



**Manitoba
Soil
Science
Society**

**64th Annual
Manitoba Soil Science Society Conference and
Annual General Meeting**

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February 4-5, 2021

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2021 MSSS BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

February 5, 2021

3:15pm

1. Call to Order – Welcome & Introductions
2. Review meeting agenda
3. Approve meeting minutes from February 7, 2020

Old Business

4. President's Report
 - a. 2020 AGM
 - b. 2020 Summer Tour
 - c. Soil Fertility Workshops
 - d. 2021 Calendar
 - e. 2021 Sponsors
5. Financial Statements
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Internal Auditor's Report
 - c. Review and Approve Financial Statements

New Business

6. Motion to amend Section 6 (Officers) of the by-law:
Current state of section 6.01:

Appointment. At the first meeting of the board following a meeting of members at which directors are elected, the board shall elect from among their numbers a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. Individuals so elected shall hold office for a term of (1) year, until their successors are elected. The president shall not be eligible to be elected for a second term of office, but the vice-president shall automatically become president at the end of the then current president's term of office. The secretary and the treasurer shall be eligible for re-election for an additional term of office, but for not more than three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms. The board may also from time to time appoint a graduate student representative to be an officer of the board. Such individual need not be a director. The board may specify the duties of the graduate student representative and, in accordance with this By-law and subject to the provisions of the Act, assign to the graduate student representative such responsibilities as it may deem appropriate.

Proposed amendment of section 6.01 for consideration:

Composition. The board of directors of the corporation shall be composed of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer and a past president. Individuals initially elected into the role of the vice-president shall serve for a 3-year term. The first year as the vice-president, then shall thereafter become the president in the second year and serve as the

past president in the third year. The president shall not be eligible to be elected for a second term of office, but the vice- president shall automatically become president at the end of the then current president's term of office The secretary and the treasurer shall be eligible for re- election for an additional term of office, but for not more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. The board may also from time to time appoint a graduate student representative to be an officer of the board. Such individual need not be a director. The board may specify the duties of the graduate student representative and, in accordance with this By-law and subject to the provisions of the Act, assign to the graduate student representative such responsibilities as it may deem appropriate.

Proposed addition to Section 6 (Officers):

6.06 Past-President

The past-president shall attend meetings of the board and of the members of the Corporation as an ex-officio of the board. The past-president shall carry out such duties as the board may assign to such individual.

7. Ted Poyser Endowment Fund

Edward (Ted) Poyser was the founding president of the Manitoba Soil Science Society which was formed in 1957. Ted passed away this past November and the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation is creating the “Ted Poyser Endowment Fund” (TPEF) at the Winnipeg Foundation. The Fund will support engagement activities and the exchange of ideas that promote Ted’s vision of an agricultural landscape in which agricultural production and environmental conservation go hand in hand. The objective is to plant ideas that influence key audience’s understanding of the importance of the role of farmers and landowners in conservation programs and advance collaborative and holistic approaches to sustaining agriculture and the environment. Specific details are being developed.

Due to the high income generated from the Soil Fertility Refresher course this year the Manitoba Soil Science Society will be donating \$1000.00 to the TPEF and over the month of February will match any donations from MSSS members to the TPEF at a 1:1 ratio up to a total maximum of \$1000.

8. Call for volunteers to form a Student Award Committee

9. Election of Directors

- a. President 2022
- b. President-Elect 2023

10. Appointment of Financial Review Committee

11. Approval of Actions of Directors

12. 2021 Summer Tour

13. 2022 Business Meeting

14. Other Business

15. Adjournment

Manitoba Soil Science Society Inc.
Business Meeting Agenda
Friday, February 7, 2020 11:20 am
Holiday Inn South, Winnipeg, MB

In attendance:

Rotimi Ojo, President
Megan Westphal, Vice President/President-Elect
Laryssa Stevenson, Past President
Christine Rawluk, Treasurer
Lindsey Andronak, Secretary
Sarah Johnson, Student Rep

Members in attendance:

John Heard	Lanny Gardiner	Gabrielle Lint	David Whetter
Aaron Glenn	Brian Amiro	Brendan Brooks	Fahad Khan
Jordan Karpinchick	Zisheng Xing	Ronggui Wu	Matt Gervais
Geza Racz	Tony Szumigulski	Trevor Fraser	Theresa Adesanya
Marufa Fatema	Nicholson Jeke	Yanyan Li	Sarah Wilcott
Elizabeth Karpinchick	Ehsan Zarrinabadi	Yaohong Zhang	Nazanin Ghavami
Rejean Picard	Curtis Cavers	Xiaoping Gao	Vikram Bisht
Afua Mante	Maria Luna	Masoud Goharrokhi	Michelle Erb
Sarah Johnson	Adriana Avila	Fangzhou Zheng	Krista Hanis-Gervais
Terri Fairman	Ahmed Lasisi	Alex Koiter	Don Flaten
Shelia Cook	Brian Wiebe	Steve Sager	Taras Lychuk
Manasah Mkhabela	Paul Bullock		

1. Call to Order – Welcome and Introduction

Call to order at 11:21 am by Rotimi Ojo

2. Review Meeting Agenda

No additions.

Motion to accept the agenda by Paul Bullock, seconded by Ahmed Lasisi. **Carried.**

3. Review 2019 Business Meeting Minutes

Brian Amiro noted some spelling errors to be corrected.

Jordan Karpinchick moved to accept the 2019 AGM minutes. Seconded by Brian Amiro. **Carried.**

Old Business

4. President's Report

a. 2019 AGM

62nd Annual MSSS Meeting was held on February 7-8, 2019, with the theme "Management Impacts on Soil Functions and Productivity. It was a great success with 25 oral presentation and 26 poster submissions.

b. 2019 Summer Tour

Laryssa Stevenson thanked all who participated in the 2019 summer tour on August 15, especially the volunteers. About 35 participants toured through Carberry and the surrounding area. The group visited a potato field just north of Carberry, hiked through the Spirit Sands, saw at Ramada clay loam at CMCDC, learned about the Assiniboine Delta Aquifer and mustard biofumigation and finally visited the Langford Community Pasture.

c. Soil Fertility Workshops

John Heard and other soil fertility experts have created continuing education workshops for professionals. MSSS participates in the course registrations and promotion of the courses. Sadly, this is Don Flaten's last year teaching the course. Two workshops have been put on so far this year, one in Brandon in January, which was full with 40 participants and one in Carman. They are also holding one in Roblin at the end of February.

d. 2020 Calendar

Megan presented. The 2020 calendar was put together by Megan Westphal with a theme of Soil Survey: Not a Lost Art. Distributed at Manitoba Agronomists Conference, MSSS and Ag Days. Copies are at UofM Soil Science. We are seeking theme ideas and event dates for next year.

e. 2020 Sponsors

We ask for annual sponsorship of the society, which supports all the activities of MSSS. We would like to officially thank the 2020 AGM sponsors:

- Ah Horizon: Nutrien, Agrologists Manitoba, Manitoba Canola Growers, Agrotain
- Bt Horizon:, AgriEarth Consulting Ltd.
- Ck Horizon: Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers, AgVise Laboratories, Western Ag Innovations, Manitoba Oat Growers Association, Goodlands Environmental, Solum Valley Biosciences

5. Financial Statements

a. Treasurer's Report

See attached.

Christine presented summary values from 2019. Sponsorship is crucial to the continued functioning of the society. There was a debit from sponsorship for two \$500 travel awards. Compared to last year, the society is holding steady financially. Special thanks was given to the financial review committee who

reviewed every transaction. Soil fertility courses, the AGM and the summer tour all showed small profits. The calendars and website are a financial loss. Overall, the society is up almost \$8000 compared to last year.

Opened floor for comments. There were no questions about the report.

b. Financial Review Committee Report

Christine Rawluk reviewed the decision of the MSSS Financial Review Committee, comprised of Aaron Glenn, Matt Gervais and Xiaopeng Gao. The review committee reviewed the financial records for 2019 and they found the financial report to be an accurate statement of the financial transactions for the MSSS for 2019.

c. Review and Approve Financial Statements

Ahmed Lasisi moved that the financial statements of the Corporation for the fiscal period ending December 31, 2019 are hereby approved and adopted. Seconded by Alex Koiter. **Carried.**

New Business

6. Motion to amend Section 8 (Membership) of the by-law. It currently states:

8.03 Termination of Membership: The interest of a Member in the Corporation is not transferable and lapses and ceases to exist:

- in the event the Member fails to attend any three (3) consecutive combinations of the Corporation's Summer Tour and Annual Meeting.

Proposed amendment for consideration:

8.03 Termination of Membership: The interest of a Member in the Corporation is not transferable and lapses and ceases to exist:

- in the event the Member fails to attend any four (4) consecutive combinations of the Corporation's Summer Tour and Annual Meeting.

Floor open for discussion.

Rotimi explained the reasoning behind the proposed amendment was that some members do not attend the summer tour, so if they miss one AGM, they are off the list.

No further discussion.

Paul Bullock moved to accept the proposed amendment to Section 8. Seconded by John Heard. **Carried.**

7. Election of Directors

One position is vacant for 2020: President-Elect.

a) President-Elect

Laryssa Stevenson was recognized for her work with the society.

Laryssa Stevenson nominated Krista Hanis-Gervais for President-Elect. Krista accepted the nomination. No further nominations were received.

Krista Hanis-Gervais acclaimed as President-Elect.

Laryssa Stevenson moved that the individuals listed below be elected as director for a term to expire at the conclusion of the annual meeting of member held in the calendar year shown opposite their name:

Name	Position	Calendar Year
Krista Hanis-Gervais	President-Elect	2022

Seconded by Megan Westphal. **Carried.**

Krista was welcomed to the executive.

The hard work of all the graduate student volunteers providing AV and AGM assistance was recognized.

8. Appointment of Financial Review Committee

Brian Wiebe moved that the following volunteers: Aaron Glenn, Matt Gervais, Xiaopeng Gao; be appointed as a Committee of Members to review the financial statements of the Corporation prepared by the Board of Directors for presentation to the members at the annual meeting held in 2021 and to report their comments on such financial statements to such annual meeting.

Seconded by Christine Rawluk. **Carried.**

9. Approval of Actions of Directors

Xiaopeng Gao moved that all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the directors and officers of the Corporation since the date of the last annual meeting of members (as the same are set out or referred to in the minutes of the meetings of the directors of the Corporation or the resolutions of the directors of the Corporation or in the financial statements submitted to this meeting) be and the same are hereby approved, sanctioned and confirmed.

Seconded by Paul Bullock. **Carried.**

10. 2020 Summer Tour

The 2020 Summer Tour will likely be held the third Thursday of August. Members are asked to provide suggestions for future themes in the evaluation form at the end of the AGM program.

Volunteers to assist with the 2020 Summer Tour would be greatly appreciated.

11. 2021 MSSS Meeting

Tentative dates for the event will be February 4 and 5, 2021 (first Thursday and Friday of February), provided the Holiday Inn has availability. Members are asked to provide suggestions for future themes in the evaluation form at the end of the AGM program. Volunteers to assist would also be appreciated.

12. Other business

Aaron Glenn suggested having a student travel award to this meeting for students from Brandon, North Dakota, Thunder Bay, etc. Possibly on a case by case basis. Executive will look into, determine an application process and what supports students need. Maybe a bursary rather than an award?

13. Motion to Adjourn 12:00 pm by Aaron Glenn.