

2023 CPSS Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Virtual

Meeting called to order at 12:07 PM Central.

Welcome and introductions made.

Reviewing Applications

Voting:

Discussion about voting needs. Board agreed to require 3/3 votes. If the votes are not unanimous, send to entire board for review. If no response by one reviewer, past chair or chair will review.

-A reviewing schedule will be made by Zoe Brindley, including nominated members.

-Reviewing worksheet now in use for all reviews. Suggestions welcome.

Core Soil Science Credits List:

Needs reviewing and to be merge with NRCS list—Zoe Brindley will send copy for the board to review and will be discussed in next meeting. Laurel Mueller will find NRCS list.

Rusty Royston Application

Dawn Gibas shared screen of her letter sent to Rusty mentioning he needs to retake his Fundamentals Exam.

Motion made by Aaron DeJoia to accept his CPSS application without retaking the exam; Laurel Mueller seconded; motion passed by board.

-Board found he has been taking CEUs through the GA Soil Classifier program and is in good standing as a board member.

Certification States (FL, OH, PA)

Ohio and Florida are not able to gain volunteers and need support.

~~Ohio is refusing to review Soils applications currently.~~ REDACTED upon revision by Dawn Gibas who is in correspondence with the Ohio board about this problem.

More discussion in next meeting.

Policy Manual

Board encouraged to review the manual further and will be discussed on next meeting.

Exam changes

Will allow people to take Soils Fundamentals exam in three sections by subject matter (soil chemistry and fertility; soil physics and soil classification morphology and genesis; soil biology and land use) instead of one large section

-Would pay more in proctoring fees if they take it in sections due to having to pay for three proctoring sessions vs. one session

-Needs to take all sections within 6 months; can retake sections if needed

Marketing

Will be discussed in next meeting.

Anything else?

Onsite wastewater idea:

Many states do not have enough soil scientists that do onsite wastewater septic system work.

Creating a national wastewater license?

-Suggested requirements: need to take a section (suggested soil physics and classification morphology) of the Fundamentals Exam in order to get licensure, at least a 2-year degree or sufficient experience, and some sort of state/local training, licensing, or class.

-Would help bolster the SSSA program and would help the states gain numbers of certified professionals that work on site

-Big market to tap into

Will discuss further in next meeting.

Election Process:

Chair is two-year term; incoming vice chair would be nominated by the board before the current chair's term ends.

Will discuss further in next meeting.

Next board meeting projected to be in August. Zoe Brindley will send potential dates.

Meeting adjourned at 1:14 PM Central.