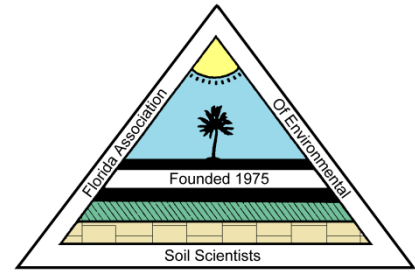


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2011 Annual Business Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Hilton Garden Inn Tampa
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Agenda

- **Treasurers Report**
- **Proposed Changes to Constitution/By-laws**
- **FAESS Scholarships and Awards**
- **FAESS Website**
- **Hydric Soil Workshops**
- **Certification Course**
- **APSS/CPSS Course**
- **Annual Meeting**
 - Feedback from Keys meeting
 - St. Augustine in 2012
 - Proposed meeting format
- **Other Business**

Guest Speakers prior to business meeting:

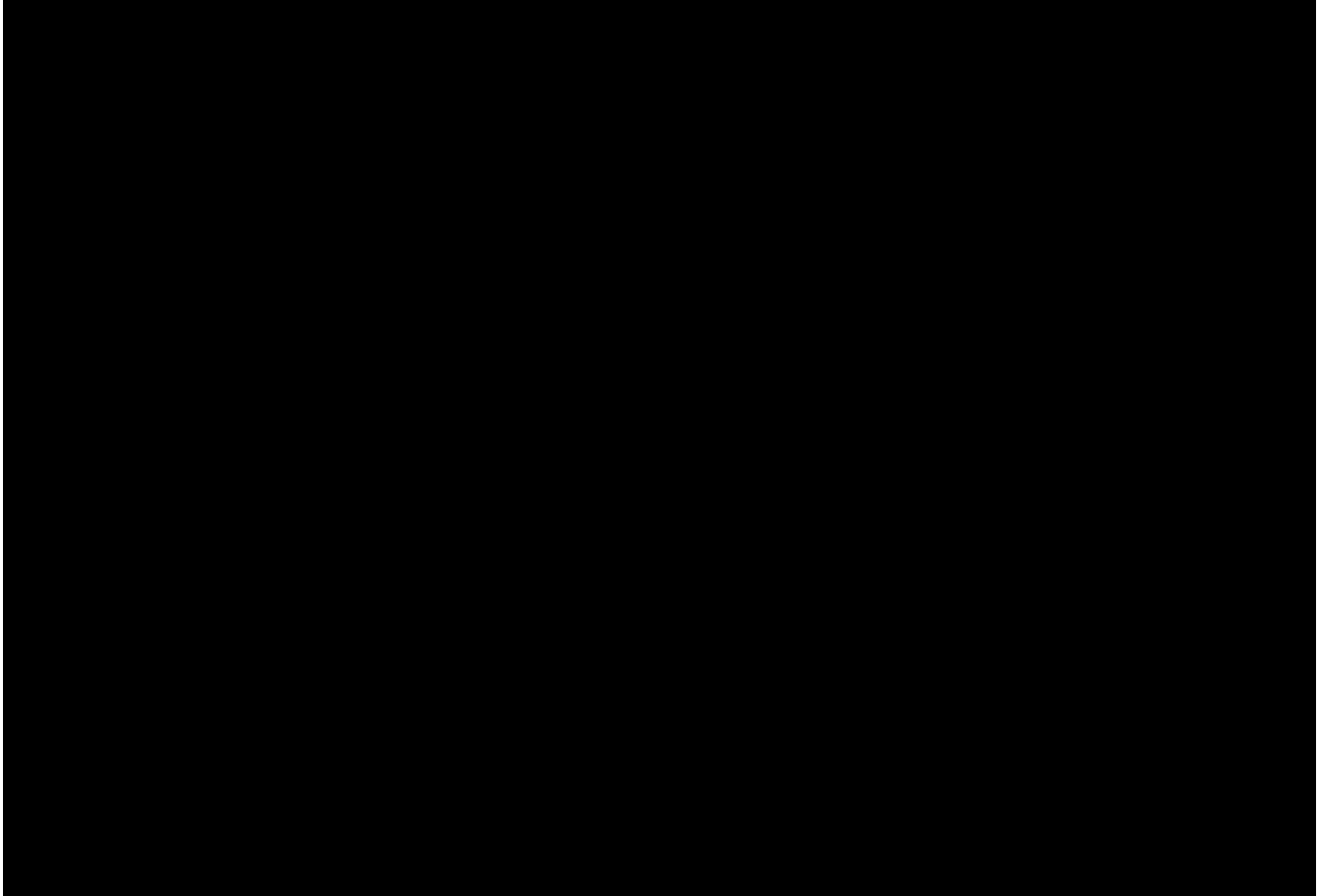
- Joe Schuster phosphate mine reclamation
- Casey Beavers phosphate mine process

Call to Order 3:20 pm November 11, 2011

1. **Dr. Amy Shober – Soil and Water Science Department, University of Florida**
 - a. discuss EDIS documents and fact sheets (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>)
 - b. EDIS documents sunset after 3 years if not reviewed
 - c. Let Amy know if you have ideas or need fact sheets or EDIS documents created

2. **INTECOL (International Association for Ecology)**
 - a. 9th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference (June 3-8, 2012) in Orlando (<http://www.intecol.net/pages/index.php>)
 - b. Rex recommends anyone interested in wetland attend

3. Treasure's Report



- a. Scott Franz – motion to accept treasures report
- b. Albert Stoddard – 2nd motion
- c. Motion passed

4. Constitution and Bylaws

- a. Available online
- b. Need student membership category
 - i. Wade Hurt – Motion to amend bylaws to include a student membership category with all the privileges as a full member
 - ii. Joe Schuster – 2nd motion
 - iii. Lengthy conversation followed (Frank Watts, Scott Franz, Joe Schuster, Wade Hurt, Rex Ellis, Albert Stoddard, Will Mahler, Ayesha Houle)
 - 1. Students are a benefit to the organization, students do not have the qualifications (education or professional experience) to meet full membership, would this dilute the status of full members in the eyes of other professionals, this would encourage student involvement, students should be involved because it is a benefit to them regardless of voting rights.
 - iv. Wade Hurt - withdrawal motion and amend – All forms of membership categories have voting rights.
 - v. Jared Sweat – 2nd motion

1. Continued discussion, students may sit on committees, not on EC
 - vi. Travis Richardson – we cannot amend bylaws at this meeting. Any amendments to bylaws or constitution need to be distributed to membership 30-45 days prior to a vote on amendments
 - vii. Show of hands for who would favor such an amendment 19-yes, 6-no, 8-abstain
- c. Rex Ellis – EC will review Constitution and Bylaws and propose amendments to membership.

5. Scholarships and Awards

- a. Excellence in Soil Science Scholarship → Alexandra Rozin

6. FAESS Website

- a. Nearly complete, members should let EC if they have any suggestions
- b. Albert Stoddard – do we want a blog/forum for interaction between students and professionals, discussion followed, forum is a huge undertaking and time commitment.
- c. Rex Ellis – do we want more information on how to get through certain regulatory processes and better direct people to consultants
- d. Do we want to include membership list and contact information on the website?

7. Hydric Soils Workshop

- a. Trend of paid attendees from 2009 – 2011 (45 → 39 → 23)
- b. In part due to location but also economy
- c. 2012 Hydric Soils Workshop will be at Starkey Wilderness Preserve on April 10th.
- d. Wade Hurt – volunteered to give whole landscape hydrology lecture
- e. Do we want more focus on OSTDS, separate lectures after general soils lectures? Septic contractors and DOH folks may not care about academic guest lectures. Joe Schuster – maybe we should market further in advance and market better to Soil Scientists, Wetland Scientists, Ecologists, and other Environmental Scientists.
- f. Rex Ellis – FAESS will continue to support students at Hydric Soils Workshop.
- g. Oren Reedy – Lee Burass from Iowa State may guest lecture for us

8. Certification Course

- a. Joe Schuster to lead the course (2-3 day course)
 - i. Joe will set a date – price (~\$300-\$400)
- b. Required to be certified in FL (must have CPSS to be certified in Florida)

9. APSS/CPSS Course

- a. Oren Reedy to lead this effort
- b. 1st year do APSS, next year do CPSS and alternate years offered.