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December 22, 1975

TO: Members of the Illinois Soil Classifiers Association

Event: First annual meeting of the Illinois Soil Classifiers Association

Time: 7:00 P.M., Thursday, January 15, 1976

Place: Round Barn Restaurant, Mattis and Springfield, Champaign, IL 61820

Agenda: The meeting will begin with a banquet. The cost will be \$4.55 for fried chicken, \$5.46 for fried shrimp, or \$7.20 for a ranchers steak. After the meal, Illinois State Representative Helen Satterthwaite will speak to us concerning the road to registration as professionals. Election of officers for the coming year will follow. Members are invited to bring their wife, husband or guest.

We stress the importance of your attendance at this first annual meeting to get our professional organization off to a good start. The meeting will be informative and will provide you the opportunity to help choose our leadership for the coming year. Please make reservations by completing and returning the attached form along with a check to cover the total cost by January 9. Make the check payable to "Illinois Soil Classifiers Association" and send it to Ivan Jansen, 2 Illini Circle, Urbana, Illinois 61801. If you must cancel after making reservations to come, please call Ivan Jansen at 217-333-3650 (office) or 217-344-6409 (home) by noon on January 13. There can be no refund for cancellations received after that time.

November 28, 1975

To: B. W. Ray

From: R. T. Odell

Subject: Note for possible inclusion in the next issue of the  
"Newsletter" of the Illinois Soil Classifiers' Association

Beginning December 1, 1975, Dr. R. T. Odell will be doing soils work for four months in Haiti. Dr. Odell will be working with the J. G. White Engineering Corporation in New York, for whom he did soils work in East Africa in 1951-1952. In Haiti, they will (1) rehabilitate one very old irrigation system, (2) develop plans for rehabilitating another old irrigation system, and (3) identify 6,000 hectares of land within other existing community irrigation systems that need to be rehabilitated.

# NEWSLETTER

## ILLINOIS SOIL CLASSIFIERS ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 1975

This is our first issue of what we shall call a newsletter. We hope it will keep our group better informed of the Association's progress and objectives. There is not a set pattern or timing for subsequent issues, but hopefully we can get one of these letters out to each of you about 3 or 4 times each year. In each letter we hope to report progress made toward registration of soil scientists and what work it has required.

The information in this letter can and probably will be quite variable and that is good. We, the newsletter committee, solicit comments and news from the membership at any time.

### CURRENT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

On August 1, 1975 the executive council and committee chairman met in Champaign to work on current business.

Some of the highlights of this meeting were:

1. Report by Secretary-Treasurer J. D. Alexander on progress toward achieving nonprofit status for our association. This is going ahead, but will require some expenditures in attorney's fees. One of the requirements for nonprofit status is a permanent address. 2607 Melrose Drive, Champaign was selected as our permanent address, chiefly because it is the home address of the current secretary-treasurer, the office of longest tenure.
2. The committee on ethics, registration, and membership, chaired by Joe Fehrenbacher introduced a membership application form along with several revisions. All of you should have received the revised form by now. The committee felt this form will be important in classifying future members. Also you will be considered a charter member by getting your own membership application in now.
3. A report made by Lon Young on behalf of Walt Parks and his symbol and letterhead committee made it quite clear that selecting or designing an Association symbol is not all that easy. The most popular symbol (at present) seemed to be one that had the shape of Illinois with the letters I.S.C.A. arranged in a vertical stair step order.
4. A program committee headed by Ivan Jansen recommended a winter meeting in mid-December. Hopefully this would be in conjunction with the soil scientists' workshop. This evening meeting would include a good meal with lots of fellowship.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OTHER STATES?

It was evident at the American Society of Agronomy meeting at Knoxville, Tennessee that registration of soil scientists is a hot issue in other states. A special night meeting, that was well attended, brought out news on what progress has been made in various sections of the country. Discussions were by SCS regions. The following is a box score:

	<u>STATES IN EACH REGION</u>			
	<u>Western</u>	<u>Midwest</u>	<u>North-eastern</u>	<u>Southern</u>
Organization Formed	6	9	9	7
Registration Law Passed	1	0	1	2
Registration Bill Introduced	4	2	1	4
Plans for Introduction	5-6	6	4	5

Passage of legislation for registration is, of course, the most difficult step. Successful states feel that the following are most important to secure bill passage:

1. Have a strong state organization.
2. Follow and check on the registration bill through each and every committee, hearing, and legislative step at the state capital. This may require hiring a lobbyist.
3. Select well known and strong legislators to sponsor the bill. Preferably a bipartisan sponsorship.

### CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

The Soil Science Society of America has established a national organization for the certification of soil scientists. The program is called, The American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops, and Soils (ARCPACS).

This is not to be confused with statewide registration. Many people feel that national certification can enhance the mechanism of registration.

#### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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