News and Announcements

Editorial Board Meets in Cincinnati, Ohio

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The Soil Survey Horizons Editorial Board met on Nov. 8, 1993, in Cincinnati, Ohio in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) and the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). The next day, the editor made a report about Soil Survey Horizons at the business meeting of Division S-5 of SSSA. Items discussed at both meetings are listed below.

a. Dr. Robert Luxmoore, editor-in-chief of the Soil Science Society of America Journal, and Dr. Jerry Bigham, technical editor of Divisions S-5 and S-9, asked to meet with the Editorial Board. Dr. Luxmoore expressed a need for a publication or an outlet source for communications of a practical or applied nature for practicing field soil scientists in consulting and interpretation work such as biomediation sanitary disposal. He believes that Soil Survey Horizons can accommodate such an interest group. He asked the Editorial Board to consider such an expansion of interest. Dr. Bigham pointed out that some practicing field soil scientists probably already subscribe to Soil Survey Horizons, but that perhaps more would with this change. Dr. Bigham also noted he was not in favor of doing anything that would detract from the quality of Soil Survey Horizons. The Editorial Board voted to respond favorably to Dr. Luxmoore’s suggestions that Soil Survey Horizons expand the current audience and interest focus to include and serve both our current readership and those future readers or subscribers with interests and needs of practicing field soil scientists with the proviso that our present readership express such an interest by a subscriber survey or poll. Dr. Luxmoore is to write a short article for Soil Survey Horizons explaining the proposed change to subscribers. There was considerable discussion of the suggestion of Dr. Luxmoore at the business meeting of Division S-5, but no strong dissent.

b. A total of 959 subscriptions were enrolled for Vol. 34, 1993. This is an increase of 33 from 1992, but still less than needed for a profitable year. If another deficit is to be avoided, new subscriptions are required.

c. Mr. Jon Bartels is now the Managing Editor for Soil Survey Horizons.