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## Soil Classifiers Certification Advisory Committee (SCCAC)

### Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

Two Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303  
Thursday, August 21, 2007

#### Call to order

Presiding: David Huff, Chairman

Members present: Tim Kring; David Huff, Chair; Dr. Sam Asady; Dr. Larry Morris; Greg Harless, Sec.,

New Members: Mike Pitts, Paulding County Environmental Health County Manager; Dwain Butler, Southeast (Waycross) District Environmental Health Program Director

Guest: Charles Grantham, Certified Soil Classifier.

- The first order of business: the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the SCCAC held Thursday, May 3, 2007.

Motion to approve: Tim Kring

Second: Dr. Sam Asady

→ Motion carried unanimously

**Charles Grantham** spoke to the Committee about issues he has concerning another soil investigator involving conflicting soil evaluation mapping and attendant reports. The offender has made statements to clients about Mr. Grantham's work that undermine his professional credibility. The Committee agreed upon recommendations to be issued to professionals (P.E.s & P.G.s) specifically reminding them to adhere to the spirit of the Code of Professional Conduct in all matters.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Soil Classifier in Training (SCIT) applicants PENDING

- *C. Curtis Ray*

Motion to Approve: Sam Asady

Second: Greg Harless

Discussion: Secretary, Greg Harless, to issue a letter to Allen Rigdon, Certified Soil Classifier, asking that he provide confirmation of actual hours Mr. Ray has trained under his direct supervision to date.

Confirmation is needed since Mr. Ray is employed by an engineering firm.

→ *Motion carried unanimously*

- **Christopher Reagan**

Motion to Approve: Mike Pitts

Second: Sam Asady

→ *Motion carried unanimously*

- **Patrick Davies**

No action; applicant has not satisfied stipulations mandated at May 3, 2007 meeting.

- **Jason Wheatley**

No action; applicant has not satisfied stipulations mandated at May 3, 2007 meeting.

- **Matt Stowe**

Secretary, Greg Harless, informed the Committee that Matt has withdrawn his application.

### Old Business - continued

RE: **Complaint action against a Soil Classifier** – Greg Harless advised the Committee that the complaint action remains in process and pending. The Committee was advised that the Department has changed the action policy regarding complaint notification. Effective immediately, written notice of complaint will be issued to the soil investigator upon receipt of a complaint.

## NEW BUSINESS

## Applicants for Certification or SCIT

- **Michael Dinsmore, SCIT**

Motion to TABLE: Larry Morris

Second: Tim Kring

Discussion: Must provide 1. Training plan, 2. References, 3. Signed/Notarized Code of Conduct, 4. Notify must be trained by a certified soil classifier.

—→ Motion carried unanimously

- **Stephen Dockery, SCIT**

Motion to TABLE: Greg Harless

Second: Larry Morris

Discussion: Must provide 1. Completed application, 2. Signed/Notarized Code of Conduct, 3. Follow up on references.

—→ Motion carried unanimously

- **Robert Weatherspoon, Full Certification**

Motion to TABLE: Greg Harless

Second: Dwain Butler

Discussion: Must provide 1. Example of Level III mapping on approximate one (1) acre tract at no greater than 1:100 scale, 2. Supplementary example of Level III mapping on larger tract, four (4) to five (5) acres for example, at no greater than 1:100 scale.

—→ Motion carried unanimously

## New Business – continued



**David Huff** presented a draft of a letter to the South Carolina Soil Classifiers Board proposing that Georgia waive the exam requirement if the South Carolina certification requirements and exam are at parity.

Motion to forward said letter to the South Carolina Board: Greg Harless

Second: Dwain Butler

—→ Motion carried unanimously

- Committee consensus confirms Departmental acceptance of new members: Dr. Larry Morris, Dwain Butler, and Mike Pitts. Greg Harless advised that they will be receiving official letters of appointment signed by Dr. Stuart Brown, M.D., Division Director.

## FUTURE BUSINESS

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned