms. –special issues comprise >6 papers, < 6 papers comprise a special

section. –journal stats same as last year, IF approx. 1. –# of papers submitted about 90 (about 40% from outside of Canada. –49 papers published in 2004. –new aspect this year is that accepted papers are available on-line immediately.  
Move to accept Craig D., 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie A. Carried.

**9. Annual Conference Reports** 2004 – Ed Gregorich. –Seattle, about 180 presentations, 63 student papers, 8 symposia co-sponsored by CSSS with ASA, no profit, ASA divisions do not profit from meetings. –2 special issues will appear in CJSS.

2005 – David Burton –May conference is not the most convenient time of the year, 147 papers, 40 student papers, GACMAC very excited to meet with us, has been good to interact with them, conference will make a profit, strong support for GACMAC also noted by Anne Naeth.

2006 – Anne Naeth –meet from May 13-17 with CGU in Banff conference centre. 2002 conference was well attended –very favourable.

2007 –Craig Drury –QSSS has invited us to join them in June 07 at a resort near Quebec City. –about 150 participants anticipated – focus on soils – speakers may use language of their choice. –CSSS Council recommending we accept the invitation.

2008 –Anne Naeth –Bill McGill would like to organize them at UNBC, Prince George, BC.

Gerry Coen: have a CSSS desk welcoming members at meeting registration sites. – Anne Naeth: will do that for Banff.

?Tom Bruulsema: meet with CSA/Hort Science maybe in 2008?

Anne naeth: need to link up with other organizations a few years in advance. –any suggestions for future meetings are welcome. – request for show of hands for meeting with QSSS in 2007 won unanimous support.

**10. Business Office Report - Steve Sheppard.**

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**CSSS Office (Steve Sheppard)**

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**SPORG:** The on-line membership registration system has been functioning successfully, and does improve the efficiency of the registrar function. This January, we were surprised by an obligation, supposed imposed by the banks and credit card companies, to become a ‘full merchant’ for credit card sales. This has been an on-going saga, the latest being a very thorough review of the security of our internet provider and their server. I have no idea where this will lead us. SPORG has also markedly changed their data download format, it is now better for us,

but they did it in the middle of our membership renewal season. So both of these events were inadvertently timed by others to have maximum impact on our operations. I think we survived, so far, and we'll keep you posted on the vagaries of credit card membership renewal!

There is a feature of SPORG we as a Society have not fully explored, and that is the password log-in option. The system does not require you to have a password to renew for CSSS, but you can opt to enter a password. If you do not use that option, then each year you have to enter all your address details, whereas if you enter a password, last year's data should be available for you to simply check. The password system may also allow voting.

**BrainHunter:** The CSSS careers site is fully operational (a BrainHunter product and service), and has generated revenue for CSSS. The site has great functionality for both those seeking jobs and those posting job openings. Ideally we might move to this system instead of email, but there seems to be some reluctance on the part of employers to pay the \$150 listing fee. We have a review of this service underway, and your comments most welcome. Have you used it? If so, was it good? If not, (and you were either looking for or advertising a job) why did you not use it?

thanks

Steve S.

## 11. New Business

Ed Gregorich: Museum of Nature in Ottawa – tripling floor space for exhibits – room for soils in phase 2, ecology. –finished end of 2008. – Ed G. and Bert van Den Bygaart met with museum staff. –any input from members requested. –want a permanent and a mobile display.-Society's mandate is to educate the Public –this is a good opportunity. Ed requests input by the end of summer. –project will require \$ from CSSS.

?Gerry Neilsen: What type of museum is it? Ed: displays of ecosystems, maybe we can include computer graphics, monoliths, etc.

?Pam Joosse: What age group is targeted? Ed: aim for a general, multi-age audience.

?Fran Walley: What is the time frame? Ed: completed in '08, looking for ideas now.

Fran Walley: sounds like a fantastic opportunity.

?Scott Smith: How many monoliths in Neatby building? Ed: About 40-50 are stored away.

Dan Pennock: Pedology Subcommittee – soil classification, web searches, Canadian soils, fragmented, data on various web sites, committee met in Seattle, developed a mandate, will meet annually at CSSS meetings, must develop a process to revise CSSS classification.

## 12. Appointment of Auditors: Bob Ehlers and Rhonda MacDougall

Move to accept Dave B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerry C. Carried.

**13. Adjournment.** 1:31.

Move to accept Gerry C., 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhonda M. Carried.