

2024 CPSS Board Meeting – Quarter 2 Minutes
Tuesday, June 4, 2024
Virtual Teams Meeting

Attendance taken by Michele Lovejoy

- Present: Virginia Brown, Michelle Busch-Hillburn, Christopher D'Aiuto, Aaron DeJoia, James Hartsig, Colby Moorberg, Jamie Patton, Jacob Berkowitz
- Staff: Dawn Gibas, Michele Lovejoy, Luther Smith
- Guests: Joe Schuster, Peter Smith

Meeting called to order by Colby Moorberg at 12:05 PM Central time.

Welcome and introductions made.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from April 2024 (Q1 Meeting)

CPSC Discussion

- Peter Smith attended as a guest. He has been a member of SSSA and a CPSS/CPSC for many years. Peter attended because he could not find information on CPSC on our website.
- Discussion followed of the reasons why CPSC had been discontinued explaining that anyone who had the certification can maintain the certification.

TSP Program

- Luther is working with USDA and the TSP Program on accepting CPSS and CCA certification programs.
- In the process of signing a MOU with USDA, to recognize ASA and SSSA as certifying organizations.

Amnesty Proposal

- Chris presented the updated amnesty proposal with revisions from the last board meeting.
- Possibly have an attorney look at proposal.
- Discussion regarding membership requirement.
- Joe Schuster had concerns that there should be no max limit for being able to return to certification.
- Chris will update the proposal and send it to board members. After board members have reviewed, Dawn will discuss with societies' attorney.
- Review proposal again at the next board meeting.

Ethics Complaint Investigation Procedure

- Dawn will bring to the next board meeting.

Soils Exam Sections

- The Fundamentals Exam can be offered in sections to break up the exam.
- CCA International and Local Board Exams are being offered in sections for the July-August exam window.
- Fundamentals six sections may be cost prohibitive because of having to pay six remote proctoring fees.
- Discussion of combining sections.
- Further discussion needed once look at average time spent on each section.

Soils Judging

- Support of non-traditional soils judging teams.
- Create a list of underserved agricultural groups.
- Can work with the fall Region 5 contest with Colby which is in Great Bend, KS Sept 23-27.
- Raise funds to sponsor soils judging teams – goal would be \$7,000 to fund travel.

Appeals

- Colby will review appeals this year.
- Discuss appeal process at a later board meeting.

Other/FYI

- Laurel Mueller contacted Dawn and Colby to let them know she is retiring from the board. Michele and Dawn will work with Colby to send Laurel a letter recognizing her service.
- Let Dawn know if you want to run for Chair-Elect.
- Board members should send in nominees for serving on the board.
- Dawn is organizing a meeting in San Antonio to discuss updating certification education requirements. Likely time is Sunday Nov. 10 in the afternoon.
- Dawn is organizing a meeting for the Soil Judging Committee – likely Monday Nov. 11 late afternoon/early evening.

Next board meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 PM Central Time.