

MAPSS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION - 2007

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

Mitch Bender, Ph.D.

Mitch Bender received his Ph.D. in environmental soil science from Auburn University in 2001. His graduate research focus was greenhouse gas emissions from waste amended soils and nutrient cycling. He went on to study nitrogen cycling of a Midwestern corn producing state as a post doc at the University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign in 2002. He is currently an assistant professor of environmental studies in the Department of Environmental and Technological Studies at St. Cloud State University, where his current research focus is environmental issues involving the Sauk River and nutrient cycling of urban soils.

Since arriving at St. Cloud State University in the fall of 2002, Mitch has developed a new introduction to soil science course (which is now required of all environmental studies majors) and a graduate level soils and environmental quality course. As the department's graduate coordinator, he is working to expanding the program to attract a greater number of students in the area of environmental studies and soil science.

Mike Lieser

Mike Lieser graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1974 with a degree in Soil Science. He has been a Soil Scientist with the Soil Conservation Service and later the Natural Resources Conservation Service for 32 plus years. He worked on soil surveys in southwest, central, and west central Minnesota until 1994. Since 1994, he has been an Area Resource Soil Scientist located in Fergus Falls. Mr. Lieser has been a MAPSS member since we started as MAPSC in the mid-1970s.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY

Mark Wespetal

Education

- BS Agriculture - 1977 University of WI - River Falls, Major in Soil Science
- Twelve credits in soil science and hydrology from the University of Minnesota
- Attended many training sessions and symposiums on soils and land application of waste.

Experience

- Soils Research Assistant - University of WI - River Falls, Summer 1976
- Soil Scientist (Soil Classification) - USDA Soil Conservation Service Iowa, 1978 - 1986. Soil mapping of Greene and Ringgold counties
- Soil Scientist (Environmental) - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 1986 to present.
Land treatment of wastewaters and sludges. Treatment systems include: individual sewage treatment systems, rapid infiltration basins and spray irrigation and land spreading.

Memberships

- American Society of Agronomy
- Minnesota Association of Professional Soil Scientists
- Wisconsin Society of Professional Soil Scientists

Certificates

- Registered Professional Soil Scientist – State of Minnesota
- Registered Professional Soil Scientist – State of Wisconsin
- Registered Designer I – Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Publications

Authored/co-authored various papers and manuals on soil identification and sewage treatment by soils.

ELECTION BALLOT – 2007

Only Full or Honorary members may vote.

Ballots due by November 30, 2006

President

Mitch Bender _____

Mike Lieser _____

Write-in: _____

Secretary

Mark Wespetal _____

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Only ballots that have the member's signature on the *outside* of the envelope will be counted!

Mail Ballots to:

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Election results will be announced at the December 2006 winter meeting.