

Time fly's when you are having fun or when you are busy, and AOP has definitely been a little bit of both the past few months. From new members to the rules being rescinded, there really hasn't been a dull moment this year.

First off, as you have all heard by now, the rules were indeed rescinded with the passing of the budget bill. Although this is a big disappointment, I am sure that we can take several positives away from the past 6 months. To start with, I would like to commend all of our Certified Soil Scientist who have done a wonderful job of meeting the demand and doing so in a very professional manner. I have yet to talk to a person from the Health Departments who have said anything but great things about the work that we have done. In addition to that, I haven't herd one person from the health departments complain about the perceived lack of Certified Soil Scientist. Hard work does pay off. Also, a big thanks goes out to all others who supported the rules in ways other than actually doing the site evaluations. We all have made our profession look great.

I was really excited to learn that we are still going to be extremely busy with the new (old?) rules, as we have been given a seat on the special study group. This group was formed to evaluate the rules over the next two years, and make amendments as necessary by July 2009. I think this goes to show us that our hard work was noticed.

In other exciting but concerning news, membership applications are probably at an all time high as prospects are sending in applications at a rate of almost 6 new applications per

month. This has been extremely exciting, but at the same time it isn't without concern. Unfortunately, some of these new members are signing up with the expectation that as AOP members, they are "competent" in performing site and soil evaluations when in reality they are not even close. We have had several instances where I have personally received calls from local Health Departments and the State Department of Health asking me about a specific person. I believe that I have made it extremely clear that AOP only endorses Certified Soil Scientist, but it still seems to be a problem amongst local health departments. Membership in AOP DOES NOT constitute competency in completing site and soil evaluations. Executive Council is examining this issue, but let it be known that general membership does not demonstrate competency, and any member using this as their "way" to demonstrate their competency will be dealt with harshly. This has been giving AOP and Soil Scientist in general a black eye, and it will not be tolerated.

The other iron that we have firmly entrenched in the fire is our new state based certification program. I am pleased to announce that the motion that was put before you in the last newsletter passed, and we are currently in the process of moving forward with the new program. I have sent letters requesting representatives from the Ohio Department of Health, as well as Ohio EPA. Although I have yet to hear back from ODH, I am extremely excited to announce that OEPA has accepted the invitation, with Director Chris Korleski sitting on the board as their representative.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Linn Roth's Passing

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Please join me in welcoming the Director to our board. It is anticipated that we will begin reviewing new applications at our next meeting.

The family is calling, so I suspect I should wrap this up. I hope to see everyone at our fall meeting that is being planned for the Massillon Area. Aaron Lantz, Rick Buzard, and Todd Houser have put together a fantastic program this year. Please be sure to register early so we can get a good head count on whom all is coming. Finally, please feel free to email, or call me at any time with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have. I hope you all are having a wonderful summer. See you all soon.



Upcoming Events

Friday, September 14th, 2007—Indiana Association of Professional Soil Classifiers Fall Tour—Evansville, IN

Friday & Saturday, September 28th & 29th, 2007—AOP Fall Workshop

Friday, October 5th, 2007—Penn. Association of Professional Soil Scientists—Technical Session—Williamsport, PA.

State Licensing Fund

A fund to help establish a state licensed soil science program has been established. As many of you are aware this could cost approximately \$20,000. Remember donations are welcomed anytime and are always tax deductible. Send donations to:

Jim Svoboda, AOP Treasurer
520 West Main Street, Suite 3
Corland, Ohio 44410

Linn Roth Memorial Scholarship

A memorial scholarship will be setup to for students entering the soil science major. More information will be available soon.

Linn Earl Roth, age 58, of New Philadelphia, O., passed away Thursday, May 3, 2007 at his residence.

Born May 14, 1948, at Dennison, O., Linn is the son of Anna Mae (Rose) Roth McCloud of Tuscarawas, O. and the late Edwin Luther Roth.

In 1966, Linn graduated from Tuscarawas-Warwick High School. He then received his bachelor's degree in natural resources at Kent State University, Kent, O. Linn served his country from 1971 to 1974 in the United States Army, where he was a sergeant in Vietnam.

Linn started his career at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Soil and Water Conservation District as a soil scientist in 1974 in Geauga and Trumbull counties, but most of his career has been spent in five Appalachian counties, Tuscarawas, Noble, Jefferson, Harrison and Columbiana. He is the primary author for the soil survey publications for Jefferson and Harrison counties. Linn mapped the soils over about 380,000 acres, or about 1 1/2 percent of the state, mostly in hilly terrain. He was also a key player in the Statewide Digital Soils Information Project, providing oversight for digitizing work being done with new technology by a contractor.

Linn retired from the Soil Inventory and Evaluation Section in 2001. He was also employed at Draft-Co Inc. in Martins Ferry, O., as a private consultant soil scientist.

Linn was a member of the United Methodist Church in Uhrichsville, O., a charter member of the Indian Valley Sportsman Bass Club, the owner of Moomaw Furniture from 1985 to 1994 and he enjoyed fishing and hunting.

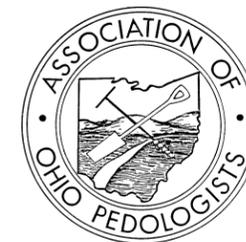
On Feb. 6, 1982, at the Sacred Heart Church in New Philadelphia, O., Linn married Charlotte Kay Montan Roth, who survives of the home. Also surviving is his mother and step-father Anna Mae and John McCloud of Tuscarawas, O.; a sister, Louise E. Roth of Louisville, O.; a brother, Carl E. (Connie) Roth of New Philadelphia, O.; two step-brothers, Hollis (Jackie) Higginbotham of Elyria, O., and John W. (Brenda) McCloud of Canton, Ga.; four brothers-in-law, five sisters-in-law and their families; nieces Stacy Oddi and Stephanie Roth; and three grand-nephews.

A memorial service for Linn will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church at the corner of Dawson and 3rd Sts., Uhrichsville, O., with Rev. Sarah Cerreto officiating. Burial will be at Peoli Cemetery at Peoli, O.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 426, Uhrichsville, O., 44683.

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AOP Fall Workshop and Meeting September 28th and 29th

Training agenda

Friday, September 28th, 2007

8:30 AM Soil Texture Exercise and Registration at the USDA Service, 2650 Richville Dr. Southeast, Massillon, Ohio 44646

9:15 – 11:45 Basic Soil Training at the Canfield soil pit.

Agenda day 1

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – Catered by Carolina BBQ at RG Drag Career Education Center, 6805 Richville Dr. Southwest, Massillon, Ohio 44646

1:00 – 1:30 Guest speaker (Geomorphology of the Area)

*Canfield soil pit and texture samples will be available to all throughout the morning, and lunch session

1:30 – 5:00 Field site visits (Geomorphology tour)

- 1 – Sand and gravel operation (Chili series)
- 2 – Second terrace level (Conotton series)
- 3 – Esker Site – if available

5:00 – 5:30 Final Discussion and Questions

5:30 – Adjourn

7:00 – Gathering at the Hospitality Cabin at Cottage 11, Mohican State Park, 3116 State route 3, Loudonville, OH 44842

Agenda day 2—Saturday, September 29th, 2007

7:00 AM Breakfast at Raiders Restaurant at 1014 South Market St (also Rt 3), Loudonville Ohio, 44842

8:30 AM Discussion and Presentation on Ohio EPA Land Application Systems rule

3745-42-13 at he Class A Shelter house, Mohican State Park, 3116 State route 3, Loudonville, OH 44842

10 AM Break

10:15 AM AOP Business Meeting

12 PM Adjourn

Registration Form for fall workshop September 28th and 29th.

Send Registration and check to: Dan Benyei, PO Box 118 , Beach City, Ohio 44608

Make all checks payable to **The Association of Ohio Pedologists**

Name _____

Check all that apply

___ will be attending on day 1 (Sept. 28th)

Address _____

___ will be attending on day 2 (Sept. 29th)

Phone _____

Email _____

___ will be helping with the training session on the morning of Sept. 28th. (Must **be approved before you are can assist in the training** (see information in the announcement))

Amount Enclosed _____

*Indicate here if there are any Special needs. For ex-

When: Begin at 12 PM on September 28th,

Where: 6805 Richville Dr. Southwest Massillon, Ohio 44646 (RG Drag Career Education Center)

In the morning prior to the workshop AOP will be hosting a soil pedological training/experience. This training will be geared toward those who want to better understand soil descriptions and to those that want to gain experience in a pit, while learning from the most qualified pedologists.

So if you are a highly qualified AOP member and would like to share your knowledge come and help train the willing.

Why should you help train others?

- Those AOP members that help with the morning training will only pay \$60 for the 2 day event.
- The money raised from the training will go toward the ARCPACS certification fund for AOP.
- You will be helping others gain the knowledge of AOP and promote future soil scientists.

This year the workshop will have a focus on geomorphology and Agricultural Land Application Systems, which many of you soon will be receiving calls to do on site investigations for.

The first day will be near Massillon, where we will be looking at three different landscapes and their associated soils. First on the agenda is lunch. Arrangements are being made to have Carolina BBQ cater the event. During and after last years fall workshop many people expressed that the texture samples were very helpful, so we will have them set up again this year. There will be at least 3 pits, 2 of which will be in the Tuscarawas River valley. We will be looking at a river terrace (in a gravel pit), where we will be able to compare soils by using four methods, large face (in the gravel pit), soil pit, bucket auger, and probe.

At the end of the day there will be a social gathering at one of the cottages at Mohican. The gathering will be similar to the one we had last year at the 2006 Fall Workshop.

The second day will be at Mohican State Park www.mohicanstatepark.org where we will start off the day at 7 AM with a hearty breakfast at Raiders restaurant (less than a mile from the shelter at Mohican where the meeting will be held). After breakfast there will be several speakers and a discussion on the new Land Application Systems and how they impact Ohio Soil Scientists. There will be a business meeting that follows. At the business meeting we will be addressing many issues, which will have a large impact on AOP. So if you want to take an active role in AOP you need to attend the meeting.

Most importantly anyone planning to attend the second day and would like to stay at Mohican State Park needs to

make their reservations by **August 27th**.

- Cottages are \$100 a night with a minimum of 2 nights.
- Cottages accommodate 4 to 5 people each and they are nicely equipped
- For Cottage Reservations at Mohican call: 1-800-866-644-6727

If you would like to stay in a cottage and do not mind sharing

Contact Aaron Lantz

Aaron.lantz@gmail.com

#614-352-3463

- Rooms at the lodge are \$139 a night and there are 12 rooms available.
- To reserve a room at the lodge call 419-994-4290. **The rooms will be held until August 28th**. When making a reservation for a room let them know the rooms are reserved under the Association of Ohio Pedologists.
- If Mohican lodge or cottages are full there are plenty of other options.
- Camping is available at Mohican
- There are also many hotels near canton and along the way to Mohican.
- So if you are planning on staying at a cottage or in the lodge you need to hurry !!
- Registration will be \$90 unless you help with the training session then it will be \$60.
- A late fee of \$30 will be assessed for any registrations received after September 10th.

If you would like to help with the training contact Aaron Lantz before submitting your registration to make sure trainers are still needed.

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