



Ohio's Professional Soil Scientists

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Message from our president – Matt Sullivan

As we are heading into the New Year, hopefully you are still working on some those New Year's resolutions and goals. I have enjoyed serving the association this year and working with all of the AOP members. As I think about this past year and over my career, I want to thank everyone that has helped make this association and soil science world class.

My first conversation about soil science as a career goal was with Frank Himes in 1989 and that was the beginning of a great ride that still continues. I am grateful for everyone that took time to help me make my experience in soils possible. AOP provides a great opportunity to promote soil science through our work and the conversations with people that have interest in soils. I hope that we can continue to be the spokespersons and leaders in our profession that help the next generation of soil scientists.

I want to personally invite you to the AOP Annual Meeting on February 24. The AOP Executive Committee has been working on an informative annual meeting. There will be several speakers that will add to your knowledge bank as well as a panel discussion on ethics. As always, City BBQ will be there for lunch. After lunch, there will be an active business meeting with voting on some by-law changes and new members of the executive committee. I look forward to seeing all of you and visiting about what's new with AOP and Soil Science.

The Current Executive Council

Dan Michael, Past President

Matt Sullivan, President

Kathy Sasowsky Incoming President

Scott Demyan, Secretary

Rick Griffin, Treasurer

Julie Weatherington-Rice, Newsletter Editor

Jessica Burns, Member at large

Reed Johnston, Member at Large

Anna DeFosset, Member at Large

We will be voting on a new incoming president at the Annual Winter meeting. Joe Ringler has agreed to run for that position. If you are not planning to come to the Winter Annual Meeting but want to vote for Joe (or someone else) please let Dan Michael and Rick Griffin know so your vote can be counted.

In addition to President elect, The Executive Committee is proposing a new position, a Digital Information Manager. Since we cannot vote for anyone for that position until the AOP membership has

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approved that position in the revised by-laws, we will not be voting on that position until next year. However, the Executive Committee would like to appoint someone this year to take over that set of duties. They would be maintaining the AOP web site, working with our Treasurer, our Secretary, and the Education Committee. If you have good web skills and would be interested, please let Dan Michael know. He heads up the nominating committee.

News from our Treasurer, Rick Griffin Annual Dues for 2023, Have you paid yours yet?

Dues payments - 2023

Name: _____

Do we have your correct contact information? Please provide contact information (only if there are changes to your previous contact information or if you are not getting the AOP newsletter by e-mail):

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone number _____

Association of Ohio Pedologists Membership Dues starting 2023 (and dues for 2022, if you haven't paid)

For members approved as Professional.....\$40

For members approved as Affiliate Members and Student Members.... \$20

Category of Membership (circle one): Professional, Affiliate Member, Student Member,

Honorary (No annual dues)

AOP Dues Amount: _____

Contributions to Scholarship Fund: _____

Continuing Education Fund: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to AOP and send to:

Rick Griffin, AOP Treasurer

937 Laurel Ave.

Zanesville, OH 43701

You can also pay on line.

In addition, we would like to hear from you regarding membership and meeting topic ideas.

Update on Newsletter mailings

This is the first mailing of the newsletter to a much shortened list of recipients. Unless you paid 2022 dues, or are an honoree member or a contact person to a sister Agency, you have been taken off the list. This has been a very hard decision as I removed a number of names of old, dear friends. If you were on the Consultants list and have not paid the 2022 AOP dues, you will also be removed from that list.

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Annual Winter Meeting Registration Form - February 24, 2023

Registration Form
Association of Ohio Pedologists (AOP) Annual Meeting,
February 24, 2023
Highbanks Metropark Nature Center, Lewis Center, OH
9466 Columbus Pike (US Rt 23 N)

- Students should register for the meeting so that we have a **lunch** count, but fees are waived.
- Speakers do not need to register unless they choose to for continuing education or other professional credits. We would appreciate it if speakers register if they intend to be joining us for **lunch** (no fee).
- Vegetarian and some other options will be available for lunch from City Barbeque. We trust that if you have dietary concerns, you will be able to pick and choose among lunch options, or will take responsibility for your own lunch separately.

Mail this page and payment to:

Rick Griffin, AOP Treasurer,
937 Laurel Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701

Questions, call: Rick Griffin 740-273-2426

Or register online at AOP website "store":

https://www.ohiopedologist.org/store/c1/Featured_Products.html

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Affiliation/Employer: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Please Select:

Meeting Fee \$45 _____

I am a speaker: _____

I am a student: _____

Professional Annual Membership for 2023 \$40 _____

Affiliate Annual Membership for 2023 \$20 _____

Student Annual Membership for 2023 \$20 _____

Contribution to the AOP Scholarship Fund (please specify amount) _____

Contribution to the AOP Education Fund (please specify amount) _____

Amount enclosed (Checks payable to **AOP**): _____

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Reactivating the AOP Awards Committee

Matt Sullivan and Kathy Sasowsky are reactivating the Awards Committee in time to make awards to AOP members at the upcoming Annual Meeting. We need your help. If you know of an AOP member deserving an award for outstanding contributions to the organizations please let Matt or Kathy know. If you want to be part of the committee, please feel free to volunteer. We would love to have you. We are juggling a whole lot of balls right now and would really appreciate help.

Rep. Mary Lightbody's H.B. No. 579 had 1st Sponsor Hearing.

Rep. Lightbody, now Ohio House District 4, presented her H.B. No. 579 during the last weeks of the 2021-22 Ohio Legislative Session. As we were in the waning hours of the Lame Duck Session, no further testimony was scheduled. However, Rep. Lightbody is planning to introduce her bill again this year as soon as it fits into the Legislative schedule. She is looking for a Republican Co-Sponsor in the Ohio House and for sponsors of both parties for the Ohio Senate. If any of you have representatives or senators who have demonstrated concerns about the health and safety of all Ohioans and concern for preventing environmental contamination, please let me know and I will forward possible contact information.

Updating the AOP Constitution and Bylaws

Revision of Constitution and Bylaws

The committee of Kathy Sasowsky, Jon Gerken, and Bob Parkinson have worked since last summer to provide the latest version of the Association's Constitution and Bylaws. Many thanks for their efforts. The last prior revisions were done in 2013, ten years ago.

The choice to revise the Constitution and Bylaws came about because the 2021 Executive Council realized that the length of the terms for the At-Large members were not described in the existing document. Upon review by the Council, other outdated items were apparent, for example the current lack of certification of soil scientists by the Association.

In this revision that you are to be voting on at the 2023 Annual Meeting, what is proposed as "to be removed" has been struck through and what is proposed "to be added" is in bold. You will also see highlights in yellow in the version you receive in the separate mailing; these are present only for clarification to draw your attention to minor edits that may otherwise be overlooked. No highlights will remain in the final version. The revision in the Newsletter has been approved by the Council at their Jan. 3, 2023 meeting.

In order to maintain a timely flow to the Business meeting, we will limit discussion time at the meeting to 15 minutes before the vote. If you have concerns about any section of these revised by-laws that you would like to see further refined at the meeting, please let Kathy or me know ahead of time so we can prepare refined language to present. We appreciate your cooperation on this necessary task.

Because of the length of these proposed by-laws, they are being emailed to you as a separate mailing.

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Developing an AOP Disclaimer

The AOP Executive Council realized that we did not have a legal disclaimer. That oversight could be an expensive legal error on our part. So, we have developed this draft disclaimer that we will discuss and vote on at the Annual Business Meeting in February. We recognize that this could open up a lengthy can of worms therefore, we will limit discussion at the meeting to 5 minutes and then call for a vote. If you feel that there should be significant revisions, if you hate it or if you love it, please contact the Executive Council before the meeting so that we can work to get membership on the same page. We are trying to protect AOP and bring us into the 21st Century.



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Future meeting announcements and cancelations

No new meeting announcements or cancelations to share at this time.

AOP Scholarships Announcements

It's not too early to be talking to AOP members about the 2023-2024 AOP scholarship for students not enrolled at Ohio State. The Ohio State AOP scholarship is administered by OSU. The AOP Scholarship Committee administers the scholarship for everyone else. Ohio students enrolled out of state or enrolled at Wilmington University and Central State University, the two other universities in state that teach soils are eligible. The application is easy, the student writes a 1-2 page essay identifying themselves, why they are studying soils and what they want to do with this training once they are through school. We hope they are going to stay in Ohio and train with some of our CPSS folks so we can grow our profession before we are extinct. Deadline for applications is June 1, 2023. Applications can be sent to me at AOPeditor2020@gmail.com.

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Also, next spring, we will be supporting up to six Jr. High and High School students through the Ohio Academy of Science. Last year was our first attempt to reach this younger audience but it worked. We are hoping for more applicants this next year. Our only requirement is that their experiment actually uses real soil. We did not qualify projects in hydroponics or in non-soils media. The goal is to reach students early before they pick a college that does not offer soils courses. You cannot choose to be something if you don't know that it even exists. We are hoping to grab even more students than those that we attract through FFA and Envirothon compilations.

AOP Web Page Consultants List and Education PowerPoints/Videos - Updates

Consultants List Updates

Rachel Warren has developed a statewide map and a new consultant listing form to update that old and badly out of date Consultants list that existed on the AOP web site. Rick Griffin, Matt Deaton and I have used the updating form and it works very well. I added all the corrections that people had sent to me that I could find. I may have missed some people. If I did, I'm sorry. If you did not tell me which counties you were planning to cover, not being a mind reader, I only listed your home county. I am certain that if you are working further afield, you will want that information included. To do that, just update the form at the bottom of the page. If you click on the map, you will see who works in a specific county. If there is an *, that means that consultant is not confirmed. Once you update where you are working, the other counties where you are listed with an * should disappear. I am providing referrals statewide in my role of the AOP Education Committee.

If you go to the Consultant spread sheet and you see two ** listed next to your name, that means that we do not have an update for you. This system should now be self-policing and the web/education committee is going to expect you to periodically check you information and update it. Our consultant list is only as good as the accuracy of our information. This is also the only way we are going to find out if we have areas of the state with no coverage. **Now that I have the final 2022 paid dues list from Rick Griffin, we will be removing anyone from the list who are no longer AOP members.** Rachel Warren will be giving a further update at the Annual Meeting.

Additional On-Line Training Opportunities and Materials Development

Rachael Warren has also added materials to the Education page. There are videos and PowerPoints of general interest that anyone can view. There are also PowerPoints and videos from the last two Fall Field Days that are available behind a wall that can be opened by anyone who paid fees for those gatherings. Since this is so much work to compile and maintain, the Executive Council decided not to make everything free to all comers. We are working on ways to develop a pay per view system for folks who did not pay the meeting fees. This part is probably more complicated than the Consultants list. Rachel Warren will also be explaining this new system at the Annual Meeting.

Hats off to Rachel Warren and Susan Rice for being willing to tackle this, what has turned out to be a huge undertaking. If you are interested in participating in the educational outreach, interested in being interviewed or just have topics that you think we should be covering, please let Kathy Sasowsky, kathryn@sasowsky.com or I, AOPeditor2020@gmail.com know so we can get you scheduled.

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In Memoriam

Once again, we have lost another important team and founding member of AOP. On December 29, 2022, Doc Redmond passed away. Rick Griffin was able to attend the service. At this point in time I have received no special recollections on Doc to share with the group but I would be honored to include them in upcoming newsletters. I know he meant a very great deal to many of you. Services were provided by Snyder Funeral Homes. They can be linked at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com



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Obituary

Please share a memory of Charles Edward "Ed" "Doc" Redmond to include in a keepsake book for family and friends.

View Tribute Book

Charles Edward "Ed" "Doc" Redmond, age 90, of Fredericktown passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at the Knox Community Hospital.

He was born on January 13, 1932, in Oxford, New York to the late Charles and Mary (Ardron) Redmond. He earned his undergraduate degree from Cornell University, his Master's degree from North Dakota State University, and his Doctorate from Michigan State University. Ed was a Soil Scientist for over 50 years for the United States Department of Agriculture. If you asked his family, they would say his loves were his grandchildren, soil, and food. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed tending to his garden.

He is survived by his daughters, Katherine (Robert) Shepherd, Brenda (Mark) Redmond, Janet (Joey) Dohn; his grandchildren, Sara Shepherd, Emma Shepherd, Claire Chepherd, Levi Zolman, Luke (Hannah) Zolman, Jagger Dohn; and his great grandchild Rhett Zolman.

In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his wife Jane Redmond.

Friends may call on Tuesday, January 3, 2022, from 11-2PM at the Snyder Funeral Home in Fredericktown. A graveside service will follow, beginning at 2pm, in Ankenytown Owl Creek Cemetery with Pastor Marvin Haught officiating.

Letters to the Editor

This section of the Newsletter belongs to you, our members and future members, in the hopes that if we communicate with each other, we can find pathways to move forward to train the next generation. Please send your letters and/or responses to the Editor at AOPEditor2020@gmail.com and I will include them in upcoming issues of the Newsletter which is developed and disseminated quarterly.

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This ends Part One of the Winter 2023 Newsletter. Part two shares a new book review.