ILLINOIS SOIL CLASSIFIERS ASSOCIATION FORMS

Illinois soil scientists met in Champaign in early 1975 and discussed the possibility of forming an association of professional soil classifiers. A temporary chairman and a Steering Committee were appointed. This group met to develop a constitution and bylaws as well as plan an organizational meeting.

The organizational meeting was held in Champaign on June 7. A preliminary draft of the constitution and bylaws were presented to those attending. The general nature of registration laws and experiences from other states were explained and discussed. It was decided to form an association with those members in attendance being the charter members. The following officers were elected:

D. Rex Mapes, SCS, president;
J. Wiley Scott, SCS, president elect;
Ivan Jansen, University of Ill., vice president;
John Alexander, University of Ill., secretary-treasurer; and
George Walker, SCS, retired, council member.

Six committees were formed to assist in developing the programs and activities of the new association. The council met in November and developed the plans for an annual meeting of the association to be held on January 15, 1976 in Champaign. Joe Fehrenbacher, membership chairman, reports that the association now has 36 members and 10 associate members.

Henry R. Mount
Public Relations & Education Chairman

MINNESOTA SOIL CLASSIFIERS MEET AT QUADNA MOUNTAIN

The annual meeting of the SCS Soil Classifiers of Minnesota was at Quadna Mountain Resort August 19-22, 1975. The theme of the meeting was Soil Classification. The meeting consisted of four half day sessions in the conference room and two afternoon field trips. It began with an open-book examination on Soil Classification. This exam caused considerable grumbling among many of the participants, especially the older ones. After that, the main emphasis was the discussion of assigned taxa mostly by the younger soil classifiers. For example, M. L. Lieser told about the properties for Typic Argialbolls, but his specimen missed that taxa by a few silly clay particles and instead qualified for Argiaquic Argialbolls. G. D. Nelson had his presentation on tape, but some thought that he put the wrong tape in the amplifier. Further, his classification of Homo sapiens, female, was not very quantitative. R. L. Hetzler told about the properties of Entic Hapludolls and demonstrated (accidentally) the angle of repose of a dry specimen of that taxon. The classifiers were further enlightened by tales of the winter experiences of R. E. Rolling, A. E. Jacobson, and A. G. Giencke in New Mexico and of S. J. Hundley in Florida. They never had it so good (but please don't...