

**SSSGA Annual Business Meeting
The State Botanical Garden of Georgia
February 23 and 24, 2009**

Call to order

- Morris called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- Freshley made motion to approve minutes and treasurer's report from 2009 annual meeting.

Installation of Officers

- Morris reported election results. David Coyle was introduced as President Elect by unanimous ballot vote. Dr. Larry Morris – President, Phil Freshley – Treasurer, Gail Meads – Secretary, Walter George – Past President.

Division Reports

Consulting

- Lobbyist Bruce Widener reduced fee to \$10,000 for 2009.
- Kyle White accepted 2 year appointment as consulting division chairperson.
- Soil scientist needed for state water council board. List of regional council members can be obtained from Widener.

Academic

- Dan Markewitz will continue as Academic Chairperson for one year.
- Member ideas to Markewitz for more student involvement.

Committee Reports

- No reports.

Old Business

- George to contact Lathem about SSSGA inscription for GHEC plaque.
- Soil judging contributions are \$500 for regional and \$500 for national. Regional competition will be held in Tennessee, fall 2009.
- UGA soil pedology position is listed but on hold for 2 years. Lobbying effort needed.
- Millers is contact for ARPACS certification training.
- Form needed for members information to post on website interactive map.

New Business

- Morris made motion for \$1,000 contribution to GHEC. Freshley seconded motion. Money from education fund.
- Morris made motion for \$1,000 contribution to Envirothon. Coyle seconded motion. Money from educational fund.
- Annual meeting refunds to presenters: Tim Kring, Jim Spotts, Dan Markewitz, David Radcliffe.

- Acknowledgement to Widener for lobbying fee reduction for 2009.
- Ducks Unlimited wetland program raffle and matching fund contribution of \$500.
- GHEC to be considered for 2010 SSSGA annual meeting.
- SSSGA letter to be sent to Natural Resources Committee in reference to HB238.
- DHR committee member volunteers: David Huff, Larry Morris, David Radcliffe.
Sam Asady and Tim Kring to leave committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Gail Meads
Secretary SSSGA

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Attachments (Treasury Report, HB238)