

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SOIL SCIENTISTS

Minutes of

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

November 7, 2008

The Annual meeting of the Florida Association of Environmental Soil Scientists (FAESS) was held on November 7, at Fort Pierce, Florida. Thirty-three members and guests were present.

President Franz called the business meeting to order at 01:01 pm. After all attendees introduced themselves, Hurt distributed copies of the draft minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting. After discussion, Schuster moved that they be accepted as amended. Hammonds seconded the motion and the motion passed. Hurt distributed copies of the Treasurer's report:

FAESS Treasury Report 7 November 2008 (as of September 30, 2008)

Assets	<u>1 year ago</u>	<u>September 30, 2008</u>
American Century	22,424.77	17516.08
Vanguard Group	9845.53	0
Federal Credit Union		
Saving Account	1649.40	1655.22
Workbook Account	0	0
Checking Account	3764.05	6282.32
Total Assets	37693.75	25453.62

Supporting the FAESS Mission in:	FY2008
Smithsonian	500.00
Land Judging	360.00
TRAP	342.00
Florida Environthon	300.00
Florida 4-H	100.00
Southern Regional Soil Survey Conference	3138.18
SWSD –Research Forum	5000
Total	9740.18

After discussion some corrections were made and Leach moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as amended. Hammonds seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Collins led a discussion concerning the placement of a funding disbursement limitation on the Executive Council. A lively discussion ensued. Collins moved that a disbursement limit of less than \$1500 be placed on the Executive Council and that disbursements of \$1500 or more must be approved by the membership. Schuster seconded the motion and the motion passed. Watts and Roxanne Groover (Guest Speaker representing Florida Onsite Wastewater Association) led a discussion concerning Engineers, Soil Scientists, and the Onsite Septic Tank

Treatment and Disposal System (OSTDS) program. Engineer staff must take a 2-day course and pass a test. It was suggested that Soil Scientists take a 4 day course that would include soil interpretations for OSTDS and Design and Installation of OSTDS's.

Election of new FAESS officers by secret ballot followed. Ellis was selected to be President Elect, Sullivan was selected to be Vice President, and Hurt was selected to be Secretary Treasurer.

Pierre Bordenave of Idaho and representative of NSCSS spoke on ethics, professional conduct, and job opportunities for consulting soil scientists.

Roxanne Groover representing FOWA led a discussion concerning Florida Department of Health (DOH), Soil Scientists, and the OSTDS Program. It appears that at some time in the future Certified Soil Scientists will be allowed to conduct work for DOH's OSTDS program.

Reedy and Franz update membership on the status of the Certification efforts for Florida Soil Scientists.

Collins updated membership on the FAESS certification short course.

Franz provided an update on TRAP.

Ellis discussed Lang Judging. The 50th Florida Land Judging contest will be conducted in Alachua County. Ellis also explained that the website (faess.org) has been updated and requested comments from membership.

Smith led a discussion on the Envirothon stating that she does need some help.

Collins provided an update on the FAESS Undergraduate Scholarship program. It was suggested that the process for selection needs to be formalized.

Rischar and Richardson volunteered to spearhead the 2009 Hydric Soil Workshop. It will be conducted in the Lake Monroe/Altamonte Springs area on April 20-21.

Reedy volunteered to redesign the State Soil t-shirt and moved that some t-shirts be made. Watts seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ellis explained that the Saturday Field Trip would consist of observing and describing subaqueous soils.

Franz passed the presidential gavel to Reedy. Reedy thanked outgoing officers Leach and Franz. In-coming President Reedy requested a motion to adjourn, Franz made the motion, Hammonds seconded the motion, and the motion passed at 4:56 pm.

Wade Hurt

Wade Hurt, Secretary-Treasurer