News and Announcements

North Dakota Soil Classifiers Meet

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The Professional Soil Classifiers Association of North Dakota (PSCND) held their annual meeting on 14 Jan. 2000 in Bismarck, North Dakota. The topic of the conference was “Soil Science and Regulatory Compliance in North Dakota”. Lance Loken, President of High Plains Consortium, and current President of the Professional Soil Classifiers of North Dakota (PSCND), organized the conference.

Several speakers gave interesting presentations about use of soil surveys in regulating solid waste management, sanitary systems, and wetlands. Presentations also were given related to water quality, soil digitizing, and industrial waste management. More than 50 individuals participated in the meeting.

A major topic of the business meeting was related to the potential of combining the PSCND with the state members of the American Institute of Professional Geologists. Plans were made for a combined meeting with the geologists in 2000 to further this discussion.

Earnie Jensen, NRCS Soil Scientist, assumed the role of president at the end of the business meeting. Hal Weiser, NRCS Soil Scientist, was elected President-Elect and Bruce Seelig, (North Dakota State University Extension Soil Specialist) was elected Vice President.

The PSCND was organized in 1972. North Dakota was the first state in the nation to enact a law requiring registration for practicing soil scientists. This law went into effect in 1973. A State Board of Registration, made up of three registered members and two state governor appointees, oversee the registration process.

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