

24 October 2012

S6 Division Business Meeting (Soil and Water Management and Conservation – SAWMAC)

Called to order by Jeff Strock at 10:17 am

- Approximately 40 in attendance at start of business meeting (45 at 10:50 am).
- Meeting generally going well; presentation of Brady Lecture this morning by Daniel Hillel well attended

Introduction of officers – Jeff Strock

- Jeff Strock, 2012 Chair
- Harold van Es, Board Rep
- Mark Liebig, Past Chair
- Alan Franzluebbbers, Incoming Chair
- Tom Sauer, Chair-elect
- Brian Wienhold, SSSA Technical Editor
- Committee chairs – Jorge Delgado, SSSA – SWCS Joint Symposium committee; Mark Liebig, nominating committee; Mark Liebig, Young Scholar Award committee; Clark Gantzer, Graduate Student Award committee; Jerry Lemunyon, Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship committee; Maysoon Mikha, Best SSSAJ S6 Paper Award committee; Kirk Iversen, Webmaster; Jeff Strock, Annual Meeting Program
- SAWMAC had 17 events this year, 2 symposia, 5 oral sessions, 10 poster sessions; congratulations to those involved

Young Scholar Award – Mark Liebig

- Committee members thanked for time and review of nominees
- Tony Buda, Hydrologist at the USDA-ARS in University Park PA is the recipient

Graduate Student Award – Jeff Strock for Clark Gantzer

- Emma Witt is recipient. She is a Ph.D. candidate evaluating best management practices used in forest harvesting for the protection of surface water quality at the University of Kentucky.

Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship – Jerry Lemunyon

- 17 applications received, junior or senior student, essay required, professor support letter, protecting natural resources; difficulty with SSSA for applying for this award, but will continue to run through SAWMAC; \$3000 to student, \$500 to professor
- Patrick Bell is recipient. He is pursuing MS degree at Oklahoma State University in both Plant and Soil Sciences and International Agriculture

Best Paper Award – Maysoon Mikha

- Selection of Humberto Blanco and Rattan Lal for their highly cited paper of: Blanco-Canqui, H., and R. Lal. 2008. No tillage and carbon sequestration: An on-farm assessment. Soil Sci. Soc. Am. J. 72:693-701)
- Chair is accepting nominations to join committee, need new chair also, should contact her at maysoon.mikha@ars.usda.gov

SSSA Board Representative Report (SAWMAC) – Harold van Es

- Yielded to Chuck Rice, Past President of SSSA; recognized Jeff Strock as Chair of Division S6 and service during year
- Harold van Es
 - Reorganization of SSSA being developed
 - Hot topic sessions planned, 'drought' and 'fracking' sessions during lunch this year
 - Broad, across-division symposia being encouraged
 - SSSA plans for additional topical sessions, such as Ecosystem Services in 2014; separate meetings from ASA, CSSA; smaller, soils focused meetings up to several hundred participants; organized by headquarters staff; independent of annual meeting
 - Digital Library developed and released (<http://www.dl.sciencesocieties.org>); source of significant revenue from libraries and academic/government consortia; full text of all journals published by Societies (and archive) and 300+ books digitized down to chapter level
 - Elimination of page charges for first 7 pages in SSSAJ, VZJ, and JEQ; to offset loss of revenue from page charge, Society will discontinue printing of journals; beginning 1 Jan 2013, journals only available in electronic form; members desiring print can order at an incremental cost
 - Chuck Rice - 2018 to have separate SSSA annual meeting; smaller venue?, change in registration cost?; conflicts mentioned of WCSS in Brazil in 2018, ISTRO in France; does S6 support separate meeting?; comment of conflict with many other meetings; connection with agriculture not much concern in S6; historical winter and summer meetings used as example of possibility; motion proposed by Karlen to endorse smaller topical meetings, but have annual meeting as joint ASA-CSSA-SSSA; if cost with smaller meeting is low, then both meetings could occur in sequence; Dave Mulla seconded the motion by Karlen; 38 yea + 1 nay; concern over Women in Agronomy and Early Career Committee – will separate SSSA committees form?
 - SSSA Reorganization – new members lost by numbering, need to serve new members; committee formed and proposed 4 options; restructure motion adopted - 4 groups proposed (Fundamental, Production, Environmental, Education), grouping to allow board to be of fixed size = 15 (based on current membership – 4-fundamental, 3-production, 2-environmental, 1-education, 1-president-elect, 1-president, 1-past-president, 1-certified professional, 1-early career); members eligible to vote for group in which they have membership; all members eligible to vote for open positions; early

career to convert to voting position; for details and feedback, visit www.soils.org/reorganization

- Benefits – strong connection with agriculture, but more appealing to wider audience; easier to identify new member interest; new divisions possible under groups; proportional representation maintained; greater flexibility; division input still valued; uniform size of board;
- Comments – concern over board vote from SAWMAC; half of SSSA members not identified with division (may allow engagement of non-committed members); possible at-large voting member question discussed; see poster on display for details proposed; voting on reorganization to occur later in year
- Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) – complimentary relationship discussed; much in common, Pete Peterson reached out the discussion in past 5 years; time to discuss even closer ties; possible joint meeting with SWCS?; Strock agreed with common membership; Steiner mentioned that merger not likely due to broader disciplines in SWCS, but close ties among soil scientists; dialogue should be further encouraged to Harold

SWCS Liaison – Jeff Strock for Jorge Delgado

- 13th Joint Symposium held in July SWCS and Oct SSSA on “Food Security: Conservation, Inputs and Technology”; poster session did not occur this year at either meeting; symposium topic was identical at both meetings, but there were different presentations and speakers at SWCS and SSSA, making the symposiums more flexible and focused for SWCS and/or SSSA; acknowledged committee members’ help- Don Tanaka, Clark Gantzer, Warren Busscher, as well as assistance from Chris Gross and Jerry Lemunyon; 14th Annual SWCS-SSSA Joint Symposium for 2013 being developed

Soil Science Society of America Journal Board – Brian Wienhold

- SAWMAC has large contribution of papers
- Associate editors retiring – Humberto Blanco, Tristram West; New associate editors – Tony Buda, Maysoon Mikha, and Thomas DeSutter; currently SAWMAC has 13 associate editors
- Encouraged members to support associate editors to review papers in timely manner
- Journal has changes coming; Manuscript Tracker to be replaced by Manuscript Central; page charges changing to 1-7 free, \$100/page afterwards for members, \$200/page for non-members; journal to be electronic only very soon; online publication soon after acceptance; digital library accessible for all books and journals, \$89/year for all items; business decision to make journal more profitable and increase impact factor comparable to other publishers;
- Comments - digital library developed and released; long-term data archival possible?; business model adopted to take initial loss but be competitive in digital future with no paper and only digital publishing;

Nominees – Jeff Strock

- President Elect – Ted Zobeck and Doug Karlen willing to serve from previous nomination; Karlen took the year to contemplate and declined; Zobeck willing, but said he has no experience on board; sufficient time occurs to become familiar so this is not a concern; Alan Franzluebbbers nominated, Martin Shipitalo seconded, all agreed to nominate Ted Zobeck for President Elect
- Chair Elect – Francis Larney, Dave Huggins, Mahdi Al-Kaisi; Jane Johnson nominated from Maysoon Mikha, but Jeff said she declined earlier; Karlen motioned to close nominations, Zobeck seconded; runoff elections will subsequently occur
- Committee assignments – call from chairs may occur to members
- Takashi Kosaki from Japan brought up discussion to have joint meeting; vice chair of Commission 3.5 (soil degradation control and rehabilitation) in IUSS to support collaboration with SSSA; southeast Asia of soil sciences societies attended in EuroSoil2012; interested in collaborating on topical sessions or symposia in Tampa; small fund available for guest lecturers; SWMC of greatest interest to his group

2013 symposia and topical sessions – Alan Franzluebbbers

- To be brought up as requests in upcoming newsletters and listserv announcement; currently received suggestions for:
 - Maysoon Mikha would like topical session on GHG emissions
 - Takashi Kosaki will suggest topic of international interest on soil degradation
 - Dave Huggins proposed (1) valuation of ecosystem/environmental services and (2) Long-Term Agroecological Research (LTAR) networks

Other business

- Announcement by Doug Karlen of 2015 ISTRO meeting in Nanxing CHINA

Meeting adjourned – 12:04