

2025 CPSS Board Meeting – Quarter 3 Minutes

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

Virtual Meeting

Attendance

- Present: Joe Schuster (FL), Josh Edgell, Michelle Busch, Virginia Brown, Matt Hostrander (PA), Chris D'Aiuto, Colby Moorberg, Jacob Berkowitz, Kelley House
- Quorum: needed 8 out of 14, had 9 attendees
- Staff: Dawn Gibas, Stanley Wu
- Absent: James Hartsig, Matt Deaton (OH), Dan King, Jamie Patton

Meeting called to order 1:13 pm Central time.

Approval of Agenda

- Motioned by Michele, seconded by Chris, unanimous consent to approve agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- Motioned by Chris, seconded by Joe, unanimous consent to approve minutes from June 2025 (Q2 Meeting)

Amnesty Policy Discussion

Removal of First Clause

- Motioned by Colby and seconded by Joe to remove the first clause from the amnesty policy regarding a requirement to be a member of SSSA.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Clause Revision 2a

- Motioned by Chris, seconded by Joe to amend the amnesty policy language in clause 2a.
- Amendment to read:
“Submit CEUs in the amount that would have been required had the applicant remained certified, up to a maximum of two CEU cycles. Eligible CEUs must be dated from the period when certification lapsed to the present day.”
- Motion passed unanimously.

Addition of State Board/National Board Referral

- The board discussed whether amnesty applications should be approved by the national board or delegated to the states.

- Motioned by Joe and seconded by Colby to amend the amnesty policy to state “*State Boards may refer applications to the National Board at their discretion.*”
- Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Manual

The CPSS Policy Manual is being updated to reflect CPSS Board approved changes to Amnesty, Retired Status, CPSS Work Experience and Complaint Investigation Procedures along with minor housekeeping updates.

Open Discussion

- Consideration of strategic planning and implementation for the CPSS program. Board decided to conduct a survey first to gauge future directions.
- Collegiate Soils Judging – ASF Grants were awarded for the fall, the next open period for applications for funding to support travel to the National contest is in December/January.
- Elections – Jacob agreed to run again for his position as liaison between CPSS and SSSA. Any other nominations can be sent to Dawn or Sara Uttech (suttech@sciencesocieties.org) Deadline is November 20.
- FL – Getting ready for upcoming annual meeting in December and their Hydric Soils Workshop in the spring.
- PA – Congratulations to PAPSS on their 50 Year Anniversary! Also looking at meetings: November annual meeting and a hydric soils course in 2026.

Adjournment at 2:45 pm central time.

**Q4 Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9 at
3 pm Eastern/2pm Central/1 pm Mountain/Noon Pacific.**