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Spring Business Meeting

MAPSS Spring Business Meeting is scheduled for June 2, 1995 at the Comfort Inn in Bowie from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Items on the agenda include our fall field trip, progress on the State Soil Bill, final changes to the membership directory (no, we can't get it done in time for the meeting), and revisions to the by-laws. The Comfort Inn is located immediately south of Route 50 (Exit 13A) on Route 301. A grilled swordfish dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. for a cost of $15:00. Please return the enclosed form by May 26 if you plan to attend. We need a final head count by May 30, 1995.

MAPSS Scholarship Awarded

The University of Maryland Agronomy Department awards committee has selected Scott Paul Kaier as the 1995 MAPSS Scholarship. Scott is an excellent student and will be on the soil judging team next fall. MAPSS president Gary Jellick officially presented Scott with the scholarship award at the annual awards picnic on April 22 at the Beltsville Facility. The continued support of this undergraduate scholarship is greatly appreciated by the Agronomy Department.

Clay Minerals Society Meeting

The 32nd annual meeting of the Clay Minerals Society will take place on June 3-8, 1995 in Baltimore at the OMNI Inner Harbor Hotel. MAPSS members are heavily involved in putting on the meeting: Del Fanning is General Chair of the meeting, Marty Rabenhorst is in charge of the field trip, and Sara Tangren is in charge of the the program for accompanying persons.

MAPSS has made a financial contribution towards the CMS meeting and strongly encourages members to participate. The field trip is scheduled for June 8, and features soils and parent material exposures of the Maryland Piedmont and Inner Coastal Plain. As of May 1, room was still available on the bus; contact Dr. Rabenhorst at (301) 405-1343 or Dr. Fanning at 405-1344 for more information.

Dr. Fanning would be most grateful to have people come and stay at the OMNI Hotel since getting free meeting rooms hinges on filling a certain number of rooms. So why not treat your husband, wife, girlfriend, boyfriend, etc.. to a night in Baltimore? Leave the kids at home.

Call For 1995 Dues

Membership renewal for 1995 is due now. Dues and the membership form on the back of this newsletter should be submitted to Lydia Schlosser. If you don't send in your money now, you can expect a call from our collection agent.

Executive Council Action

The MAPSS Executive Council met on May 1, 1995 to take action on a number of old issues and to plan the agenda of our business meeting on June 2, 1995. Perhaps the oldest issue, next to the membership directory, is the revision of the logo. The final form of the logo was unanimously approved by the Council with some minor debate. We have three formats of the logo for use on letterhead, tee-shirts, caps, mugs, etc. Copies of each format will be presented at the business meeting.

Other business discussed was the need to split the Secretary/Treasure position into two positions, and the possibility of adding a third Member-at-Large position to the Council, possibly for affiliate members. Recently, some of our most active members have been affiliates, who have limited formal input into MAPSS. Proposed revisions will be discussed at the business meeting and referred to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for review.

MAPSS Spring Symposium

Our Spring Symposium this year is scheduled for June 2, 1995 and is titled "Case Studies of Successful Wetland Mitigation". The format of the symposium will be a morning session of case study presentations, followed by a field trip to three wetland mitigation sites in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. You should have received a formal announcement for the symposium in early May. If you plan to attend, send in your registration now. Space is limited to the first 100 persons that register by May 26, 1995. Call Gary Jellick at (410) 268-1268 for more information.

Fall Field Trip

Several ideas have been suggested for a Fall Field trip this year. One possibility is an overnight trip to St. Thomas Island in St. Mary's County, where would could stay at Camp Merryland (cabins and tent camping available on the Potomac River). Rockfish season in October/November would be the obvious time to go.

Another suggestion would be to have a refresher in profile descriptions for members who do not have the opportunity to regularly describe soil profiles. The format would be somewhat like a soil judging contest where the pits would have an official description and members would then prepare their own description for comparison and discussion. These ideas, and any others that you can think of will be voted on at our next business meeting.

CALL FOR 1995 DUES

MAPSS Membership Renewal Form

Class of Membership (Check One)

_____ Member ($20.00)

_____ Student Member ($10.00)

_____ Affiliate Member ($10.00)

Change of Address:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address:

Business Meeting
June 2, 1995

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Comfort Inn, Bowie

I/we _____ plan to attend the Spring Business Meeting at a cost of $15.00 per person. The cost covers dinner, dessert, and beverage (iced tea, coffee or tea). Please return this form by May 26, 1995 to the address below with a check, or call Gary Jellick at (410) 268-1268 if you plan to attend.

Make checks payable to MAPSS, and return payment with this form to:

MAPSS c /o Lydia Schlosser
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If you have any newsworthy items for the next newsletter, please call Gary Jellick at (410) 268-1268.

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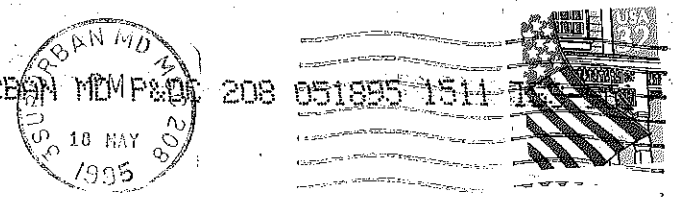

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