

S205.1 COUNCIL ON THE HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, AND SOCIOLOGY OF SOIL SCIENCE

A. Status: Special Council

B. Composition and Tenure:

The Council consists of up to 9 members including the Chair and a Vice-Chair Secretary. Upon completion of the Vice-Chair position, the person moves into the Chair position. The Society Historian is an ex-officio member. Each member serves for 3 years with staggered terms. The Chair also serves a 3-year term.

C. Functions:

1. To collect and catalog existing historical information about soil scientists and their work from Society and other institutional records as well as from personal sources.
2. To secure and preserve historical materials from written and oral interviews with the soil scientists themselves or with those having personal knowledge of earlier scientists and their work.
3. To explore ways to encourage historical writing by individuals, to initiate appropriate writing projects, and to promote publication of historical materials in Society journals or in other suitable outlets of a permanent nature.
4. To organize and conduct historical meetings for presentation of invited and volunteered papers, poster presentations and workshops at the Annual Meetings of the Society.

D. Presidential Responsibilities:

The SSSA President:

1. Appoints the members to the Council on History as vacancies occur.
2. Transmits to the Chair matters which the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors wish the Council on History to consider.