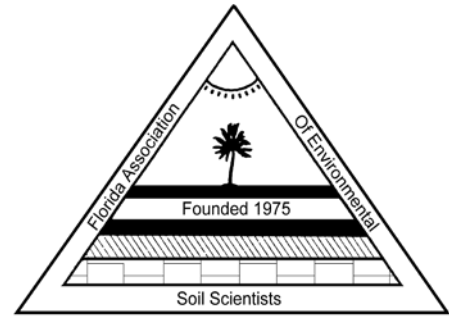


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EC Meeting (April 10, 2011 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm)

Oren Reedy, Past President
Rex Ellis, President
Joe Sullivan, President Elect (not present)
Chad Rischar, Vice President
Travis Richardson, Secretary/Treasurer

- Rex wants FAESS to consider a defined scholarship program
 - Discussed possible options for Graduate & Undergraduate scholarships
 - Discussed limited number of scholarships or max dollar amount annually
 - Only UF or other universities, should we include Georgia and/or Alabama
 - Rex will ask Alexandra Rozin to contact other universities to determine if they have a soils or agronomy program that we could potentially support
- Certification Program
 - SSSA may give \$5,000 to support our certification program if we can demonstrate the need.
 - Oren to contact Luther Smith (SSSA Certification Program Manager)
- Financial Report
 - Sunstate – Checking (\$3313.04), Savings (\$3341.68), Certification Acct (\$778.47)
 - American Century (\$20,052.66) with 6.09% return last ¼ and 14.88% return in 2010
 - We need to set a budget that includes funding scholarships and marketing (to students and Hydric Soils Workshop)
- Hydric Soil Workshops
 - 2009 Volusia Co. – ~45 paid attendees (~\$3500 profit)
 - 2010 Indian River Co. – 39 paid attendees (~\$3200 profit), 15 volunteers, 5 members, 2 students
 - 2011 Gadsden Co. – estimated cost ~\$3000, estimated loss (\$-360), 16 volunteers, 4 members, 13 students
 - Plan for lower attendance over next few years
- American Century Account
 - Is there penalty for withdrawal of funds?
 - Travis to check with Wade/American Century
 - Oren to discuss options with financial planner
- FAESS Membership
 - Amend Bylaws to include Student Membership with same rights as Affiliate Members
- Standing Committees – President responsible for cycling Committee Chair every 2-3 years
 - Finance Committee

- Largely handled by EC
 - No auditing taking place
 - Rex proposes that Secretary/Treasurer always head the Finance Committee
 - Secretary/Treasure to appoint to additional members to Finance Committee
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee
 - Rex proposed that this committee is chaired by the President-elect, that the Vice President is a member and one additional member is appointed
- Ethics, Certification, and Registration Committee
 - Need to revise ARCPACs to CPSS Certification
 - Majority of committee needs to be ARCPACs or CPSS certified
 - Recommend Oren to chair committee with possible members to include Scott Franz and/or Joe Schuster
 - Should instructor of Certification Course be on this committee?
 - Is this the same as the Board of Certifying Examiners Special Committee?
- Membership Committee
 - Recommend amending Bylaws to remove this committee
- Nominations Committee
 - Oren to serve as Chair
 - Recommend amending Bylaws to say that Past President will serve as Chair of the Nominations Committee
- PR and Education Committee
 - No direct discussion
- Special Committees
 - Hydric Soils Workshop Committee
 - Chad reported that it was less successful than we had hoped but it worked out well in the end
 - Should this committee be maintained?
 - Request to form a Research Committee
 - Create a document of Research Proposal for Florida
 - Research needs
 - What information is available
 - Rex would like to see a regulator, academic, and consultant on the committee
 - Travis volunteered to be on the committee
- Should committees and committee member names be on the website
 - Need accountability
- Website
 - Main goal to deliver content
 - EC will review website and provide feedback to Rex
 - Twitter name is “_FAESS”
 - Facebook name is “Florida Association of Environmental Soil Scientists”
 - Should we be a group or a page?
- Certification Course
 - To be offered this summer