



# Illinois Soil Classifiers Association Newsletter

Spring 2005

## Upcoming Events

- **Early Fall ISCA Meeting - East Central Illinois.** Come see soils behind, on top of, and in front of the Shelbyville Moraine.

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## Message from the President

I would like to encourage our membership to participate in upcoming ISCA sponsored activities. The annual ISCA Summer Meeting is one example where we spend time in the field discussing current soils related issues and findings. Over the past couple of years we have looked at the variability of loam tills in Northern Illinois and visited the Central Illinois soils along the Illinois River. Late summer or most likely early fall, our plans are to visit East Central Illinois and check out the soils north of, on top of, and south of the Shelbyville Moraine. Lunch is provided at our cost, the atmosphere is more informal than at the annual winter meeting, and the weather is always better. So be there!

Our website keeps getting better. The address is [www.illinoissoils.org](http://www.illinoissoils.org). Mark Bramstedt has done a great job to build this up and keep it current. From the web site you can find out about upcoming events and programs, find contact numbers and address of many ISCA members, and view our most recent version of the Membership Handbook.

As a final comment, one surprise I had from our annual winter meeting was the great success of the Drummer t-shirt sales. I bought some as gifts and gave one to my son's high school science teacher. He loved it. My son told me his teacher wore it to the Northeastern Regional Envirothon, so I guess the word gets out about the Illinois State Soil in unexpected ways.

Regards  
Bruce Putman  
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putman@mc.net

## Illinois State Soil T-Shirts Still Available

Drummer T-Shirts are still available. Some size and color combinations are becoming limited in number. Be sure and order before your size and color are gone.

**Short Sleeve -- \$12**  
**Long Sleeve -- \$14**  
**Shipping and Handling \$5 per order**

Two navy blue ISCA collared shirts still available. XL and XXXL \$17

Order by calling Chris Cochran (217) 345-6767  
E-mail : [chris\\_cochran@prodigy.net](mailto:chris_cochran@prodigy.net)



## Steps to Achieving Soil Science Licensing in Your State

(The following is an excerpt from a report by SSSA. It may be seen in its entirety at the website given at the end of the report on page 3.)

The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) with help from licensed soil scientists that had experience in helping to get soil science licensing established in their state produced this document. It is a tool to help other soil scientists establish licensing in their state. It is also important to have uniformity between state licensing acts to help with reciprocity issues.

These are practical steps learned by those with the experience. Please realize that what worked in one state may not work in all states. Be flexible and approach the process in a positive manner, wanting to find solutions. Don't be confrontational and realize this may be a long process and success may not come on the first attempt. Don't give up. Determination and persistence are important. The staff and members of SSSA are willing to help. Their contact information is at the end of this document.

One major advantage and you will want to share this with contacts throughout this process is that SSSA's Council of Soil Science Examiners (CSSE) has already created the exams for your state to use in the licensing process. This is a major asset to getting licensing started.

### **Why is Soil Science Licensing important?**

1. Protection of public health, welfare, safety and property.
2. Promote the profession (higher salaries, greater name recognition, greater respect for the profession).
3. Protect the profession by preventing abuses in the practice of soil science by untrained or unprincipled individuals.
4. Protect the profession by preventing other professions from excluding soil scientists from performing work that they are qualified to do.
5. Establish creditability for the practice of soil science equivalent to that of other professions (engineers, geologists, surveyors and architects).
6. Define the practice of soil science as a profession by establishing standards of ethical conduct and professional responsibility.

### **Step 1: Basic Analysis**

### **Step 2: Strategy Time**

### **Step 3: Developing the plan**

### **Step 4: Implementation**

### **Step 5: After the Legislation is Passed**

### **Resources and Contacts**

#### States' web sites for licensing acts:

Maine Code

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/32/title32ch73secO.html>

Minnesota Code

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/1800/3910.html>

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important?”**

New Hampshire Code (listed as "natural scientist")  
<http://www.state.nh.us/jtboard/home.htm>

North Carolina Code  
<http://www.ncblss.org/>  
<http://www.ncblss.org/hbill0826.html> (direct to the act)

North Dakota Code (classifiers)  
<http://www.state.nd.us/lr/cencode/t43.html>  
Go to: 43-36 Professional Soil Classifiers

Texas Code  
<http://www.tbpg.state.tx.us>

Wisconsin Code  
<http://drl.wi.gov/dept/codestats.htm> (look under Geology)

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*This entire report may be viewed at the following website for the Soil Science Society of America.*  
[http://www.soils.org/certification/pdf/how\\_to\\_soil\\_cert.pdf](http://www.soils.org/certification/pdf/how_to_soil_cert.pdf)

## TRADING POST

This spot is reserved for members who would like to buy, sell, trade, or announce an item, event, or activity in our newsletter. Please limit your classified ad to 25 words or less. Email your ad to the newsletter at [greg.clark@il.usda.gov](mailto:greg.clark@il.usda.gov)

- ISCA ball caps available for \$9 (includes S&H). Contact Chris Cochran at [chris\\_cochran@prodigy.net](mailto:chris_cochran@prodigy.net)

## ILLINOIS SOIL CLASSIFIERS ASSOCIATION ISCA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2005

### 30th ISCA Annual Meeting

Present:

Mark Bramstedt, President  
 Bill Kreznor, Vice President  
 Bruce Putman, President Elect  
 Chris Cochran, Secretary  
 Chuck Frazee, Treasurer  
 Jaimee Hammit, Constitution, By-Laws, & Legislative Chair  
 Jim Hornickel, Program Chair  
 Ken Gotsch, Ethics, Certification, & Membership  
 Bob McLeese, member

President Mark Bramstedt called the Council Meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Bramstedt asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of Feb. 4, 2005 teleconference. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended through e-mail was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Frazee passed out copies of the treasurer's report for the period of Nov. 29, 2004 thru Feb. 28, 2005: Opening Balance--\$15,176.19; Income--\$3,173.64; Expenses--\$1,476.07; Closing Balance--\$16,873.76. Frazee indicated he would give full report at the Annual Meeting that would follow in 1 hour. Proceeds from the auction of the Giddings soil probe were \$3,477.63 after expenses. Frazee indicated that we never received a bill for the winter workshop in DuPage County. Bramstedt indicated that he believed they would not bill us. Frazee went on to say that the cost of Soil Survey Horizons has gone up and is costing the Organization about \$190 more per year than the previous year. A dues increase may be in order to cover ever-increasing costs. Motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report was approved unanimously

**Annual Meeting Agenda** – Bramstedt passed around the agenda for the annual meeting and requested additions and corrections. Bramstedt discussed the agenda. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the agenda as written.

### New Business

Soil Judging—Bob McLeese reported National Soil Judging Contest will be held in Auburn, AL this coming April. McLeese requested that the ISCA help with student expenses. Motion was made and seconded to allocate \$400 and 4 Drummer t-shirts to the students from Illinois to help defray miscellaneous expenses. Motion was approved. McLeese agreed to handle the details of getting the shirts and money to the students.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm. Council regrouped at the Annual Meeting which followed.

Respectfully submitted  
 Chris Cochran, Secretary

## ISCA 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2005

### Holiday Inn & Convention Center Decatur, Illinois

Welcome, and opening remarks by Mark Bramstedt, ISCA President  
 Meeting commenced at 6pm with an invocation by J. Wiley Scott. Dinner followed.

Michael Konen introduced Luther Smith, Vice President and Executive Director of Certification Programs, Soil Science Society of America who spoke about the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit and Certification. **(see picture page 12)**

A ceremony followed where Luther Smith accepted a check from ISCA for the amount of \$3477.63, which will be used for the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit. **(see picture page 11)**

54 members and guests were in attendance.  
President Mark Bramstedt called the business meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

**Secretary's Report** – Chris Cochran. As of March 1, there were 98 paid members. There are 10 members that are delinquent. Last year there were 88 paid members at this time. Cochran read the minutes from the last annual meeting. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** - Charles Frazee reviewed income and expenses for the past year. Balance at beginning of year was \$10,328.26. Balance at end of year was \$16,309.05. See page 8 for detail.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Certification Board Report** – Bill Kreznor gave report. Expenses were \$38.15

Total number of CPSCs as of 1 March 2005: 42 (44 in 2003)

Delinquent members: 2

New Applications: 1

Members submitting CEUs 6 March 2004 through 28 February 2005: 13

Certification Board Members with terms expiring in 2004: Steve Elmer and Dana Grantham

Other activities: One certification Board meeting was held via e-mail on 29 September 2004.

Certification Board Members: Paul Brown; John Doll; Pat Kelsey; Steve Elmer; Dana Grantham

**State Commission on Sewage Disposal** – Don Fehrenbacher. No report. Don has left to become State Soil Scientist of Wisconsin.

#### **Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**

**Constitution, By-Laws & Legislative** – Jaimee Hammit. The Committee developed 4 tasks to complete in 2004. The first two tasks were to update the ISCA Handbook and create a new PDF for the ISCA website. The committee has made the changes to the Handbook and we are now working on correcting the formatting. This should be completed shortly and once we have a final document, we will create a new PDF for the ISCA website.

The other 2 tasks involved evaluating the definition of "experience" under the membership section of the handbook and the definition of an "out-of-state" member. The committee did not get to these tasks in 2004, but would like to tackle these in 2005.

Here are the questions I developed after speaking with Mark Bramstedt about the issue of experience:

--We may want to keep it ambiguous, but if not, what qualifies as a year of experience? Many members do not work for NRCS and some may not even do soils classification on a daily basis. Do we define a minimum amount of hours spent doing soils classification? A percentage like ARCPACS requires for certification? If we decide to be more specific, we will have to come up with a proposal to be reviewed at the Council Meeting.

For "out of state" member:

--Currently, an Out-of-State Member is any member who resides in a state other than Illinois that has an organization of professional soil scientists, and who is a member of that organization, and who does not practice soil classifying in Illinois. Some people may live in WI and work in IL, so they would not be allowed to be an out-of-state member. "Out-of-state" dues are cheaper and we could potentially lose members. If we decided to change this definition, we would need to come up with a proposal to present at the council meeting.

**Ethics, Certification, & Membership** – Ken Gotsch.

Committee Members: Bryan Fitch; Jesse Kurylo; Bruce Putman; Bill Teater

New ISCA Members – for 2004

FULL: Brad Cate; Greg Clark; Frank Heisner; Jacey Jones;

ASSOCIATE: Brad Boggess; Troy Fehrenbacher; Rick Francen; Zach Weber;

STUDENT: Jennifer Wollenweber

OUT OF STATE: Heidi Peterson

#### 2005 Agenda:

Process new applicants (ongoing); Review definition for out of state membership; Review Certification Standards

**Nominations** – Mark Stelford. Three officers to be elected. President Elect– Clayton Heffter & Pat Kelsey.  
Vice President – Ken Anderson & Bob Tegeler. Treasurer – Chuck Frazee.

#### **Finance** – Bill Kreznor.

The ISCA Finance Committee for the year 6 March 2004 through 1 March 2005 included Bill Kreznor, Vice-President and Chair, Ken Anderson, and Ann Mason.

The Finance Committee met on 2 February 2005 and conducted an audit of the financial records of the Association for calendar year 2004. The records were found to be accurate and in good order. The Finance Committee thanks ISCA Treasurer Chuck Frazee for his thoroughness and cooperation.

A budget for the Association is attached. ISCA is on solid financial ground. The treasury has experienced a substantial increase in funds, about \$6,000.00, over the last five years. This is mainly the result of the sale of the Giddings probe and income from a few very successful workshops. The 2005-2006 budget shows a deficit of \$3,460.00. This is due to two one-time expenses: our contribution to the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit + \$3,470.00 and the purchase of State Soil shirts +\$2,400.00. The Finance Committee expects the State Soil shirt expenses will be recaptured in 2-3 years. As such, the difference between income and expenses is expected to remain minimal.

Finally, ISCA dues currently stand at \$25.00. Dues cover the cost of a \$15.00 subscription to *Soil Survey Horizons*.

Beginning in 2005, that subscription will increase to \$17.00. Given the solid financial footing upon which ISCA currently sits, the Finance Committee does not recommend a dues increase for the year 2005-2006. However, that option should be explored if expenses for 2006 and beyond are anticipated to increase significantly.

#### **Public Relations and Education** – Doug Gaines.

I accepted the Chair position of the committee after Don Fehrenbacher accepted a position in Wisconsin as State Soil Scientist. Below is a brief synopsis of what I was aware of from 2004 and the possible direction of 2005. Illinois State University hosted the 44th Annual National Collegiate soil judging contest April 22 & 23. The judging was held at 2 different sites in McLean County. The University of Wisconsin, Platteville was the overall winner this year. The 2005 contest will be hosted by Auburn University. The 2004 Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association (ILICA) Conservation Expo was held at the Robert & Richard Lasser Farms in Anchor, Illinois - McLean County August 24 -26, 2004. ISCA was involved with assisting with the displays, etc. Some of the conservation practices implemented during the expo were: Field Windbreak - Filter Strips - Grassed Waterway - Pond - Shallow Water Area for Wildlife (Constructed Wetland) - Water & Sediment Control Basin (Dry Dam)

Also at the expo were displays of: A Soil Pit - Pipeline Safety - Septic Suitability Analysis - Septic Tank Installation

ISCA had an eBay auction of a Giddings soil probe in September to raise funds for the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit. The auction netted \$3,477.63.

The definition for the Burt Ray Award was changed; Burt Ray Award -Requirements for the award is outdated. A proposal to change the requirement for the award to simply state that the recipient "...is an individual from an Illinois Collegiate Institution who has attained the highest score in the Region 3 Soil Judging Contest." Motion so made and approved. Winner in 2004 was: Edwin Winzeler.

The survey entitled "Professional Soil Scientist Survey Results" prepared by Margie Faber were published in our January newsletter. The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) and the United States Consortium of Soil Science Associations (USCSSA) participated in the survey.

Todd Soukup has been finalizing the "Guide to Interpreting Your Soil Report" septic brochure designed to help homeowners understand the soil evaluation as it relates to septic systems.



2004 Burt Ray Award Winner  
Edwin Winzeler



Plans for 2005 are to develop a new ISCA brochure. Our current brochure was developed in the early 80's. So 25 years later with technology changes and our field's changes, it's time to update who we are.

Coming in May - the 51st Midwest Friends of the Pleistocene Field Conference to be held in Streator, Illinois, May 13-15, 2005.

**Program** – Jim Hornickel. Conducted Geomorphic Tour along the Illinois River along with the Illinois Geological Survey September 10, 2005. 27 members attended.

#### **Smithsonian Soils Display** – Bill Kreznor.

The ISCA Smithsonian Soils Exhibit Committee consisted of Mike Konen (State Liaison), Bill Kreznor, Bob McLeese, and Dave Rahe.

The Committee began developing a list and making contacts with potential corporate sponsors.

The Illinois Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society made a contribution of \$1,000.00. Individual donations from ISCA members have also been made. Among these donors are Les Bushue, Mike Konen, Bill Kreznor, and Bruce Putman. ISCA auctioned on eBay a trailer-mounted Giddings probe donated to ISCA. Net proceeds of \$3,477.63 from the sale will be donated. Illinois has raised about 48% of our goal of \$10,000.00.

The Committee coordinated a mass mailing to Soil Science Society of America members in Illinois at the end of last year. Much remains to be done. The Committee welcomes any ideas or assistance concerning the fundraising effort. ISCA members are encouraged to contact any of the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit Committee members. Members are also urged to promote this effort among their personal, professional, and corporate contacts.

To view a rendering of the exhibit and to track donations, please visit the website ([www.soils.org/smithsonian/](http://www.soils.org/smithsonian/)).

The Smithsonian Soils Exhibit Committee encourages all ISCA members to support our profession and foster the objective of our Association: promote the wise utilization of the soil resource. We ask that each member make a generous, tax-deductible donation in 2005.

#### **Historian** - Roger Windhorn.

The ISCA Historian serves as an ad hoc “committee” established to document and record our past accomplishments. For this reason, there are generally no “new” committee reports during the course of the year!

We currently have a filing system that organizes ISCA activities on a yearly basis. We have notes, newsletters, annual meeting reports, lists of officers, committee heads, certified members, etc. We also have selected photos from a number of past activities, although there are several with no identity! Our lists are not 100% complete for every year, especially those that go back fifteen years or more. We have also developed an Excel spreadsheet that lists all members (current presently to 2003) and lists all offices they have held and committees that they have chaired. As a side comment, I might add that one item that was and still is very confusing is that lists of officers, committees, annual reports, etc. are listed in newsletters and secretary minutes for a particular *calendar* year rather than the actual *business* year of the Association. This often leads to confusion as to the exact year that a person held office or served on a committee. Suggestion is to be more explicit in listing which *business* year it was since this is the way we are organized.

I strongly encourage the Executive Council to continue to provide a Member List, Certified List, Officer List, Committee Chair List, and all Newsletters for the given business year to the Historian after the Annual Meeting. Once I receive these, the spreadsheet can be updated and our history can be recorded.

#### **T-Shirt** – Roger Windhorn.

Committee consisted of Roger Windhorn, Bob McLeese, Bob Tegeler, & Mark Bramstedt. Selected State Soil “Drummer” as design. Ordered 200 shirts. Long sleeve and short sleeve. Shirts sell for \$14 and \$12 respectively. We make about \$1.50/shirt.



Example of the State Soil Displays that will be used for the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit.

### Treasurer's Report for 2004

**Balance Opening - \$ 10,328.26** (01/01/04)

**Income:**

Annual Meeting	\$ 345.50
Dues	2620.00
Certification	700.00
Internet	130.00
Interest	60.40
Shirts	64.00
Bookmarks	55.10
Caps	60.00
Fall Meeting	10.00
Soil Tubes	75.00
Soil Monoliths	5.00
Giddings Soil Probe	3550.00
Winter Workshop	1750.00
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	\$ 9425.00

**Expenses:**

Administration	\$ 281.11
Certification Board	78.94
Annual Meeting	1034.95
Annual Meeting - 2005	100.00
Fall Meeting	304.35
Soil Survey Horizons	1170.00
Ebay (Giddings Sale)	72.37
Winter Workshop	402.49
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	\$ 3444.21

**Balance Closing - \$16,309.05** (12/31/04)



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Currently, 64 ISCA members receive this newsletter through the U.S. Mail. In order to keep administrative costs down, we will no longer mail out the newsletter. Instead, you will be notified through email when the current/next newsletter is available on our web site. Exceptions will be made for those of you who do not have computers or email addresses. If, for any other reason, you wish to continue to receive the newsletter through the U.S. Mail, contact Chris Cochran at [chris\\_cochran@prodigy.net](mailto:chris_cochran@prodigy.net).

The ISCA Newsletter can be downloaded in PDF format from our web site at:

<http://www.illinoissoils.org/news.htm>





**Old Business:**

Key for determining loading rates. Distributed at meeting and is on web page.

**New Business:**

## ISCA BUDGET: 2005

	2004		2005	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Annual Meetings		355.50	450.00	
Dues		2620.00	2700.00	
Certification		700.00	700.00	
Internet		130.00	0.00	
Interest		60.40	80.00	
Shirts		64.00	1200.00	
Bookmarks		55.10	40.00	
Hats		60.00	50.00	
Soil Tubes		75.00	50.00	
Monoliths		5.00	0.00	
Giddings probe		3550.00	0.00	
Workshops		1750.00	1750.00	
Soil Cards		0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		9425.00	7020.00	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Administration	-400.00	-281.11	-600.00	
Annual Meetings	-1050.00	-1339.30	-1200.00	
Certification Board	-100.00	-78.94	-200.00	
Workshops		-402.49	-500.00	
Soil Survey Horizons	-1100.00	-1170.00	-1360.00	
Awards	-300.00	0.00	-300.00	
Public Relations	-350.00	0.00	-350.00	
Miscellaneous	-100.00	0.00	-100.00	
Smithsonian Exhibit		0.00	-3470.00	
T - Shirts		0.00	-2400.00	
State Soil		0.00	0.00	
Farm Progress Show		0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-3400.00</b>	<b>-3271.84</b>	<b>-10480.00</b>	
Surplus or (Deficit)		6153.16	-3460.00	

Motion to approve budget was seconded and approved.

**2005 Field Class** – Bramstedt reported that ISCA, in cooperation with NRCS, will host a field class to help hone the skills of soil classifiers. It will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October at Allerton Park near Monticello, IL. This will also provide certified members the opportunity to obtain CEU's to maintain certification.

**Bent Auger Award** – Roger Windhorn. Award started in 1977. Paul Youngstrom was the first recipient. Purpose of award is to recognize an individual who has distinguished him or herself by an act of legendary faux pas or gaffe (real, imagined, made up, or even an egregious lie). Karla Petges was last year's winner. This year's winner is Brian Fitch for driving a probe into a swarm of hornets. **(see picture page 12)**

**Election Results** – Mark Stelford. Clayton Heffter – President Elect; Bob Tegeler – Vice President; Chuck Frazee – Treasurer.

**Presidents Prerogative** – Mark Bramstedt thanked his cabinet and chairs for their work. Mark also honored the Charter Members this being our 30<sup>th</sup> year.

**Passing the Gavel** – Bruce Putman accepted the gavel for 2005. **(see picture page 12)**

**Closing Comments** – Bruce Putman announced committee chairs:

Constitution, By-Laws, & Legislative – Jaimee Hammit

Ethics, Certification and Membership – Ken Gotsch

Nominations – Mark Bramstedt

Public Relations & Education – Doug Gaines

Finance – Bob Tegeler

Newsletter – Greg Clark

Program – (open)

Bruce and the members thanked Mark Bramstedt for his service with a round of applause.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM. A short Executive Council Meeting followed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Cochran, Secretary

**ILLINOIS SOIL CLASSIFIERS ASSOCIATION  
ISCA COUNCIL MEETING (2nd) MINUTES  
March 1, 2005  
30th ISCA Annual Meeting**

Present:

Bruce Putman, President

Mark Bramstedt, Past President

Bob Tegeler, Vice President

Clayton Heffter, President Elect

Chris Cochran, Secretary

Chuck Frazee, Treasurer

Doug Gaines, Education & Public Relations

President Bruce Putman called the Council Meeting to order at 9:30 PM.

Approval of Officers – J. Wiley Scott and John Pearce were nominated to serve on the Certification Board. Bramstedt made a motion to approve their nomination. Cochran seconded. Approved. Putman outlined the other Chairs:

Jaimee Hammit – Constitution, Legislative, and By-Laws

Doug Gaines – Education & Public Relations

Nominations – Mark Bramstedt

Finance – Bob Tegeler

Newsletter – Greg Clark

Program – (open)

Ken Gotsch – Ethics, Certification & Membership

Motion was made and seconded to accept the candidates for the various committee chairs. Motion was approved.

The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2005 at 10am at the Bloomington NRCS Field Office.

#### **Agenda Items for next Meeting:**

- \* Discuss Jim Hornickel's suggestion of honoring members' work on State Soil at next Council Meeting.
- \* E-mailing newsletter to reduce costs and work of Newsletter Chair.
- \* Review duties for each position as outlined in the Constitution.
- \* Doug would like input on the direction the Education and Public Relations Committee should be going.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted

Chris Cochran, Secretary

#### **Updated Membership Handbook on the Web**

Over the past two months, the Constitution, By-Laws, and Legislative Committee along with past president, Mark Bramstedt, have made corrections to the ISCA Membership Handbook, reflecting revisions which took place in 1997 and 1999. The previous version on the web was only current through 1995. Along with the technical edits, formatting changes were made and links to the major sections of the handbook were established in the Table of Contents.

#### **Update on Fundraising Goal for Smithsonian Soil Exhibit**

As of April 2005, the total funds raised by all 50 states is \$271, 475. 14 states have reached their fundraising goals and 8 are more than halfway to reaching their goals. The 3 states at the top of the donation list are California (\$16,387), Texas (\$13,548) and Montana (\$12,000).

Illinois has currently raised \$6,277.63. The ISCA donation from the auction of the Giddings probe accounts for \$3,477.63. ISCA members have also made private donations to the exhibit.

The May 2005 issue of the CSA News has an article about the ISCA donation from the sale of the Giddings probe. This can be viewed on page 28 or on the web at <http://www.asa-cssa-sssa.org/news.html> if you are a member of one of the societies and have a log in.



Mike Konen and Mark Bramstedt present Luther Smith with a check from ISCA for the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit acquired through the sale of a Giddings soil probe.



## Pictures from the 30th Annual Meeting

### Counter Clockwise

1. Luther Smith, SSSA, guest speaker
2. Roger Windhorn campaigning to Chuck Frazee for Ipava as the state soil with John Doll in the background. Somebody please tell Roger the voting is already over!
3. Charter member Cliff Miles and his wife Margaret enjoying the meeting.
4. Brian Fitch accepting the Bent Auger Award (Roger Windhorn presenting)
5. Passing of the gavel (Mark Bramstedt to Bruce Putman)





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### Submissions

This is **YOUR** newsletter. If you wish to submit material, here are some preferences.

- Send information by the last week of the month before the newsletter is scheduled to be published.
- Digital copy in Microsoft Word
- Use as little formatting (indents, bullets, charts) as possible. This increases the work to get it into Publisher.

### Publication Schedule for 2005-2006

- Summer (August)
- Fall (November)
- Winter (February)
- Spring (May)



The Illinois Soil Classifiers Association is an organization promoting the wise use of the soil resource. ISCA is made up of professional soil classifiers in public service, private industry, and education and includes students and others interested in preserving soil. A soil classifier maps, describes and interprets soils according to a national system of soil classification. ISCA was established in 1975 and is affiliated with the American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops, and Soils.

### Editor's Ramblings

None of us have worked with Microsoft Publisher or a newsletter before, so this is a work in progress. Please be patient..

As we understand, the newsletter is suppose to come out 4 times a year. With this in mind, we have tentative plans to publish the newsletter the first week or so of the following months: August (Summer), November (Fall), February (Winter) and May (Spring). If you have information you would like to see in the newsletter, please try and get the information to the newsletter committee before the first day of the above months. For example, if submitting information for the Summer newsletter, try and get information to us by the last week of July. Your help with submitting material in a timely manner will help us to stay on a schedule with publishing the newsletter.

If you have questions or suggestions about the newsletter, please let us know.

Newsletter Committee

## 2005 Illinois Soil Judging Team

The University of Illinois Soil Judging Team, with help from ISCA, attended the Intercollegiate National Soil Judging Contest in Auburn, Alabama this past April. They placed 6th out of 22 teams. **Congratulations to the team for their excellent finish in the contest!**



Team members are: Lindsay Reinhardt, Olivia Dorothy, Edwin Winzeler and Andy Brantner.