

## Canadian Society of Soil Science – 2007 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Location: Station Touristique Duchesnay, Quebec

Attendance: Approx. 30

1. **Call to order and welcome** (Gerry Neilsen).
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Move to accept: Anne Naeth, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Voroney. Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Move to accept: Craig Drury, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Grant. Carried.
4. **Business Arising from 2006 AGM Minutes**
  - Twinning projects (Ed Gregorich): Both SRICANSOL and VIETCANSOL projects in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of renewed 5-year terms. A third project in Ethiopia just starting, funded by CIDA. Suggestions for projects in other countries welcome.
  - Methods of Soil Sampling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (Ed Gregorich): Has 85 chapters; to be published August 1, 2007. Will cost about \$150 per copy, but CSSS members will get 50% discount.
  - Museum of Nature (Ed Gregorich): Approved in principle, to open 2010. Will have permanent and travelling exhibits. Meetings with Museum will start June 11 – Ed Gregorich and Dan Pennock to represent CSSS. Need a concept outline by 2008. Funding to be discussed.
  - Pedology report (Dan Pennock): Main activities in 2007 – discussions with National Land and Water Information Service (NLWIS) to jointly develop Soils of Canada website. At a Canadian Land Resource Network meeting in Calgary, private-sector pedologists expressed strong desire to develop some form of accreditation. Also, strong support for a prairie-wide field course in Pedology for graduate and senior undergraduate students. Good progress.
5. **Past President's Report** (Craig Drury).
  - Rules and Bylaws: Several changes recommended. Draft of changes to be sent to members and their suggestions will be incorporated before voting. Recommended changes include proper reflection of affiliations, no geographical (East/West) restrictions to Councillors, calendar-year terms of office, electronic voting, and establishment of Nominations Committee.
6. **President's Report** (Gerry Neilsen).
  - Membership at plateau: 349 members in mid-May, down 25 from same time in 2006. Need strategy for renewal of CSSS to increase membership.
  - Annual Meetings: Prince George, BC, in 2008. Still exploring options for 2009 – suggestions welcome.
7. **Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Auditors** (Don Flaten).
  - Overall financial situation - healthy.
  - Major expenses - student awards and newsletter.
  - 2008 budget: No allowance for CSSS renewal initiatives. Will need to increase membership fees for renewal initiatives like website design.
  - Trust fund: Maintain it and hedge it against inflation. Volunteers welcome to evaluate investment strategies.
  - Move to accept report: Don Flaten, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denis Angers. Carried.

- Auditors: New auditors needed. David Chanasyk and Clarke Topp recommended and approved.
- Move to accept 2008 budget: Newton Lupwayi, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dan Pennock. Carried.
- 8. Secretary and Election Committee Report** (Newton Lupwayi).
  - New CSSS Council members for 2007:-
    - CSSS President-Elect: Dan Pennock acclaimed - he was the only candidate.
    - Western Councillor: Two candidates ran, Jim Miller elected.
- 9. President Elect/Awards Committee Report** (Dan Pennock).
  - 2007 CSSS Fellow: Dr Anne Naeth.
  - Student travel awards: 12 grants awarded from 13 applicants.
  - Book award: 8 given.
  - CSSS renewal: Propose to raise membership fees to \$100 to fund renewal initiatives. Meeting to be held at 2008 Conference (Prince George) to discuss funding options.
- 10. CJSS Editor's Report** (Frank Larney).
  - CJSS news: 2007 marks 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CJSS, and an anniversary logo appears on the cover of each 2007 issue. Henry Janzen coming up with an anniversary paper. Four new Associate Editors appointed on January 1, 2007 to replace retirements. Web-based manuscript submission and peer-review system is in place, but has had "teething problems".
  - CJSSS statistics: 114 manuscripts were submitted (5-yr average = 96). 25% of submitted manuscripts came from outside Canada (5-yr average = 32%), but rejection rate of these papers was 97%. Impact factor in 2005 was 0.835 (5-yr average = 0.771).
- 11. Annual Conference Reports.**
  - 2006 Banff, Alberta (Anne Naeth): Successful conference. 342 registrants, 144 of which were CSSS; 213 oral presentations, 83 of which were CSSS (incl. 22 students); 99 posters, 36 of which were CSSS (incl. 30 students).
  - 2007 Quebec (Denis Angers): >200 registered. 150 papers: 90 oral and 60 posters. About 50 student presentations (about 1:1 CSSS:Quebec Society). Likely to make \$10,000 profit, to be split 1:1 CSSS:Quebec Society.
  - 2008 Prince George (Bill McGill): Opening plenary session on Sunday evening, followed by 3 days of paper + poster presentations, then tours on last day. More information at [www.res.unbc.ca/csss2008](http://www.res.unbc.ca/csss2008).
- 12. New Business.**
  - None.
- 13. Adjournment:** 1 h 15 min.