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# Mountain Profiles

A newsletter of the West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists

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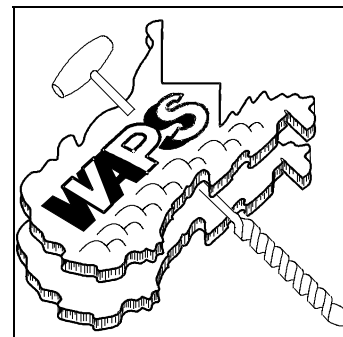
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## Annual Dues

Annual dues are due at the annual meeting.  
Your \$10.00 dues can also be sent to:

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## Newsletter Items

Please forward news items and  
announcements for the next issue of  
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## Monongahela Silt Loam, West Virginia's Official State soil

The campaign for an official state soil has been a long and eventful journey this year. For the West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists (WVAPSS) this project has been exceedingly successful, even though the State Legislature did not bring the resolution to the floor for a vote. We may not have succeeded politically this year, but we have succeeded in bringing the importance of our State's soil resource into the public eye.

There have been many articles in newspapers around the state, even out-of-state, about the State Soil. There have been numerous radio spots. We have had television coverage on WCHS Channel 8 News. We were supported by Gus Douglas in the Market Bulletin. The State Soil received super coverage in the February issue of *Wonderful West Virginia* magazine. Another article is due out early this summer in *The Soil and Water Conservation Society Journal* which features Monongahela Silt Loam. The articles and news items about Monongahela Silt Loam help raise the public's awareness of the importance of our soil resources, and what a vital role that soil plays in our everyday lives.

The campaign for an Official State Soil cannot be accomplished by one group alone. WVAPSS has had outstanding support from the Farm Bureau, the 14 Soil Conservation Districts and District Supervisors Association, the State Conservation Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This cooperation not only promotes the wise use of our soil resources, but also promotes each individual group or agency, as well as promoting the conservation partnership between all the groups.

The most successful part of this project has been the enthusiastic response that has been received from young people. We will have accomplished a great deal, if we can instill the importance of soil resources in our youth through our educational efforts.

Our plan for the State Soil is to let the dust settle a little from the legislative session. WVAPSS will then try to make contacts with key legislators later this year in order to explain how and why Monongahela Silt Loam was chosen to represent West Virginia's soil resources. We feel that we did a good job explaining this to the conservation and farm groups, but we need to spend time explaining this to our legislators. WVAPSS will keep lobbying for Monongahela Silt Loam as our Official State Soil, and hopefully our resolution will make it out of committee during the 1996 legislative session.

*Rob Pate*

## Honorary Membership Nomination

To: WVAPSS Membership  
Subject: Honorary Membership Nomination

I would like to nominate **Loyal A. Quandt**, NRCS Team Leader at the Midwest National Technical Center, in Lincoln, Nebraska, for Honorary Member in the West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists.

According to the WVAPSS constitution, an Honorary Member shall be anyone who the association desires to honor because of his or her outstanding contributions to the profession, state or nation.

Loyal has contributed nationally to soil science. The preamble of the WVAPSS constitution states that our Association is dedicated to advancing the profession of soil science and the dissemination of information concerning all phases of soil science to enhance the general welfare. I believe that Loyal Quandt has shown a lifetime of dedication to advancing the profession of soil science. Some steps in Loyal's career include:

- 1960 - Soil Survey Project Leader, Seward, Nebraska
- 1968 - Area Soil Scientist, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 1974 - Assistant State Soil Scientist/Correlator, Arkansas
- 1981 - Northeast Region Soil Correlator, Correlator for 13 Northeast states
- 1991 - Team Leader Region 2, leadership to 18 Eastern states

Loyal has contributed to soil science here in West Virginia, not only because of his correlation duties, but also because he has been chairman of the State Soil Centennial Committee since its inception in 1992. The National Cooperative Soil Survey will celebrate its centennial in 1999, and Loyal is leading the drive to have every state's professional soil scientists organization name an official state soil by 1999.

Loyal has been there to help WVAPSS with our drive to have Monongahela Silt Loam named as our Official State Soil. He has given us information on how other states have gone about this process. He has made available copies of brochures and writeups from other states, and has put us in touch with soil scientists in neighboring states who are also involved in this effort. Loyal has given West Virginia national publicity with articles in *Soil Survey Horizons* and the *Soil and Water Conservation Society Journal*.

Because of his dedication and contribution to soil science, both nationally and here in West Virginia, I would like to nominate **Loyal A. Quandt** for Honorary membership in WVAPSS. This is to be voted on at our annual meeting in June.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rob Pate*

# Annual Meeting Notice

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PLANS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING HAVE BEEN FINALIZED (WE HOPE) !!

The date for the annual meeting of the West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists has been set as June 15-16, and the theme of the meeting is:

## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ISSUES AND SOIL INFORMATION

We will meet in Charleston with representatives of the Waste Management, Water Quality, Air Quality, and Mining and Reclamation Departments of the WV Division of Environmental Protection.

Some foci will be:

- ☞ The role of soil scientists in contamination containment and cleanup. (Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, Oil/Gas issues, Groundwater, etc.)
- ☞ The role of soil scientists in mining reclamation issues.
- ☞ The role of soil scientists in waste management issues (landfill closure and leachate problems, sludge application, etc.)
- ☞ A talk by Ken Ellison, DEP Waste Management, on issues relating to risk assessment, tolerance levels, fate/transport modeling, and the need for quality soil information by environmental regulators and remediators.

The meeting will begin at about 1:30 PM 15 June at the Knights Inn Conference Room in Kanawha City (about 5 miles south of the Capitol on I-77). We will meet at DEP offices the following day, a specific agenda is forthcoming.

Arrangements have been made for rooms (2 beds) at the Knights Inn, @ \$43.11 including tax and discount (for our initial meeting.) You should make your own reservations by 1 June to secure a room at this rate (304-925-9451). This establishment is along the Kanawha River, in the midst of multiple eating/shopping/tourism opportunities near the Gold Dome of our Capitol, so bringeth the family!

This should be a great meeting and very pertinent to our consulting membership, as well as public servants.

Call Tony Jenkins at (304) 291-4152 ext. 113 with questions.

# Northeastern Forest Soils Conference

June 25 - June 28, 1995

Stockton State College

Pomona, New Jersey

Sponsored by

USDA-NRCS, NJAPSS, Stockton State College, Rutgers University

NJ Div. of Forestry, NJ Div. of the Soc. of American Foresters

Registration Fee \$75.00

For information, call Lenore, Thornie, or Seth at (609) 561-3223

## Other Meetings of Interest

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**ASA, CSSA, and SSSA annual meeting** - October 29 - November 3, 1995 in St. Louis, MO.

**ASA, CSSA, and SSSA annual meeting** - November 3 - November 8, 1996 in Indianapolis, IN.

**Northeastern Branch ASA annual meeting** - June 25-28, 1995 at University of Maine, Orono

**Soil and Water Conservation Society 50th annual meeting** - August 6 - August 9, 1995 in Des Moines, IA.