

Ohio Pedologist Newsletter
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George Hall - Editor

In case you had not heard the Association of Ohio Pedologists is a reality and the Executive Committee is moving along with activities. They hope all the pedologists in Ohio as well as those who have moved to other states will consider joining the organization. For your convenience an application form is attached to the last page of this Newsletter. Tear it off, send it in and get involved.

Summer Social Gathering

Your executive committee at a meeting May 21 agreed to proceed with a plan for a summer social gathering.

For: All Pedologists, families and friends
When: Saturday, August 14, 1976
Where: Mohican State Park
Time: Gather: 10 - 12 am
Potluck Dinner: 1 pm
Bring: A meat dish
A second dish of salad, vegetable, or dessert
Table service for your party
Something to drink

Bring game equipment such as: volley ball, net,
softballs etc. horseshoes etc.

Coffee will be provided

We can not reserve a shelter house, but hope to be able to grab one early. Will have direction signs marked AOP.

The picnic shelter that we will try to hold is the same one used by DLS several years ago for their picnic. Enter the park from Rt #97, go left on Park Road #8. Cross the covered bridge and turn left up the hill. Turn in past the Nature Center and Ranger Station and go to the loop at the end of the road. On the park map it is listed as North Park Picnic Area. An alternate shelter will be the one half way between the Nature Center and the North Park Picnic area.

From Your President:

Your Executive Committee has set our first gathering which will be a social to share happenings, give the wives and girlfriends a chance to get acquainted, and see a beautiful park. I hope you will mark your schedule and make a special effort to save the date so you can join us. Some of you probably will have vacations already planned. If so we will miss you. Better luck next time. See you at Mohican??

Cecil.

AOP Executive Council Meeting - Jon Gerken

The Executive Council met in Townshend Hall on May 21 at 9:30. Lyle Jones brought three examples of emblems which had been drawn for use on membership cards. The Executive Council looked over the drawings and selected one to be drafted for use by the AOP.

Council reviewed and approved 34 membership applications - 27 pedologist applications, 6 affiliates, and 1 student. Cecil noted that many potential pedologist members have not yet sent in applications. Jon noted that applications came in fast after the last newsletter but were slowing down now. It was also noted that some applications were coming in with incomplete information on them, particularly in credit hours in soils and years of field experience. Complete information is needed since membership requires a minimum of both training and experience.

Council considered future meeting dates and possible activities and set up plans for a picnic at Mohican State Park in August. The Executive Council will meet at the picnic and hopes to consider possible changes in the Constitution and By Laws. If anyone has suggestions for changes please send them to Cecil Flesher, 414 Rosemont Ave., Bryan, Ohio 43506, by the end of July.

Council went through the list of standing committees and decided that a membership committee should be organized and activated. Possible members were suggested and will be contacted by Neil Smeck.

Hope to see you all at the picnic.

Notes from the SCS State Office - Glenn Kelley

Since Keith Huffman is back in Arkansas preparing for his move to Ohio, I will report the SCS soil survey news.

Keith Huffman reported to Ohio on April 12, and I am sure you will all enjoy meeting and working with him. He comes here from Little Rock, Arkansas; but prior to that, most of his field experience was at various locations in Indiana. He has a B.S. from Purdue and a M.S. from Ball State. The Huffman's have four children and will be settling in Worthington.

Larry Milliron left May 24 for Alaska. He will be on a three-month summer mapping detail in Central Alaska, referred to as the Totchaket Area. He will be doing wilderness mapping and living out of camps most of the time.

Two trainees will be reporting on this summer. Paul Hagen will be at Upper Sandusky (Wyandot County) with Joe Steiger and Ed Gatliff will be at London (Madison County) with Jon Gerken. Also Peggy Cashell has graduated from OSU and will work with Ernie Hayhurst at Wooster (Wayne County).

I have accepted the position of State Soil Scientist in Kentucky and will be reporting to Lexington on July 19. I have mixed feelings about leaving Ohio, but am looking forward to this new assignment. I appreciate the opportunity to have worked with each of you, and I have a lot of fond memories of my soil survey career in Ohio. I will probably be talking to many of you before I leave.

From the DLS Chief's Office

Jeffrey P. Hahn, a Soil Resource Specialist working on the Tuscarawas County Soil Survey, recently resigned to accept a Soil Scientist position in S.W. Montana. He will be working on a 2-year Bureau of Land Management project in Beaverhead County which has a land area in excess of 3500 square miles with a population of approximately 8,000 people.

On May 11, 1976, the Ohio Soil Inventory Board attended a "First Acre" ceremony to mark the official beginning of the Soil Survey of Athens County. Agencies and organizations, in addition to the Board, who participated in the ceremony included the Athens Soil and Water Conservation District, Athens County Commissioners, City of Athens, Ohio University, Athens County Cooperative Extension Service and the Soil Survey Field Party. To our knowledge, this was the first such meeting in Ohio to mark the start of a soil survey in which all the Federal, State and local agencies cooperating to carry out the soil survey were involved.

Dennis Holloran, a DLS Soil Resource Specialist assigned to Cuyahoga County, has been invited to try out for a spot on the U.S. Orienterring Team which will compete in the World Orienteering Championship Meet to be held in Scotland in September. The tryouts are being held in Montreal, August 2-7. We are all hoping Dennis will make the team.

Ken Olson recently completed the requirements for his Masters Degree and received his diploma at OSU graduation exercises on June 11, 1976. Congratulations, Ken!

Ken Powell of the Division's Public Service Unit was recently honored by the Ohio Association, Future Farmers of America and presented a Distinguished Service Award for his efforts in state land judging activities.

Recent Personnel Transfers:

Terry Lucht from Logan County to Athens County
Dan Brown from Auglaize County to Athens County

Announcements of Special Interest:

A baby girl, Heather Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCleary on May 24, 1976. Congratulations, Ruth and Floyd.

On April 24, 1976, Dan Brown got married. Congratulations, Dan and Jill!

OSU Ivy Towers

Peace and quiet have returned to the campus as the Spring quarter ends. With the exception of Nick most of us have stayed close to home base for the past few months. We hope to see more of you in the field during the summer field reviews.

Mary Schmidt, working with Nick on his Masters, will be mapping and doing a special problem in Madison County this summer with Jon Gerken.

Jim Wilkinson who has been on the faculty for several years in the Turfgrass area in transferring his allegiance to Chemlawn July 1.

Slip-Prone Land Study Initiated

The Ohio Valley RC&D project area has requested assistance in the identification of slip-prone land in the 10-county area served by the project. Representatives of SCS, DNR and OARDC have agreed to cooperate on an eighteen-month project to study these slip-prone areas.

A meeting was held at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources facility at Fountain Square, Columbus on April 23. At this meeting the first phase of the project was outlined.

The first phase involved a two-day field trip to Scioto and Lawrence Counties. This trip was held on May 27 and 28. During the trip four major slips were studied. Participants of the trip included the following: Joe Harrington, Keith Huffman, Henry Fisher, Cliff Van Vliet, Larry Horter, Ivan Scott and Dwight Allman of SCS; Richard Struble, Ron Stieglitz, Dick Christman, Jim Petro and A. Ritchie of DNR; Gene Johnson, ODT; Nick Holowaychuk, OARDC and Lynn Kantner, Forest Service.

The group is not in the process of planning the next phase of the project. Additional field work will be conducted this summer by Larry Porter, SCS and Jim Petro, DLS.

Do You Have Items of Interest?

Send them to:

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Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 16.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Categories

The membership shall consist of the four categories as prescribed in Article III of the Constitution.

Section 2. Requirements

Qualifications for pedologist category of membership are either actively engaged in classification of soil resources, or formerly were, with at least three years experience, and capable to identify soils as natural units on the landscape; and map their location; described their characteristics and properties; and promote their wise utilization.

Also with a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree with the necessary credits needed for qualification for positions as a professional Pedologist.

Qualifications for Affiliate Member category of membership are either:

Meet all requirements for pedologist category except having less than three years experience, or do not meet the requirements for Pedologist, but have an interest and concern for the aims and objectives of the Association.

Qualifications for Honorary Member are nomination by the membership and election by a 2/3 vote under the procedures prescribed in the next section.

Qualifications for Student Member category are at least half-time enrollment in an institute of higher education offering course work in pedology and soil science, or related subjects, and by actively engaged in preparing to enter the profession, or have an interest in pedology.

Section 3. Admission to Membership

Application for membership as "Pedologist", "Affiliate Member", or "Student Member", shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association on forms authorized by the Association. Applications will be reviewed by the Executive Council and if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of its members the secretary-treasurer shall process the application and issue the membership. A candidate for "Honorary Member" shall be nominated by five or more members of the Association and the nomination presented in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer on forms authorized by the Association. The nomination will be screened by the Council and if approved by a majority, the nomination will be presented at the next regular or special meeting of the Association. If the nominee is approved by a 2/3 vote of a legal quorum, the Secretary-Treasurer will process and issue the membership. An honorary member shall be elected for Life unless revoked by a 2/3 vote of the membership for just and sufficient cause.

