

**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SOIL SCIENTISTS**

**Approved Minutes**

**2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

**October 23, 2009**

The Annual meeting of the Florida Association of Environmental Soil Scientists (FAESS) was held on October 23, 2009 at Austin Cary Memorial Forest near Waldo, FL. Twenty-four members were present.

President Reedy called the business meeting to order at 01:10 pm. Hurt distributed copies of the draft minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting. After discussion during which some corrections were made, 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 23 October 2009 (as of September 30, 2009)

Assets	<u>1 year ago</u>	<u>September 30, 2009</u>
American Century	17516.08	13742.62
Federal Credit Union		
Saving Account	1655.22	2764.90
Certification Account	0	775.92
Checking Account	6282.32	4401.14
Total Assets	25453.62	21684.58
Supporting the FAESS Mission in:	FY2009	
Land Judging	587.50	
TRAP	0	
Florida Envirothon	300.00	
Florida 4-H	100.00	
SWSD –Research Forum	0	
Total	987.50	

The American Century fund has been losing money over the past several years and was brought up for discussion. Ron Kuehl is listed as the signature individual so perhaps the fund could be tied to the EIN instead of Ron Kuehl. Alternative investment options should be pursued. Franz moved that Richardson should look into tying investments to the EIN and searching for alternative higher yielding funding sources. Rischard seconded the motion and the motion passed. There was some additional discussion concerning the Treasury Report and some corrections were made and Richardson moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as amended. Watts seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Hurt Resigned as Secretary/Treasurer and President Reedy appointed Richardson to complete Hurt's term as Secretary/Treasurer. President Reedy requested that Hurt, Kuehl, and Richardson

coordinate the transfer of signature authority for the Sun State and American Century accounts to Richardson in a timely manner so that FAESS can continue operating without any glitches.

The NSCSS 2010 Annual Meeting was discussed. Two field trips are planned one on March 3 and one on March 6. Reedy is organizing the first and Watts is organizing the second; both requested assistance.

FAESS had a booth at the FOWA meeting held in July 2009. Franz, Reedy, and Rischar developed a brochure and poster to promote FAESS.

The Florida On-Site Wastewater Association (FOWA) Traded Show which was conducted in July, 2009 during its Annual Meeting in the Orlando area was discussed. Franz was in charge of a booth which promoted FAESS and soil science and Reedy gave a talk. During the FOWA discussion a course for septic tank contractors was also discussed.

The Florida Short Course was discussed. Passing this course is a requirement before a soil scientist can be certified in Florida. Ten took the course in 2009. The results have not been determined by the FAESS Certification Board. In 2010 the Florida Short Course will be held during the second week of March (tentatively March 11 & 12). Cost is \$375 for FAESS members and \$425 for non-members.

TRAP was discussed. Removal of spodic material is the only soil related discussion currently being conducted and the proposed language provides conditions with which the material does not have to be removed before the installation of an OSTDS.

Chapter 64E-6 FAC now recognizes soil scientists if they attend and pass the Florida Short Course, are ARPACS certified, and are FAESS certified. To maintain certification the Florida Short Course must be taken and passed every three years

The 2010 Land Judging contest will be held in Lake County on March 26. Ellis requested volunteers to help judge the pits on March 23.

There are 19 undergraduates in the SWSD. Collins requested that FAESS members provide Capstone projects and assistance. Collins discussed the need to formalize the selection of undergraduates that are to receive FAESS scholarships and suggested that 3 criteria may work best (completion of an application form, three letters of recommendation and GPA). Hurt moved that all SWSD undergraduates be allowed to attend all FAESS functions without cost. Motion was seconded by Ellis and the motion passes.

Rischar and Richardson volunteered to lead the 2010 Hydric Soil Workshop efforts. The workshop will be held on April 13 in Brevard County. First speaker is to be Schuster, second is to be Ellis, and the guest speaker is to be Vepraskas (with Gailbraith as an alternate).

Collins distributed information on the Southeastern Friends of the Pleistocene Field Conference which will be conducted on December 5, 2009. It will begin at the Best Western Hotel in Hazlehurst, GA at 8am and end near Savannah at 6pm. David Leigh [dleigh@uga.edu](mailto:dleigh@uga.edu) is the contact person for those who wish to attend.

Franz moved that FAESS seek professional assistance to update and possibly maintain the FAESS web site. Katsantonis seconded the motion and, after discussion, the motion passes.

Schuster reminded FAESS members of the National Cooperative Soil Survey Planning Conference and the World Congress of Soil Science. Brannon reminded FAESS members of the Southern Regional Soil Survey Planning Conference.

Ellis explained that the Saturday Field Trip would consist of observing land use patterns and management on ACMF and observation of a trench that extends from hydric soils through the flatwoods to the sandhills. The intent will be to determine depth to the SHS throughout the extent of the trench.

President Reedy requested a motion to adjourn, Franz made the motion, Hammonds seconded the motion, and the motion passed at 4:10 pm.

Wade Hurt, Past Secretary-Treasurer

Travis Richardson, secretary-Treasurer