



PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Texas Soil Profiles



Travis Waiser, 2012-2013 PSSAT President

President's Letter

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well and with 2013 getting off to a great start. The annual PSSAT meeting is rapidly approaching.

The meeting will be in College Station, TX on Feb 6, 2013. I hope that everyone has marked this on their calendars and that I will see you there. I have only had 6 or so RSVP's, if you plan on attending, please send me an email at travis.waiser@tx.usda.gov ASAP.

If anyone has any topics that they would like to discuss at the meeting, please let me know at your earliest convenience and I will add it to the agenda.

I am happy to announce that PSSAT now has a Facebook Organization page. This should help improve our

communication with each other and our exposure to those outside of our organization. For those that are Facebook users you can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/ProfessionalSoilScientistsAssociationofTexas>

There are still openings on several committees so if you would like to volunteer to serve on one, please contact me at travis.waiser@tx.usda.gov. We are updating the committees if you are listed for a committee and are willing/or unwilling to serve on it, please let me know.

This is your last opportunity to complete the following survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H6DPGQV>. This same survey was posted in the October newsletter. I wanted to get as much membership feedback about the organization as possible.

Please join me in welcoming Mittie Muse as the 2013-2014 PSSAT President.

It has been an honor serving as your president. Thank you for your confidence.

Travis Waiser
2012-2013 PSSAT President

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Information about the 2013 PSSAT meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 6th

Location: G Rollie White Visitor Center, 7707 Raymond Stotzer Parkway (Hwy 60) , College Station.

Cost: \$15 per plate

A fish dinner will be served. ****Reminder: BYOB!**** We hope to see everyone in attendance.

* Please email Travis Waiser at travis.waiser@tx.usda.gov if you plan to attend. While response is not mandatory, if you are able to, please respond quickly. The more accurate estimate of attendance we have prior to the meeting, the more efficient we can be with food orders – thus potentially lowering the cost per plate.

2012-2013 Officers

President – Travis Waiser

President-Elect – Mittie Muse

Vice-President – Donald McGahan

Treasurer – Richard Reid

Editor – Amanda Bragg

Past-President – John Sackett

2013 PSSAT Meeting Agenda

5:30 - Social Starts, purchase of meal ticket, renewal of membership

6:00 - Fish Dinner Served

6:40 – Guest Speaker: Dr. Clay Robinson, Stetson Engineers Inc.

7:00 - Business Meeting

- I. Reading and approval of 2012 minutes
- II. Officers Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report
 - i. IRS letter review
 - b. Editor Report
 - c. Webmaster Report
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Scholarship
 - b. Membership
 - c. Constitution & Bylaws Committee
 - d. Public Relations Committee
- IV. Photo Contest
- V. Questionnaire
- VI. Nominations
- VII. Pass the Gavel To Mittie Muse
- VIII. Adjourn

2012 Committee Assignments

Constitution and By-laws (3) – 2 year term

1. Riley Dayberry –(chair)- 2009-2010
2. VACANT
3. Stacey Kloesel -- 2009-2010

Finance (3) – 2 year term

1. James Gordon –(chair)- 2009-2010
2. Tom Feuerbacher 2013-2015
3. VACANT

Membership (5) – 3 year term

1. Travis Waiser (President)
2. VACANT
3. Richard Reid -- 2008-2010
4. Alan Stahnke
5. Sidney Paulson

Public Relations and Education (3) – 2 year term

1. Jamie Pitchford –(chair)- 2010-2011
2. Kelly Attebury -- 2009-2010
3. Sara Russell -- 2009-2010

Nominations (3) – 1 year term

1. John Sackett (Imm. Past Pres)
2. Gary Harris – 2009
3. Laurie Kiniry – 2010

Scholarship (3) – 2 year term

1. Jessica Jobe -(chair)- 2009-2010
2. Stacey Kloesel – 2011-2012
3. Sara Russell – 2011-2012

Ethics (3) – 2 year term

1. Alan Stahnke –(chair)- 2009-2010
 2. Wayne Gabriel – 2009-2010
 3. Andrea Kishne 2013-2015
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Remember to send your 2013 membership dues of \$25 to Richard Reid. If you owe dues from previous years, please contact Richard (Richard.reid@tx.usda.gov) to find out your balance.

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Note from Editor:

If anyone has any ideas, articles, pictures, or information regarding future issues of Texas Profiles, please contact me at braggal@yahoo.com. Your contributions are essential for putting together the newsletter. Also please look us up on Facebook (you have to be logged into Facebook to make the link work) or you can contact me to be added to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/ProfessionalSoilScientistsAssociationofTexas>

If you have any pictures of soil scientists at work, landforms, or pictures, please email them to me and I will upload to the Facebook page. This could be an exciting opportunity to get the word out about Soils in Texas.

Thank you,

Amanda Bragg