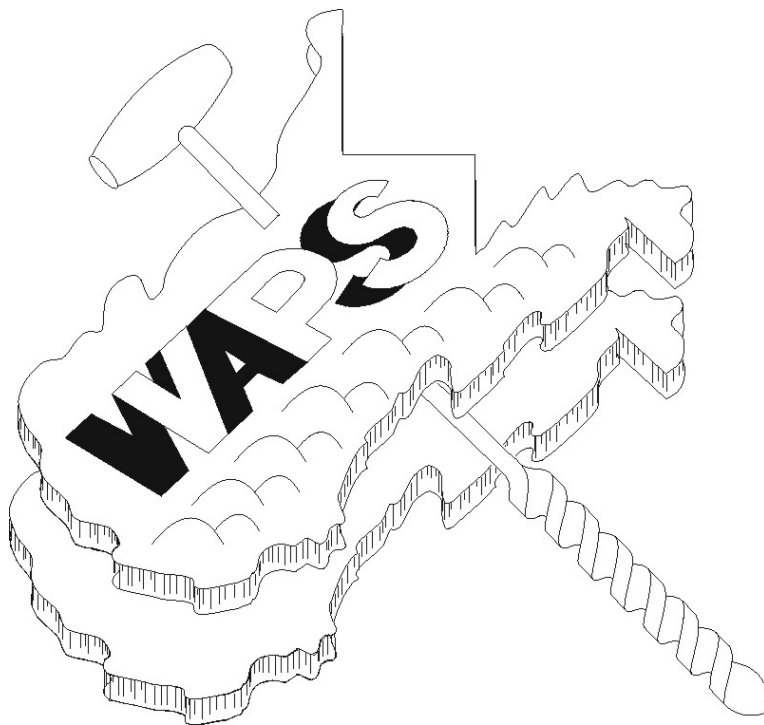


**The West Virginia  
Association of  
Professional Soil  
Scientists  
2005  
Registry**



## **FOREWORD**

The West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists is pleased to present this registry of members and their qualifications. This listing is designed to meet the growing need for soils information and soil services in West Virginia. It was compiled to foster and maintain professional competency among soil scientists in order to provide the public with the best possible information regarding the wise use and management of soil, water, and related resources.

Standards for membership include formal education and years of experience. Although persons listed in this brochure are certified as "Professional Soil Scientists" by this association, the WVAPSS holds no responsibility for costs or quality of work. This brochure is available from the West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists, c/o Eileen O'Neill, P.O. Box 22, Fayetteville, WV 25840, 304-574-0369.

## **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

The West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists recognizes five classes of membership:

**A. Full Member:** A full member shall be one who meets the following qualifications:

1. A minimum of a bachelor's degree, at least 30 semester hours in biological, physical, and earth sciences, with a minimum of 15 semester hours in soils, and a minimum of 3 years experience in soil science mapping, classifying, and interpreting or teaching soils for land use decisions. A master's degree or Ph.D. degree in soils may be substituted for one year of work experience; or
2. A minimum of 10 years work experience in mapping, classifying, and interpreting soils for land use decisions, without the educational requirements, and recommended by 3 members of the association in good standing.

**B. Associate Member:** An associate member is one who meets the following qualifications:

1. A minimum of a bachelor's degree, at least 30 semester hours in biological, physical, and earth sciences, with a minimum of 15 semester hours in soils, and has less than 3 years experience in soil science mapping, classifying, and interpreting or teaching soils for land use decisions; or
2. A minimum of 5 years experience in soil science mapping, classifying, and interpreting soils for land use decisions.

**C. Student Member:** A student member shall be any undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a soil science curriculum approved by the executive council.

**D. Honorary Member:** An honorary member shall be one whom the association desires to honor because of outstanding contributions to the profession, state or nation.

**E. Affiliate Member:** An affiliate member shall be one who does not qualify under A, B, C, or D, but who desires to participate in the advancement of the profession.

## **OBJECTIVE**

This registry of Professional Soil Scientists in the West Virginia area includes membership status, name, education, experience, and current employment information.

Membership status is indicated in parentheses after the names, by the letters listed above. Federal employees can be consulted in the context of their official positions, but they are not normally available for private consulting.

The objective of the association is to advance the profession of soil science in the state of West Virginia. This includes the following:

- A. Promote the wise utilization of soils as a natural resource.
- B. Protect the public welfare by encouraging legislation to establish state registration of soil scientists.
- C. Advance the professional interests of the professional soil scientist.
- D. Advance the professional interests of the soil scientist in training.
- E. Promote high standards of education in soil science.
- F. Enhance public knowledge and appreciation of soil science.
- G. Establish high standards of ethical conduct in all professional matters.

### **WVAPSS CODE OF ETHICS**

In order to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity and competence, each WVAPSS member agrees to the following:

1. A professional soil scientist shall treat all landowners and their properties with due respect.
2. A professional soil scientist shall provide information and opinion on soil science subjects only when thoroughly informed, and only when this information or opinion is obtained through honest investigation, knowledge, and conviction.
3. A professional soil scientist shall accept personal responsibility for all professional work performed.
4. A professional soil scientist shall strive to increase public awareness of soil science through visibility, education, and promotion of soil resources.
5. A professional soil scientist shall promote sound soil resource management technology and policy.
6. A professional soil scientist shall strive to increase the competence and prestige of the Soil Scientist profession.

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