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Oregon Soil Scientists Elect New Officers

The Oregon Society of Soil Scientists annual meeting followed a no-host dinner at North’s Chuck Wagon Restaurant in Salem, Feb. 1, 1979. The meeting was called to order by President Herb Huddleston, Corvallis. Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Harmon, Des Moines, attended. He is a retired Iowa SCS State Soil Scientist. The treasurer’s report followed introductions.

Committee reports were as follows:

Ethics Committee: It was generally agreed that this committee should not be activated until there is a need.

Public Relations Committee: Discussion produced the following suggestions:

1. the newsletter should be quarterly,
2. meeting dates should be announced well in advance of the scheduled date,
3. the newsletter should be a method to summarize research done in Oregon,
4. the newsletter could contain personnel actions and jobs available,
5. that we attempt to publish information of public interest in the newspapers.

Membership Committee: Hal Legard, Eugene, said the committee originally was designed to provide a screening process for registration of soil scientists. Generally, it was felt that the committee should be maintained. Membership cards will be issued. It was also suggested that the committee develop a list of potential members and new people working in the state and send them a copy of the newsletter.

Registration Committee: Pete Pescador, Grants Pass, suggested that the committee should be activated the coming year. Bob Paeth, Portland, suggested we attempt an amendment to the Oregon Geologists Registration Act to include soil scientists. Four Oregon soil scientists are presently “licensed geologists” in the state. A discussion about ARCPACS registration followed.

Constitution Committee: Moyle Harward, Corvallis, presented several items that would require changes in the constitution and/or by-laws. One change was approved that members may be expelled by vote of