

## NEWSLETTER

### ILLINOIS SOIL CLASSIFIERS ASSOCIATION February, 1978

#### PRESIDENT'S NOTE

As I look down our ever growing membership list I find it interesting to note that about 16% are out of state members. In addition to these, another 24% are not working directly at soil classification activities. It is imperative that these factions of our membership remain aware of what is happening in Illinois and how it affects our soil resource.

At the present time our Annual Meeting and the newsletters are our only means of keeping these people, and the remaining 60%, informed of the activities and concerns of the Association. It is the Annual Meeting that permits members to interact and discuss individual concerns, activities, and happenings in the field. It is the only chance we have to hear experts, such as Gene Filer, discuss a topic of which we need to become more knowledgeable.

I believe that by now all of you have received your ballot and the announcement of the up-coming Annual Meeting. I am hopeful that a large number of you have already responded to both items.

It is extremely important that you exercise your voting privilege. Don't fail to do that!

We have had in the past good attendance at our Annual Meeting. The Program Committee has lined up excellent facilities and an interesting program for the meeting. I hope to see many of you there.

If the distance is too great or other obligations have you occupied for the day, that is understandable. I would ask however, that you share with us via the newsletter something about your past years' activities. I am sure also that the new officers would be interested to know of your concerns and expectations as related to Association activities.

Send the above mentioned information to our Secretary and he will relay it to the Newsletter Committee or to the Council.

I thank you for your interest in the Association and urge your active participation in its activities in the future.

Ray Herman

#### COUNCIL MEETING HELD

A meeting of the ISCA Council was held in Champaign on November 5, 1977. All Council members were present and also in attendance were the Chairmen of the Ethics, Registration, and Membership Committees; the Education and Public Relations Committee; and the Program Committee.

Among items discussed included the rewording suggested for the Registration Bill (see August Newsletter), the possible requirement of registration of practicing soil classifiers in Illinois (including all government employees) if a Registration Bill is passed, and the possible need for some clarification for requirements of the "grandfather" clause

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as presently written in the Bill. Also discussed were the possibilities of joining with the geologists in a joint registration bill, the Certification program of professionals of the American Society of Agronomy, the progress on the educational slide set for the ISCA, and the program plans for the Annual Meeting.

The Council approved the application of one member at the Associate level. The Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$263.53.

### NEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

As each year passes by, usually some of the Associate members become qualified for Full Membership as field experience time accrues. We congratulate Jerry Alexander (now in South Dakota), Gerry Berning, and Ken Gotsch on being promoted to Full Membership in ISCA.

Irene Watterson, Madison County, recently applied for Associate Membership and has been approved by the Council. Mark Bramstedt, Knox County; Bill Kreznor, Iroquois County; Dave Rahe, Madison County; and Randy Staley employed by Amax Coal Company of Indianapolis, Indiana have applied for Associate Membership and will be approved by the Council at their next meeting. We welcome these new members into the ISCA family.

Chris Cochran has been on a special mapping assignment since early December in New Mexico. He is working on the Project Soil Survey of Grant County and is located at Silver City. Chris learned the first day in the field that he couldn't work without a hat, which he customarily did in Champaign County. His assignment ends the latter part of this month, but he won't be back on the job in Champaign County until March. He is stopping in Lincoln, Nebraska enroute for a training session. We wonder if Chris will be ready to trade the spade for a soil probe again and if he will continue to map one or two thousand acres a day?

Lon Young, former ISCA member, dropped into Champaign a few months ago to check up on the Champaign County Soil Survey and activities at the State S.C.S. Office. Wyoming seems to suit him well and he was full of tall stories about antelope hunting.

Five of our members recently completed a course at the Technical Center in Lincoln, Nebraska on "Soil Lab Data and Their Use." In attendance were Larry Acker, Ken Gotsch, Henry Mount, Roger Windhorn, and Steve Zwicker. Henry and Steve were able to make good use of recently acquired data from the University of Illinois Pedology Lab. Roger is now prepared to instruct all those interested on how to crush soft shale samples for determination of coarse fragments.

The 1978 North Central Regional Soil Survey Workshop was held in Madison, Wisconsin January 30 through February 4. Those attending from the S.C.S. State Office were Wells Andrews, J. Wiley Scott, and Earl Voss. Attending from the Agronomy Department, University of Illinois, were John Alexander, Ivan Jensen, Bob Pope, and Burt Ray. Most of the Workshop activity evolved around the functioning of several committees, both prior to and during the Workshop.

### SOME CURRENT USES OF SOIL SURVEY INFORMATION

Steve Zwicker has provided us with the following items. Recently

In Lee County a housing developer was building on portions of the Rock River floodplain west of the town of Dixon. An alert and informed local County Planning Committee questioned the advisability of this practice and confronted the developer. An S.C.S. hydrologist and a hydrologist from a private consulting firm, at the request of the developer, investigated the area. In summary, all agreed that the soil map could be used to accurately delineate the floodplain area. The building program was halted and many potential homeowners were spared the high cost of mandatory flood insurance and probably many other disappointments.

Some special plans are being made locally for use of the recently finished Ogle County Soil Survey. Much direction for the program comes from D.C. John Conroy. It is copies of the soil map are being colored to indicate two grades of prime farmland. Floodplains and flood prone areas are indicated by using a combination of the soil map and topographic maps. Present plans are to photograph the maps so that an enlarged image of a section or two can be projected on a screen and studied by interested groups. These maps will be used extensively by the Zoning Commission and County Plat and Zoning Committee in making recommendations and decisions on use of areas in Ogle County.

FOR ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION

The Committee on Ethics, Registration, and Membership, J. B. Fehrenbacher, Chairman, plans to bring up several items at the Annual Meeting to which the membership might want to give some thought prior to the meeting. Some of this information was contained in reports in past Newsletters. Some important items for discussion are:

1. If and when a Registration Bill is passed in Illinois, should any practicing soil classifiers be exempted or should registration be required?
2. Do we want to retain our present name of Illinois Soil Classifiers Association or should we change it to Illinois Pedologists Association?
3. Should we continue to press for registration and do you feel registration would be worthwhile for the majority of our membership?

Discussion about ARCPACS (American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops, and Soils), a non-profit corporation operated in cooperation with ASA, CSEA, and SSSA is also scheduled. Present specialties, among others, include Soil Scientist and Soil Specialist. Other soil specialties might be added in the future. This is a certification program on a national level that is a voluntary procedure administered by a profession. Some individuals feel that being certified by a national organization may be helpful in registration attempts at the state level. If you desire information prior to the meeting, contact your colleagues who are members of ASA or SSSA, as they should have a pamphlet explaining the program.

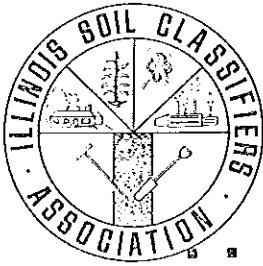
MAKE YOUR INTERESTS KNOWN AND VOLUNTEER

The Newsletter Committee has received a request from current President Ray Herman and President Elect Steve Zwicker to include in

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this issue a plea to the membership to indicate special interests or talents that you as individuals have, which can help promote and direct our Association. As the new administrative year approaches, many new committee assignments will be needed. Some individuals may have an interest in the offices of the Association. These interests could be made known to future Nominating Committees. Perhaps a questionnaire may be used in the future to catalog individual interests, but for the present please inform President Elect Steve Zwicker if you are interested in serving on a particular committee or if you believe you can help the Association in some special way. Steve would appreciate hearing from you prior to the Annual Meeting.

FINAL REMINDER

1. Make reservations for the Annual Meeting.
2. Exercise your vote for new officers.
3. Annual dues for 1978 are due prior to or at the Annual Meeting.



# ILLINOIS SOIL CLASSIFIERS ASSOCIATION

April 4, 1978

TO: Members of Illinois Soil Classifiers Association  
FROM: J. B. Fehrenbacher, Past-Chairman of Ethics, Registration,  
and Membership Committee  
RE: Plebiscite of Importance to All ISCA Members

At our annual meeting (March 4, 1978), it was passed and approved that we should canvass every member of ISCA on three questions of concern to all.

Please vote--don't delay--tear off the ballot below, write "ballot" on your envelope, and send it to me at:

N-405 Turner Hall  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, IL. 61801

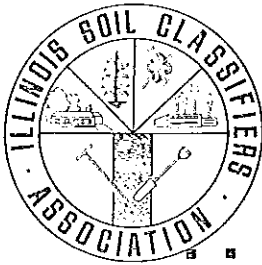
Mail your ballots to reach me by April 15 at the latest.

Some pros and cons on two of the questions to be voted on are attached. This discussion was prepared by Past-President Ray Herman in consultation with others.

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## Ballot

1. Should Federal, State and other governmental unit employees practicing soil classifying work in Illinois be required in ISCA's proposed registration bill to be registered?  Yes  No
2. Should the name Illinois Soil Classifiers Association be changed to Illinois Pedologists Association?  Yes  No
3. Should ISCA continue to push for passage of a Soil Classifiers registration bill in the Illinois Legislature?  Yes  No



# ILLINOIS SOIL CLASSIFIERS ASSOCIATION

## PROS AND CONS OF REGISTRATION

Some "pros" and "cons" to registration are listed below. The list is not all-inclusive, but hopefully includes the major points and will be of some assistance in helping you consider the registration question.

### Pros:

Protects the public- Registration will help assure the caliber and competence of the individual involved in soil classification activities.

Promotes high standards- A certain level of knowledge and experience will be required to become and to remain registered.

Help expand job opportunities- Soil surveys are being used in more and more ways. Positions with other agencies and in the private sector will be more readily obtained.

Identifies those that are qualified- Professional registration is recognized by others as an achievement not easily obtained.

Recognition of the field- To become registered we will need to inform and educate lots of other professional people about who we are, what we do, and how we can protect the public welfare and promote wise land use.

### Cons:

Will cost something- There will be an annual registration fee. Also, there will be lots of effort to promote registration.

Will establish rigid standards- Not all will qualify. You may be required to have your work approved by someone who is registered.

May make you liable- The opportunity for law suits may be greater.

State registration agency imposed duties- You may need to annually give an accounting of your activities as they relate to the profession. Certain forms may be required.

Provide no economic gains- Most registered persons will not profit from becoming registered.

Pro arguments for changing the name from  
Illinois Soil Classifiers Association to  
Illinois Pedologists Association.

The present name is not descriptive of our total range of expertise. Pedology is an unfamiliar term to many because it has not been widely used. It is easier, however, to educate people concerning an unfamiliar term than it is to use a familiar term with a more narrow meaning and get people to notice and remember that we have assigned a new meaning to it. When the term Pedologist is used, those who are not familiar with the term usually ask for a definition, or read on to determine what it means. When the term Soil Classifier is used, people know what a classifier does and assume that we are using the term as it is defined in the dictionary. Even if we make a point of defining it for them, they are inclined not to pay much attention because they think that they already know what it means. Some of the objections to our bill raised by engineers seem to arise because they failed to comprehend what we really mean by soil classifying. The engineers were concerned that the term was too comprehensive, but in other ways the term is too narrow. I fear that most of the public will visualize a soil classifier as one who classifies soils and will tend to look elsewhere when they need help with interpretations, or even mapping of soils.

We had to introduce the term Pedology into our registration bill in order to satisfy engineers and geologists. Changing the name of our association would be consistent with that change in the registration bill. More widespread use of the term pedologist on business cards, signs, and in newspapers would soon make it a more familiar term. I believe the term pedologist will carry more prestige than the term soil classifiers ever will.

NEWSLETTER

ILLINOIS PEDOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION

JUNE, 1978

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A council meeting was held during the evening of April 26, 1978 at the Redwood Inn, Rantoul. The following are excerpts of minutes taken by John D. Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer

President Zwicker called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The minutes of the 1978 Annual Meeting were read by Treasurer Alexander and approved. There is \$827.63 on hand as of this date.

President Zwicker next announced the following committees:

Public Relations and Education

John E. Paschke, Chairman  
Lester J. Bushue  
Donald J. Fehrenbacher  
William R. Kreznor

Ethics, Registration and Membership

Don Wallace, Chairman  
Joe B. Fehrenbacher  
J. Wiley Scott  
Walter D. Parks  
Fred L. Awalt  
Charles J. Frazee  
John C. Doll  
Wells Andrews  
Donald B. Phillips

Constitution and By-Laws

Emil Kubalek, Chairman  
Roger D. Windhorn  
Gary W. Goodrich

Nominations Committee

Raymond J. Herman, Chairman  
Burt W. Ray  
Earl E. Voss

Newsletter Committee

Michael B. Walker, Chairman  
Christopher C. Cochran  
John C. Doll  
Gary W. Goodrich  
Gerald V. Berning  
Joe B. Fehrebacher  
Leon R. Follmer  
Wells Andrews

Program Committee

Wells Andrews, Chairman  
James F. Steinkamp  
Ivan J. Jansen

Finance Committee

Roger D. Windhorn, Chairman  
Mark W. Bramstedt  
Stephen K. Higgins

The idea of a deadline for the various issues of the Newsletter was discussed. Four Newsletters per year seemed an appropriate number.



Wells Andrews, Chairman of the Program Committee, suggested that the membership should help in deciding what kind of a summer meeting to have. J. D. Alexander made the suggestion that we have a summer meeting similar to the last two we have had (one day, family picnic, short summer meeting). An educational summer meeting on strip mine reclamation might be a possibility. (Please note questionnaire on last page).

The results of an every member canvas conducted by Joe B. Fehrenbacher on the following three questions were conveyed to this meeting by John D. Alexander.

- Question 1: Should the Federal, State and other government unit employees practicing soil classifying work in Illinois be required in ISCA's proposed registration bill to be registered?
- Question 2: Should the name of the Illinois Soil Classifiers Association be changed to Illinois Pedologists Association?
- Question 3: Should the Illinois Soil Classifiers Association continue to push for passage of a Soil Classifiers registration bill in the Illinois Legislature?

The responses from the membership were counted and summarized by Joe B. Fehrenbacher, Burton W. Ray and John D. Alexander. The summary of the responses to the questions were as follows:

Question 1: 36 yes votes; 9 no votes

Question 2: 33 yes votes; 12 no votes

Question 3: 36 yes votes; 9 no votes

Forty five of our 61 members responded to the above questions.

After a short discussion of the results of this membership vote, John D. Alexander moved that the results of this vote be implemented by the Illinois Classifiers Association. Wells Andrews 2nd the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by the Council.

In effect this means that:

1. As an association of professionals, we are in favor of all people practicing Pedology in Illinois be required to register under the proposed registration bill. The proposed bill will be changed to express this.
2. The name of the current Illinois Soil Classifiers Association will be changed to Illinois Pedologists Association. In order to accomplish this, changes will need to be made in our Constitution and By-Laws, Membership Certification, Federal and State tax and incorporation status, logo, stationery, and other items of identification for our association.
3. We will continue to work for passage of a registration bill for Pedologists.

#### PRESIDENT'S NOTE

With about 74% of the membership voting, it seems clear what our membership desires concerning name change and registration. The Council has, therefore, voted to implement the results of the poll, as indicated by the majority of the membership and has initiated the following actions:

1. The Ethics, Registration and Membership Committee will prepare a statement, to be circulated to the membership, explaining the implications of the proposed registration bill.

2. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will submit revised sections of the constitution and by-laws.

3. The Public Relations and Education Committee will proceed with changes in membership cards, logo, letterhead and envelopes.

The Illinois Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be meeting for their legislative meeting in June. This will provide us with an opportunity to enlist their support for our registration activities.

Mike Kiefer is looking for ideas on how our association might participate at the upcoming American Society of Agronomy Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago on December 3-8, 1978. One suggestion might be to have a booth where we could explain our association and its activities to date.

I want to encourage each member to maintain an active part in the association and to continue to share your ideas. Your participation will keep us moving along toward our goals.

#### SOIL SCIENTISTS FIELD WORKSHOP

The 1978 SCS Illinois Soil Scientists Workshop was held in Champaign County April 24-27. It consisted of both indoor and field exercises.

The indoor sessions were held at the Redwood Inn, Rantoul. Included were discussions of soil classification and mapping and uses of soil survey information.

An area northeast of Rantoul served as the location for field sessions. Workshop participants presented profiles of unique or "problem" soils brought from home and viewed some from other counties. After describing and classifying some of the local soils, the participants formed teams and mapped a 160 acre tract.

Activities at the Redwood Inn included a banquet on Monday evening. The featured speaker was Harold Poeschl, SCS State Resource Conservationist, who gave a program on the progress toward further implementation of water quality legislation in Illinois.

#### FROM THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

During the coming year, we will try to keep the membership informed of matters related to our profession. This may be difficult, considering the diversity of activities and geographic location among our members. If you have an item of interest, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the committee. Thank you.

#### IDEAS, PLEASE

The Council and Program Committee would like your help in planning future summer meetings.

It has been suggested that an educational meeting might be of interest. It could consist of the examination of a soil of special interest, tour of a geomorphic landscape, observation of a particular land-use, or a reclamation project.

A two day session could possibly be held either on the weekend or during the week.

Holding the meeting in different parts of the state would give each of us an opportunity to see more of the state. (continued on next page)

Some members have expressed interest in an informal dinner rather than a picnic.

If you would indicate your preference below and send to Wells Andrews, Program Chairman, 2301 Sumac, Champaign, IL. Please return by June 20th.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> Two day  | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Rotate meeting around state. |
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Remarks:

ILLINOIS PEDOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION  
 M. B. Walker  
 P.O. Box 72  
 Watseka, IL. 60970

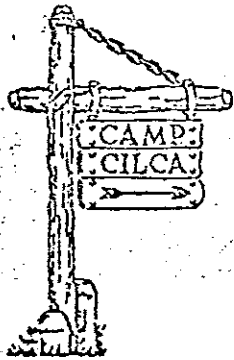


Earl E. Voss  
 4009 Farhills Drive  
 Champaign, IL. 61820

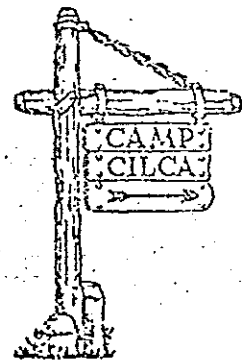
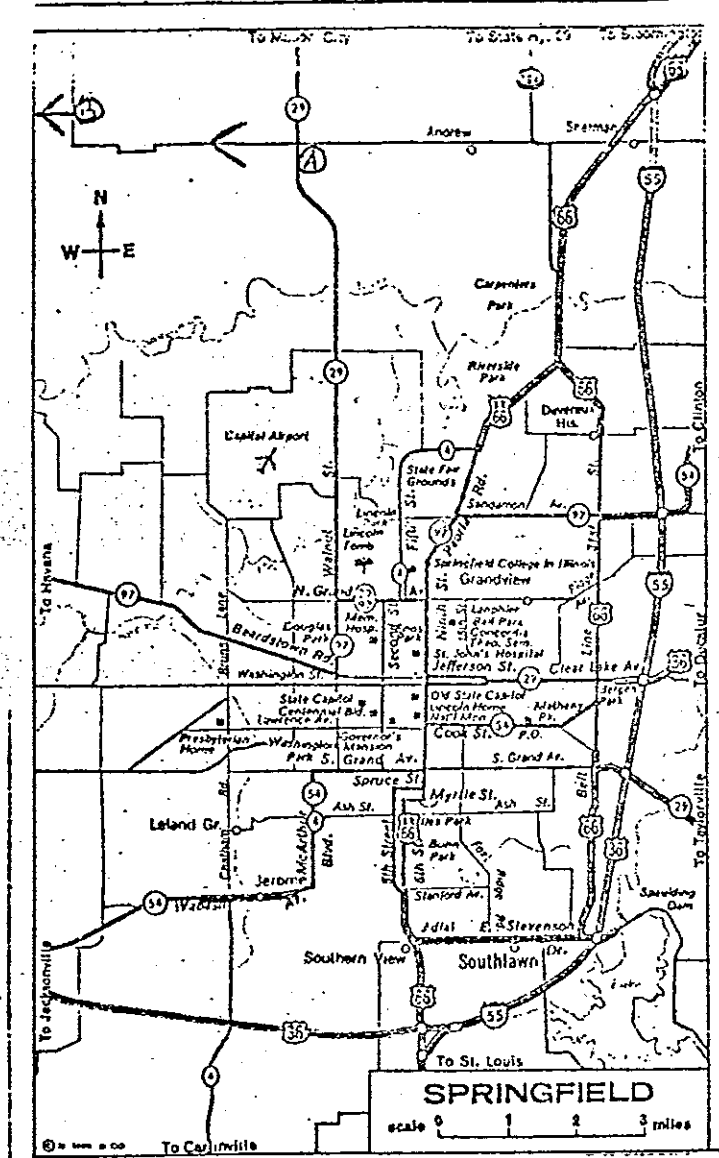
(Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association)

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MAP & DIRECTIONS FROM SPRINGFIELD: Take Route #29 north to Andrew Road (A), turn west (left) 4 miles. Turn left again at (B) for 1 mile. There are Camp Cilca sign posts at both points (A) and (B).

NEWSLETTER

ILLINOIS PEDOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION  
AUGUST, 1978

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Please mark your calendars for September 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be an important meeting for members and friends of our association. The program will include information regarding our efforts toward registration of soil scientists in Illinois. It may involve a presentation by the Chairperson of the Department of Education and Registration. This will be an opportunity for us to gain valuable insight toward accomplishing one of our goals and toward planning future activities.

Our program committee has chosen quiet, comfortable surroundings for the whole family to enjoy the out-of-doors while visiting friends. Camp Cilca is located near Springfield and can be located using the attached map. Plan to come and participate in the affairs of your association.

Steve Zwicker

PEOPLE & PLACES

JOHN D. ALEXANDER, Secretary-Treasurer of the IPA, underwent exploratory surgery in Champaign on July 12<sup>th</sup>. An enlarged and inflamed pancreas with a cyst was found. John was in the hospital for about three weeks and is now recovering nicely at home. Further surgery is contemplated, possibly in late September. We wish John the very best.

The LEE COUNTY Soil Survey had some extra help this summer. STEVE ZWICKER reports that JOHN PEARSE worked as a SCS summer trainee. John is an Ottawa, Illinois native and an agronomy student in his junior year at the University of Illinois.

The IROQUOIS COUNTY Soil Survey staff went to the fair this year. They helped operate a booth sponsored by the Iroquois County Soil and Water Conservation District. The exhibit included a slide set with taped narrative, SCS educational material, and advance copies of soil survey field sheets.

ILLINOIS PEDOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER MEETING

September 9th, 1978

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MINUTES

TREASURERS REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ethics, Registration & Membership  
Don Wallace

Constitution & By-Laws  
Emil Kubalek

Nominations Committee  
Ray Herman

Newsletter Committee  
Mike Walker

Program Committee  
Wells Andrews

Finance Committee  
Roger Windhorn

OLD BUSINESS

1. IASWCD'S -- support for "Licensing Act"
2. Slide Set-- Soil Survey--by Henry Mount
3. IL Dept. of Gov't Affairs--use of soil survey--tax act
4. AROPEACS--number of applications
5. Approval of expenditures

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Collegiate Soil Judging Contest  
Annual Meeting--date, time, place, subject

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NEWS LETTER

ILLINOIS PEDOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION  
DECEMBER, 1978

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Illinois Pedologists Association members, Larry Acker and Leon Follmer, conducted an outstanding "soil geomorphology tour" through northeastern Illinois, December 1-3, with several IPA members in attendance. This was a joint field conference involving the Soil Science Society of America and the Geological Society of America, held just prior to the ASA annual meetings in Chicago. The exchange between soil scientists and geologists was judged extremely valuable by all participants. Let's encourage more cooperative endeavors of this nature in the future!

Certification through ARCPACS is gaining popularity with over 550 professionals applying to this credentialing organization to date. Many IPA members have expressed interest in certifying our membership through our own Association in addition to ARCPACS. We are looking into this.

Our Ethics, Registration, and Membership Committee met with strong opposition to licensing soil scientists at a recent meeting with the head of the Illinois Department of Education and Registration. The word seems to be certification rather than licensure, these days!

Make plans now to attend your IPA annual meeting, February 24, at the Country Inn, Champaign. A good program is in the making.

Steve Zwicker

ANNUAL MEETING

The 1979 annual meeting of the Illinois Pedologist's Association is scheduled for Saturday, February 24 at the Country Inn, Champaign. A buffet style dinner will be served, followed by a speaker and a business meeting. This meeting is very important, as we will be installing officers and setting the direction of our organization for the following year.

The Country Inn is just north of Interstate 74 at the Niel Street exit. Please make reservations by completing the following and returning, with payment, before February 14.

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Mail to: Wells Andrews  
Chairman, Program Committee, IPA  
2301 Sumac  
Champaign, IL 61820

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) for the IPA banquet and annual meeting at \$5.50 each. My payment is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION EFFORTS

Representatives of the Illinois Pedologists Association met recently with Ms. Anderson, Director of the Department of Education and Registration, for a discussion of our efforts toward establishing registration of soil scientists in Illinois.

The meeting was held on October 24 in Ms. Anderson's Springfield office. The IPA was represented by Don Wallace, Chuck Frazee, Wells Andrews, and Ivan Jansen. Discussion centered on the purpose of state licensing and the duties of a pedologist. The outcome of this meeting will be discussed further at the annual meeting.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING PLANNED

All IPA officers and committee chairmen are requested to attend a council meeting in the SCS field office in Champaign on January 13, 1979. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and is expected to be over by noon.

### SURVEY STATUS REPORT

SCS soil survey reports have recently been published for DeKalb, St. Clair, Saline, and Kendall counties. Newly begun surveys are in Morgan, Scott, and Monroe counties; while Ford, Macoupin, and Perry counties are scheduled to be staffed by the next mapping season.

### PEOPLE & PLACES

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY was selected as a pilot county for the state in determining soil potentials for septic filter fields. HENRY MOUNT reports that it "takes a lotta time", but progress is being made.

The FORD COUNTY soil survey will involve testing of LANDSAT satellite imagery as a supplement to conventional high quality, high altitude aerial photography.

DON FEHRENBACHER will be transferring from the Iroquois County Survey to the Champaign County Survey for part time work with SCS while working on a master's in soils from the U of I.

KERMIT LARSON was in the United States for a visit during early fall. He has since returned to Pakistan for another two year period.



LOOKING AHEAD

Soils information is a basic input in much of the recent legislation dealing with environmental matters. Increasing demands exist for information on prime farmland classification, for example. This data is basic for land use planning and zoning ordinances.

Another example of legislation requiring soil information is the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. Involved in this is the Rural Abandoned Mine Program (RAMP), a program in which SCS will carry significant responsibility.

AN INVITATION

With elections approaching, all IPA members have an opportunity for increased participation in our group. The Nominations Committee would appreciate hearing from those members interested in serving as officers. The positions to be filled are Vice President and President Elect. To reply, use either the following form or simply phone one of the committee members. The committee consists of Ray Herman, Burt Ray, and Earl Voss. They would appreciate a reply by January 10.

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Mail to: Ray Herman  
Chairman, Nominations Committee, IPA  
53 Pinetree  
Seymour, IL 61875

I would be interested in the following office(s).

\_\_\_ Vice President

\_\_\_ President Elect

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: Members of Illinois Pedologists Association

From: The Executive Council, IPA

Subject: Notice of proposed constitutional amendments

This letter serves to notify you of (2) constitutional amendments dealing with the name of our Association. They are being sent to you in advance of our Annual Meeting (Saturday, Feb. 24th) as required by the Constitution under Article XII, Sec. 1. These amendments require your careful thought and consideration.

Amendment #1-- "The name of this Association shall be the Illinois Pedologists Association". (This name has been approved by a vote of the membership but the following changes in the Constitution must be adopted at the Annual Meeting to bring it in line with said name).

--see attached sheet for changes--

Amendment #2-- "The name of this Association shall be the Illinois Soil Classifiers Association", (as formerly known in ARTICLE I, Sec. 1).

EXPLANATION

The membership has now had (1) year in which to evaluate our Association's new name (Illinois Pedologists Association) while working with the public in the performance of our various duties. Do you feel our identity is understood by the public at large? Now that our licensing bill is a dead issue, (a major reason for the name change) the Council would like to give the membership an opportunity to take another look at this.

If you are satisfied with our present name you can approve the constitutional changes as provided for in Amendment #1.

If you are not satisfied with our present name you can defeat Amendment #1 at the Annual Meeting and consider Amendment #2. If neither Amendment is approved at the Annual Meeting, a new name will have to be proposed prior to the 1980 Annual Meeting for consideration by the members (constitutional changes require notice in advance of an Annual Meeting and require a two-thirds affirmative vote of eligible voters present at an Annual Meeting).

Changes in Constitution & Bylaws  
Aug. 1975 - Amended 2-26-77

Cover - third line  
ILLINOIS SOIL CLASSIFIERS ASSOCIATION (change approved)  
to read: ILLINOIS PEDOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION

Constitution - Preamble  
fourth line reads: "distinct obligation of the soil  
classifier"  
change recommended:  
"distinct obligation of the pedologist"

Article I - Section 1  
"Illinois Soil Classifiers Association " (change approved)  
"Illinois Pedologists Association"

Article II - Section 1  
"Soil classifier" shall mean a person  
change recommended:  
"Pedologist" shall mean a person

Article II - Section 5 continued (page 2)  
last paragraph, line 5: "represents himself to be a soil  
classifier"  
change recommended:  
"represents himself to be a pedologist"

Article III - Section 1c  
"encouraging all soil classifiers to qualify for"  
change recommended:  
"encouraging all pedologists to qualify for"

Article III - Section 2c  
"professional interests of the soil classifier"  
change recommended:  
"professional interests of the pedologist"