

**Dear Members,**

In the year of 07 Matt Deaton made sure the organization stayed motivated and played an essential role in getting our association nationally recognized by the Soil Science Society of America. Those are big shoes to fill! I will not be filling those shoes, but rather molding shoes that will better fit me.

I have four main goals as president. The first goal is to increase the number of articles submitted for the newsletter. The second goal is to make our new website a place where members can go to stay informed and nonmembers can learn about our professional organization. Next, I want to make sure our annual workshop/training is even better than last year's. Finally, let's challenge our membership to become more involved.

While all of these goals are important, I would like to place top priority on membership involvement. This will increase the substance of our newsletter, the importance of our website and the notoriety of our annual workshop. How do we go about tackling this? We are en-

couraging the membership to send suggestions, ideas, and articles through the new website. As president, I challenge our members to contribute in some way to AOP. A task can be as simple as sending an idea, writing an article or helping at the annual workshop. If more of us start contributing, others will take notice and will become motivated to participate as well. So yes, I am challenging *everyone* this year to take a leadership role in AOP 2008.

Trust me- many leaders will be better than just a few.

Finally, the Summer Workshop has been planned and scheduled. It will be held on September 4th and 5th at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. The focus of the workshop will be on water movement through the soil. Please be sure to register by the deadline due to the short notice.

I'm very excited about 2008!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aaron Lantz*

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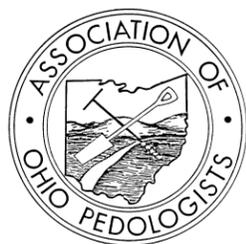
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**2007 Directory of Officers**

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- Matt Deaton, Past President**
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- Duane Woods, Treasurer**
- Steve Miller, Newsletter editor**
- Brian Slater, Academic Rep.**
- Don Parkinson, Federal Rep.**
- Tom Zimmerman, Private Rep.**
- Brian Cooley, State Rep.**
- Frank Gibbs, Cert. Board Rep.**

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**Thursday, September 4, 2008**

- 9:00 am – Registration
- 10:00 am – Welcome
- 10:30 am – Field site – Limestone quarry
- 11:30 am – Lunch
- 12:30 pm – Field sites – Hancock and Wood Counties
- 5:30 pm – Adjourn
- 6:00 pm – Gathering at Frank Gibbs' farm,  
4376 Co Rd 37, Rawson, OH 45881

**Friday, September 5, 2008**

- 8:00 am – Dr. Jim Richardson (Ag Service Center)
- 9:00 am – Field site – Hardin County
- 12:30 pm – Lunch
- 1:30 pm – Travel back to Hancock Ag Service Center
- 2:30 pm – Wrap-up and Evaluations
- 3:00 pm – Have a safe trip home!

Send registration and check to:

**Duane Wood, 8830 James Rd, Wooster OH 44691**

Make all checks payable to:

**The Association of Ohio Pedologists**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner @ Frank's \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline for the workshop is August 18

**Location:** Hancock County Agricultural Service Center,  
7868 County Road 140, Findlay, OH 45840

**This year we are proud to feature Dr. Jim Richardson, retired professor of soil science at North Dakota State University, focusing on water movement through soils and landscapes throughout the workshop.**

The first day we will have three stops throughout Hancock and Wood Counties where we will discuss topics such as lateral flow, types of aquifers and aquitards, seeps, and hydrophytic vegetation. We will also discuss methods for measuring soil water properties by utilizing tools such as piezometers and ammometers.

At the end of the day, there will be an after-hours gathering at Frank Gibbs' farm. See the information below for the fun for the evening.

The second day we will start inside and gain knowledge and insight on water movement from Dr. Jim Richardson. We will then travel to Hardin County where we will discuss types of wetlands and flows (recharge, flowthrough and discharge), and soil morphology. We will also discuss wetland habitats and onsite wastewater systems.

**Lodging:** A block of rooms is being held at the new Drury Inns and Suites hotel in Findlay. The group rate for these rooms is \$69.00 plus tax per night and includes a room with two queen size beds, free evening drinks and snacks from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, and a free hot breakfast. Reservations can be made online at the following address: <https://reservations.druryhotels.com/GroupReservationConfirmation.aspx?GroupNo=2041361>.

Reservations can also be made by phone by calling 1-800-325-0720. If calling, please indicate that you are with AOP to get the group rate. **The deadline for hotel reservations is August 15.**

**After-Hours Gathering:** Frank Gibbs will be hosting a gathering at his farm beginning at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 4th. Frank's farm features a pond, newly constructed wetland and "command center", and a serpent mound. Dinner will be available and will be served from 6 to 7 pm. The menu includes all you can eat barbeque chicken and ribs, macaroni and cheese, au gratin potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, pie, and a variety of beverages. The cost for the dinner will be \$15.

**Workshop registration will be limited to 75 participants, so register early!**

# ASSOCIATION NEWS

**The new site is up! Go check it out at [www.ohiopedologist.org](http://www.ohiopedologist.org)**

The new site features:

**Ohio Soil News** – this will consist of anything our membership deems newsworthy pertaining to soil in Ohio (soil judging results, new soil related legislation, soil related job postings and hires, soil events and anything else that you think the membership will be interested in) There is not much there so send some news ASAP!

**Ohio Soil Research** - This will soon include Ohio soil research occurring throughout Ohio- not only by Ohio colleges, but from the Ohio Cooperative Soil Survey and any other soil research that is going on in Ohio. Please send some research that is currently going on in Ohio!

**List of AOP Soil Consultants** – Yes, there is still a list of AOP soil consultants now that all certification is through the Soil Science Society of America. If you are a certified soil scientist and an AOP member who is available for consulting you should add your name and contact information to the list. Also, if you are on the list and are not consulting or need your information updated there is a link on the site that will allow you to update your information.

Take a look at the Membership Resources and take a special note of the membership needs and wants where members can make postings. Also, members can post positions or if they are looking for experience/employment.

Our **Newsletter** will now be served out through our site.

The above are a few of the elements members requested from a new website. Remember this site is a reflection on our organization and it will only be a great site if every member can take an active role in making sure the site is kept current and useful. So, as of today all of you are to blame if it is not a great resource for the membership!

**How can you submit comments suggestions, corrections, research and other news to the site:**

✦ At the site there are a number of links that will send this information directly to the web master for updating or future design. The web address to send all website info is [aopweb@gmail.com](mailto:aopweb@gmail.com)

Just don't read this—GET INVOLVED AND SEND YOUR UN-PUT!!

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## Upcoming Events

**Thursday & Friday—September 4-5th, 2008. AOP Summer Workshop**

**Tuesday-Thursday— October 14-16th 2008. 28th Annual Forest Soils Conference. Bellville, Ohio (registration at [www.ohiopedologist.org](http://www.ohiopedologist.org))**

**January 2009—AOP Annual Winter Meeting**

## SOIL RECOGNIZED BY U.S. SENATE

On Monday, June 23, 2008, by unanimous consent, the Senate passed Senate Resolution (S. Res.) 440 which recognized soil as an essential natural resource and the soil professionals as playing a critical role in managing our Nation's soil resources. The resolution was sponsored by Senators Sherrod Brown, Ohio, George Voinovich, Ohio, Charles Grassley, Iowa, Ken Salazar, Colorado, Russ Feingold, Wisconsin, Ken Conrad, North Dakota, and Tom Harkins, Iowa. S. Res. 440 outlines the linkage, function and service of soil to plant, animal and human health and activities. It also points out the importance and efforts underway in managing, maintaining, protecting, and sustaining the use of soils in the United States. The language may be viewed by clicking the following link: [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110\\_cong\\_bills&docid=f:sr440ats.txt.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_bills&docid=f:sr440ats.txt.pdf)