

2024 CPSS Board Meeting – Quarter 4 Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Virtual Meeting

Attendance taken by Michele Lovejoy

- Present: Jacob Berkowitz, Virginia Brown, Michelle Busch, Christopher D'Aiuto, Aaron DeJoia, Joshua Edgell, James Hartsig, Daniel King, Colby Moorberg, Jamie Patton and Joseph Schuster (FL)
- Staff: Dawn Gibas, Michele Lovejoy
- Absent: Matthew Deaton (OH), Matthew Hostrander (PA), Kelley House

Meeting called to order by Colby Moorberg at 1:57 PM Central Time.

Welcome and introductions made.

Approval of Agenda

- Unanimous consent to approve agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- Unanimous consent to approve minutes from September 2024 (Q3 Meeting).

Amnesty Policy

- Discussion on amnesty policy and time limit proposed.
- Reviewed draft policy from June 2, 2024 and made changes to language.
- Motion to accept changes for amnesty policy made by Aaron DeJoia; motion seconded by Joseph Schuster; motion unanimously passed.

Complaint Investigation Procedures

- Board members need to respond to Dawn with a vote or edits/comments on the Soil Science Society of America's Certified Professional Soil Scientist (CPSS) and Certified Professional Soil Classifier (CPSC) Program Complaint Investigation Procedures by January 31, 2025.
- If needed, the Complaint Investigation Procedures can be put on the agenda for the 2025 Quarter 1 CPSS Board Meeting.

Exam Expiration Policy

- Discussion on the need for an expiration policy for passed exam results.
- Motion to expire passed exam results after 10 years for the Soils Fundamentals Exam made by Aaron DeJoia; motion seconded by Joshua Edgell; motion unanimously passed.

Exam Application Experience Internships Discussion

- Discussion on how and where internships can be counted on an application.
- Colby, James and Aaron will work on language to send out for review by the board.

TSP Orientation Webinars

- Dawn gave an overview of the TSP Orientation Webinars scheduled for December 9th and 19th.
- An email was sent out to all certified individuals regarding the webinars.

Soils Judging – National Contest – Wisconsin 2025

- Discussion regarding whether the board would like to contribute money to sponsor t-shirts.
- The board would like to sponsor t-shirts with donations and help from ASF if needed.
- Dawn to contact the National Soil Judging Chair (Bryant) in WI.

CPSS Education Requirements

- Colby gave an overview of the discussions at the Soils Meeting at the Annual Meetings in San Antonio, TX.
- Next step: Colby will be writing proposals and sending those out to the board for discussion.

CPSS CEU Audit – March 2025

- Dawn presented information about auditing CEUs for soils certified individuals in March 2025.

Board Meeting dates for 2025

- Board meetings will continue to be scheduled quarterly in 2025 starting in March. Michele will send invites.

Items for Discussion

- Joseph Schuster (FL) provided updates from his state certification board.
- Colby gave parting remarks as outgoing Chair.
- James gave remarks as incoming Chair.
- Virginia will be Vice Chair.
- An Executive Committee Meeting may be scheduled for February 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM Central Time.