from the chairman of Committee 6 at cost of reproduction. The Mimeo 77-2 should be of considerable value to administrators of national and state research programs and to research and extension workers planning programs in both soil fertility and pedology. The reference is: Soil Survey Staff Committee. 1977. Status of evaluations of interactions between soils and fertilizer responses in the States of the United States and some other areas: Report on responses to the charges to Committee 6 (Interactions between soils and fertilizer responses) for the Work Planning Conference of the National Cooperative Soil Survey in Orlando, Fla., 30 January-4 February 1977. Cornell Agronomy Mimeo 77-2, Department of Agronomy (Soils), Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

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VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS ORGANIZE

The organizational meeting of the Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists was held in Charlottesville, Va. the weekend of September 11 and 12, 1976.

The Constitution and Bylaws for the Association were adopted by 50 soil scientists for 34 locations in Virginia. Officers elected were President, H. L. Mathews, Ph.D., Old Dominion Soil Consultants, Inc., Richmond; Vice President, D. A. Lietzke, Ph.D., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg; and Secretary-Treasurer, J. L. Richardson, Ph.D., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Those elected to the Board of Directors included R. L. Googins, SCS, Richmond; W. J. Edmonds, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg; W. F. Sledjeski, Soil Consultants, Inc., Centreville.

Committees of ethics, membership and certification, public relations, and education were established. Members from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the USDA-SCS, and private business were appointed to each committee by President Mathews and approved by the Board of Directors.

The honorary title of First Past President was bestowed on “Dr. Sam” Obenshain, retired Professor of Agronomy at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, in recognition of his outstanding service to soil science.

The preamble to the Virginia Association’s Constitution reads:

Recognizing that soils are natural bodies on the earth’s surface, and that the utilization of this natural resource is of utmost importance to the Commonwealth, the Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scien-