SSA is seeking nominations for Editor of two of its publications: The first is the world’s premier soil science journal, the Soil Science Society of America Journal (SSSAJ; see www.soils.org/publications/sssaj). Its contents focus on research relating to physics; chemistry; biology and biochemistry; fertility and plant nutrition; genesis, morphology, and classification; water management and conservation; forest, range, and wildland soils; nutrient management and soil and plant analysis; mineralogy; and wetland soils.

The second is Soil Horizons (see www.soils.org/publications/sh). This publication’s aim is to share the importance of soil science with a larger audience. It features stories celebrating the diversity and critical impact of soil scientists and their work. Soil Horizons also serves as an outlet for the publication of peer-reviewed papers on global issues and solutions in the study of soils, along with emerging challenges, ideas, unique field experiences, and findings. But these papers may break from the traditional to explore everything from case studies as examples of a larger issue to experiential papers with implications for further study or changes in practice.

The term of service for the two Editors will begin 1 Jan. 2014. It is hoped that the candidates chosen will be able to attend the 2013 Annual Meetings, 3–6 November in Tampa, FL, allowing for a timely and smooth transition into the editor position.

Candidates are expected to be visionary, as our publications continue to experience rapid change in ways of delivery, format, processes, content, and resources. Prior editorial experience with SSSA publications or those having similar subject matter/structure is expected.

The position is appointed by the SSSA president upon confirmation by the SSSA board of directors for a three-year term, with eligibility for reappointment to a second three-year term. The position carries a great deal of responsibility as well as personal satisfaction.

Interested persons may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of SSSA. Candidates should email (i) a two-page vita including a list of previous editorial experience and (ii) a vision statement for the publication (not to exceed one page) to Andrew N. Sharpley, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, at sharpley@uark.edu by 1 July 2013 for SSSAJ and 1 Aug. 2013 for Soil Horizons.

Position Duties

Duties of the Editor include, but are not limited to:
• Providing general leadership for the publication.
• Chairing the publication’s editorial board.
• Considering questions of editorial practices that promote the dissemination of exceptionally high quality scientific knowledge and the uniformity of format, style, and procedures in conjunction with SSSA’s Editor-in-Chief, its Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and as needed with its Budget and Finance Committee.
• Maintaining a highly qualified editorial board of associate editors.
• Serving as a member of the Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices Committee.
• Serving as a liaison to other societies and individuals to ensure the international and multidisciplinary scope of the journal’s content and subscription base.

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