

2017 Soil and Water Management and Conservation Division Business Meeting

October 25, 2017: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Tampa Convention Center, Room 33

Humberto Blanco, Presider

~40 members in attendance.

Call to order: Current division chair Humberto Blanco called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Motion was made to accept the meeting agenda, which was seconded and approved without changes.

Introduction of officers and committee chairs

Humberto introduced the incoming chair Hero Gollany, acknowledged contribution of Jane Johnson as past chair, and noted a smooth transition because of the contributions of division officers and committee chairs. He also thanked volunteers for their contributions.

Current Division Chairs are:

Hero Gollany, 2018 Chair, USDA-ARS, hero.gollany@ars.usda.gov

Humberto Blanco, 2017 Chair, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, hblanco2@unl.edu

Jane Johnson, 2016 Chair USDA-ARS, jane.johnson@ars.usda.gov

Board representatives are:

Alan Franzluebbbers, USDA-ARS

Richard Ferguson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

John Grove, University of Kentucky

Award Committees

Young Scholar Award Committee (Jane Johnson, David Huggins, and Tom Sauer)

Best Paper Award Committee (Maria Silveira, Chair)

Francisco Arriaga, Michael Castellano, Mark Liebig, Sjoerd Duiker, Laura Good, Gilbert Sigua

Graduate Student Award Committee (Clark Gantzer, Chair)

Division Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship (Jerry Lemunyon, Chair)

Review of sessions/symposia

Moderators (15)

Symposiums (two with 5 invited speakers each) with biology division

Technical sessions (11 oral and 4 poster sessions); 83 orals and 89 posters

Student oral and poster presentations (26 Competitors, student poster presentations); 14

Competitors (Student oral presentations); 22 Judges

Presentation of awards

Young Scholar Award

2016 Sandeep Kumar, South Dakota State University

2017 Kevin Tiessen, University of Manitoba, Canada

Best Paper Award (Tyson Oschner and co-authors, Oklahoma State University)

David Huggins presented the award to Tyson Oschner

Graduate Student Award (Sarah Hirsh, University of Maryland). *Certificate and check for \$350*

3 Winners of Student Oral Presentations

1st Place: Joseph Burke. "Temporal Variability of Soil C in Semi-Arid Soil on the Texas High Plains". joseph.burke@ttu.edu *Certificate and check for \$200*

2nd Place: Melanie Stock. "Reducing Winter Runoff Losses from Dairy Agroecosystems through Tillage and Manure Application Timing". stock@wisc.edu *Certificate and check for \$150*

3rd Place: Manbir Rakkar. Temporal Changes in Soil Physical Properties Due to Corn Residue Grazing and Baling. manbir.rakkar@huskers.unl.edu *Certificate and check for \$100*

3 Winners of Student Poster Presentations

1st Place: Nageebullah Nageebullah. "Drought Stress and Variability Assessment Among indica Rice Lines at Early Growth Stage". nageeb.hassas@yahoo.com *Certificate and check for \$200*

2nd Place: Sabrina Klick. "Investigating Microbial Urea Production in Agricultural Drainage Ditch Sediments". saklick@umes.edu *Certificate and check for \$150*

3rd Place: Ibukun Ayankojo. "The Use of Smart Phone Application (SmartIrrigation Vegetable) for Irrigation Scheduling in Tomato (Solanum Lycopersicon) Production". iayankojo@ufl.edu *Certificate and check for \$100*

Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship: Jerry Lemunyon (Chair)

The funding for the scholarship comes from ASF (contributions to the fund welcome).

SWCS liaison report: Jeff Strock reported with Jorge Delgado for the 18th Joint Symposium that there were 58 attendees during the meetings at Madison, WI. One presentation on NUOnet presentation on data management with 2 speakers.

Soil Sci. Soc. Am. J. report (Shannon Osborne, Technical Editor)

Shannon Osborne sent a report. There were 90 manuscripts submitted, 41 accepted, 49 released for total of 45.5% which is higher than last year (40%), and is in line for most soil science journals. Humberto mentioned that the impact factor of SSSAJ is below 2 and there

is concern about how to improve. Impact factor for SSSAJ dropped again, but ranking has stayed (13th among soil journals). There is also the suggestion that publishing review papers can be one of the strategies to increase citation and the impact factor.

Board representative report (John Grove)

John Grove provided a detailed report from the SSSA Board, which included 3 representatives for Soil & Water Management & Conservation Division. There will be no SSSA meeting in 2018, but SSSA will meet twice in 2019. There was much discussion about the format for the lone SSSA meeting in 2018, **Soil Across Latitudes** (North America). The first-ever North American Soil Science Meeting will include Soil Science Society of America, Canadian Soil Science Society, and Mexican Soil Science Society. The SSSA meeting will be held in San Diego CA on Jan 6-9, 2019. Leadership is wide open to member input and ideas. Each day there will be a two hour planner Session in the morning and a suggestion for Roundtable Session discussion is proposed. The 2019 Tri-Societies Meeting ASA-CSSA-SSSA will be in San Antonio TX, Nov 10-13. SSSA is facing a budget deficit and there is a call for attracting new members to make the society more vibrant. A proposal to attract new members by offering a free subscription to ACSESS DL for 2-3 years for young scientists and graduate students was mentioned. Another proposal is to establish a "Mega Journal" (Don't worry, nobody likes the name, it will be changed) for papers that do not fit or can't make the cut in current journals, with full open access, for \$1200 per manuscript.

Science Communications Editor Position available. The SCE is a three-year appointment. To be considered applications are accepted until Nov. 30, 2017.

Report from SSSA Program Chair (Harold van Es)

Humberto was recognized for his service as division chair in 2017.

Call for nominations

Award Committees

Best Paper Award Committee (Maria Silveira, Chair)
Volunteers?

Graduate Student Award Committee (Clark Gantzer, Chair)
1 Volunteer

Division Chair

Two candidates (*with their permission*) for Division Chair-Elect (3-year term: Chair-Elect in 2019, Chair in 2020, Past Chair in 2021).

Group Board Representative

Up to four candidates (*with their permission*) for Group Board Representative for one seat each for these Groups (3-year term: 2019-2021): Agricultural Soil & Food Systems Group,

Fundamental Soil Science Group, and Soil and Ecosystem Processes Group.

SSSA President Elect

Candidates (*with their permission*) for SSSA President Elect (3-year term: President-Elect in 2019, President in 2020, Past President in 2021).

Also we need at least two candidates for Division Chair Elect (3-year term: Chair-Elect in 2019, Chair in 2020, Past Chair in 2021). Members can nominate someone or nominate themselves. A high number of nominations will be important to make the process more competitive and democratic. Contact Humberto Blanco, Hero Gollany, Jane Johnson, Dave Huggins, or Tom Sauer with nominees before Nov 28, 2017.

We will provide candidate names to the Board Representatives and Sara Uttech (Senior Manager Governance & Membership of the Society) by **Nov. 30, 2017**.

Call for 2019 symposium, topic sessions, and tour ideas (Upcoming Meeting in San Diego, Jan 2019)

Please send us your idea (hero.gollany@ars.usda.gov, hblanco2@unl.edu, jane.johnson@ars.usda.gov)

Members suggested the following topics

Climate change and greenhouse flux, resiliency, economics and disease

Soil health and human health

Cover crop

Items from the floor

Bill Pan suggested Increase Human Capital building to rebuild Soil Science of America.

Rafiqua Islam suggested two moderators for each session (co-moderators).

Yogendra Raut suggested Economics, Soil health & Human Health as potential topical sessions for the meeting in San Diego.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by Hero Gollany