

2003 NSCSS Annual Business Meeting

February 7, 2003

Orlando, Florida

Meeting was called to order by President John Dickey at 4:38 p.m.

Old Business

- **Minutes.** Secretary Phil Small summarized the minutes from the previous annual meeting. Minutes were approved as summarized. It was announced that the minutes were posted on the NSCSS web site (www.nscss.org/minutes.html) (Kendall/McClain MSC)
- **Changes in Dues.** Phil Small reprised the changes in the changes in dues which were adopted at the 2002 annual meeting. He also addressed the dropping of an additional member category within a single company.

John Dickey passed the gavel to incoming NSCSS President Bob Kendall.

New Business

- Bob Kendall expressed his thanks to John Dickey for his service as President.
- **New Chapter.** At the board meeting the previous night the Board of Directors approved the application of the Carolinas chapter. The new chapter was welcomed and applauded.
- **2004 Annual Meeting.** Bob Kendall announced that the Board of Directors had voted to hold the 2004 annual meeting in San Diego.
- **President's Priorities and Prospectives.**
 - We need to continue to address supporting member efforts on licensing and certification, and that we as a group need to contribute however we can to support any state's efforts.
 - Newsletter. It needs to get out on a more consistent basis. Laurel and Bob Kendall will be working together to get the newsletter out consistently. They will be requesting input from the members to keep the newsletter timely and informative.
- **Budget Report.** Treasurer Pierre Bordenave presented his 2002 Budget Report, which reflected a significant improvement in the economic condition of our society. (See attachment.)

He also highlighted the following from his Profit/Loss Statement for 2002:

Income of \$24,396.00

Expense \$15,235.81

Net Income: \$9160.00

The 2002 Budget Report was approved as presented. (Small/Massay MSC)

- **Update on Liability Insurance.** Pierre presented a brief update on the Liability Insurance issue, and indicated that he hoped to be able to announce that we had an underwriter soon.
- **Election Results.** Past President John Dickey presented the Election Results:

Executive Committee:

- Tom Flack, elected as President-elect.
- Pierre Bordenave, elected as Treasurer.

Board of Directors:

- Tom Flack, Director at Large
- Bob Kendall, Director at Large
- Roy Shlemon, Southwest Regional Director
- Scott Franz, Southeast Regional Director
- David Ralston, North Central Regional Director

- **Possible Board Appointment.** John Dickey reported that Kari Sever had indicated a willingness to serve as the South Central Board member, as that position had been vacated the previous year, and that willingness would be considered by the Board at their next meeting.
- **Registry Topics.** Bob Kendall reported that this is a topic that the board will be continuing to discuss. Will we have an exam as a prerequisite in future years for RPSS status? We are considering getting away from a technical exam, but might consider substituting ARCPAC's exam, or other state licensure that has an approved approval system could be considered as a standard for RPSS application, and then NSCSS would only require CEU's in ethics and professional conduct.
- **Challenge.** Laurel Mueller issued a challenge for NSCSS members to reach-out and connect with each other.
- **Soil Survey Horizons.** Terry Cook reported that he had been appointed as the new NSCSS representative to Soil Survey Horizons representing NSCSS to that publication. He handed out an outline for a manuscript preparation template.
- **Division 5 of SSSA.** Terry Cook reported that he had attended the November 2002 SSSA meeting, and that Division 5 had voted to have separate meetings from the Tri-Societies every other year beginning in 2006. He encouraged NSCSS to consider meeting with them jointly during those years of separate meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m. (Bordenave/McClain MSC)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Reed, NSCSS Executive Secretary