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New Associate Editor to Represent the National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists

Terry D. Cook has been selected as the new Associate Editor to represent the National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists. He replaces Phillip Small who was the first editor in this position.

Terry Cook was born in Long Beach, CA and spent most of his childhood in the Southern California area. From 1946 to 1950, he moved to Washington State. He loved his parent’s small dairy farm east of Bellingham and homes on the shores of the Olympia-Puget Sound. Terry graduated from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, CA in 1956 on the President’s Honor Roll with a B.S. in Soil Science. Most of his career has been with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in California and Washington, DC. In California, he was a soil survey leader, soil specialist, state correlator, and in Washington, DC, an international training specialist. Terry’s work has taken him to almost every state in the USA, and to, Canada, New Brunswick, Europe, Sudan, Pakistan, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Western Samoa, Palau, Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, and Chile. Since retiring from the SCS in 1990, he has continued his career as a private soil consultant working throughout California, Oregon, Arizona, Germany, and the Slovak Republic. Projects have included work in hydric soils, wetlands, and restoration, off-road vehicle studies, septic systems, expert witness, endangered species, archaeology, and research projects. He currently resides in Davis, CA with his wife, Marybeth, having been married for 44 years. They have two daughters, two grandsons, and one granddaughter. Besides his consulting practice and involvement with state, national, and international professional societies, his other activities includes church and choir, backpacking, high mountain trout fishing, canoeing, biking, gardening, photography, travel, and classical music.

Terry is currently the Chair of the Earth and Soil Science Department Advisory Council at the Cal Poly Earth and Soil Sciences Department and a Director for the Professional Soil Scientist Association of California (PSSAC). He is also a member of ASA, SSSA, IUSS, and the National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists (NSCSS). He is an ARCPACS certified Soil Scientist and Soil Classifier.

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