

Soil and Crop Science Society of Florida Executive Board Meeting

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Members present: Lena Ma, Carrol Chambliss, Craig Stanley, Tom Obreza, Bill Thomas, Bob McSorley

Carrol Chambliss called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The minutes of the May 2003 board meeting in Daytona Beach were reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote.

An informal discussion of SCSSF finances ensued. Tom Obreza did not bring a written treasurer's report to the meeting, but indicated that the SCSSF bank account was still healthy.

The next annual meeting of the SCSSF will take place from 19-21 May 2004 at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Tallahassee. Tom Obreza indicated that he would be arranging a 1-day symposium and county agent in-service training session on the soon-to-be published UF-IFAS Row Crop BMP manual.

Carrol Chambliss suggested the idea of accepting papers written in English units so they could be understood by a wider range of audiences (e.g. county agents). This option could be written into the call for papers. After some discussion, Craig Stanley suggested that the board wait to take action at this time, and the others present agreed.

The group agreed that another board meeting in January or February of 2004 needs to happen. E-mails will be sent around that will attempt to set a firm date.

The question of finding a new Editor came up. It was suggested that we try to attract someone who has recently retired, like Bob Mansell or Paul Pfahler. There were no ideas as to how we could attract a replacement Secretary/Treasurer.

The problem of getting papers submitted from symposium speakers was discussed. Oftentimes symposium speakers come from state or federal agencies and do not have an incentive to publish. Tom Obreza suggested that we at least publish their Powerpoint slides in the Proceedings. This solution is not the best, but it is a start.

Carrol Chambliss and Bill Thomas reported on a meeting they had with FSHS. The FSHS board of directors suggested that our two societies meet together under the same "umbrella." The most difficult task would be coordination between the two societies. It was suggested that a steering committee be established, and that OCI be used to organize the meeting. A Weed Science Society board meeting in Ft. Pierce is scheduled for 23 Feb 2004. Carrol Chambliss has contacted that group, but is unsure if someone from SCSSF should attend. An additional suggestion about how to run future meetings was to model them after the Southern Ag Workers meeting.

The idea of having an electronic Proceedings was discussed. A committee will need to be appointed to explore how this could work. Whoever is selected as the new Editor will have a major influence on how an electronic version is produced.

Lena Ma suggested to somehow getting our papers directly on the web site. However, that would take up a lot of space on someone's server, and it was unclear as to who would be able to supply it.

Tom Obreza indicated that Volume 62 of the SCSSF proceedings was printed and would be appearing in mailboxes soon.

It was suggested that the program planning committee be composed of the President-Elect and the Site Selection Committee Chair for sure, but need to also include others like the Graduate Student Committee Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM so the members could attend the UF-IFAS celebration event.