REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHANGE OF NAME, FIELD OF ASSOCIATION AND AFFILIATION WITH AGRONOMY SOCIETY.

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The Committee has had a conference with the Executive Committee of the American Society of Agronomy with reference to possible affiliation with that organization. It has also considered the advisability of enlarging the scope of this Association to include the entire field of soils, as was suggested at the meeting two years ago.

The Committee is of the opinion that an enlargement of the work would be unwise. In the first place it would probably result in the obliteration of the specific work which the Association is now doing. In the second place, it does not seem wise, at this time, to separate the soils and crops organizations of the country into two independent bodies.

With reference to possible affiliation with the American Society of Agronomy it should be said that up until this time that organization has had no machinery for affiliation. However, an amendment to the constitution will be voted on at the next meeting providing for the affiliation of other societies under the following plan.

a. The formation of a council of the society, consisting of the Executive Committee and representatives (usually the president) of all affiliated societies. This will give affiliated societies a voice in the administration of the Agronomy Society.

b. Affiliated Societies may use the Agronomy journal as a medium for publication of their papers. It is proposed also that one number of the journal might be used exclusively for the papers of each affiliated society.

c. Affiliated societies may retain their identity with complete control of their own dues and assessments.

It is the opinion of the Committee that if these provisions are adopted by the Society of Agronomy that the American Association of Soil Survey Workers might well become an affiliated society of that organization. Nothing can be done at this time regarding the matter but we believe that this society should look forward to such an affiliation, provided that the plans of affiliation prove acceptable. Such an affiliation would not bind this Association to hold its meetings along with those of the Society of Agronomy but undoubtedly we should want to meet with them whenever the place and time of meeting prove acceptable.