

PSCAA Minutes June 2006

The 2006 meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President, Chris Ford. The minutes of the previous meeting was read by Johnny Trayvick.. A motion to accept the minutes were offered by Lawrence and a second by Sandy. The minutes were accepted as written.

Next on the agenda was the financial report read by Johnny Trayvick. A motion to accept was offered by George and second by Lawrence. The financial report was accepted by the members.

Committee Reports

- A. Scholarship: Dr. Shaw suggested that the treasure should be responsible for the scholarship and he will give me the information. He also noted that Tuskegee will be receiving the next scholarship.
- B. Smithsonian Exhibit: Lawrence Mc Ghee indicated that Alabama has exceeded its goal with a contribution of \$14,705. Nationwide, the goal was at 79%. The exhibit will be displayed in 2010 and the committee will continue until that time.
- C. Public Relation & Education: Zamir indicated the need for a website and a news letter. Greg indicated that the website could be a source of information on the Health department classes. Charles Love stated that the site could keep the members informed on Taxonomy updates.

Unfinished Business

- A. Taxonomy Workshop: There were brief discussions on the workshop. Dr Shaw stated, the need to have the workshop prior to the classifier test. He also indicated that he will set up the session if the association will set up the room. It was motion by Sandy that we have the workshop and second by Zamir. All in attendance agreed to the motion.
- B. PSCAA Website: Ray Deese stated that we needed to decide what we wanted on the website and that he was quoted a price of \$25 per month. It was motion by Sandy and second by Mac Arthur Harris that the committee continue to work on the website. The committee will be Ray Deese, Karen Wynne, and John Burns. Sandy suggested that the executive committee come up with a proposal and email the members in two months.
- C. Soil Exhibits: There was no report from the committee. However, Sandy Made a motion and second by Mac that Desoto Park be used as a pilot program. The committee members are Tracy Cole, Chris, Zamir, and George.

New Business: The Advisory Council express the need to have a passing score in writing for the classifier exam. In addition, there should be a firm deadline and show no favoritism to any applicants. The new rules will be on the SWCD website.

Technical Session: During the technical session we had presentations from Greg Brannon, Jimmy Coles and Charles Love. In addition, Rick Smith was recognized by Charles for mapping soils with NRCS while perusing his degree at Auburn University. The meeting was closed at 2:30 p.m.