TO: Members of the Soil Science Society of Georgia

FROM: Executive Committee of the Soil Science Society of Georgia

DATE: January 6, 2021

RE: 2021 Annual Meeting

Greetings. We hope you and yours are doing well staying healthy and safe.

The SSSGA executive committee has been working to plan an enjoyable and informative annual meeting for you since we last met at the end of February last year which was also the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. While planning the meeting program and logistics, we have also stayed cognizant of the pandemic and how it could impact our gathering. This is an unwanted dynamic and your safety is, of course, our first concern and has been at the center of our work in this planning.

As the public health concern continues it does not appear that circumstances will improve in the foreseeable future. In that light the executive committee has decided to postpone the annual meeting and we will not hold the annual SSSGA meeting next month. We are currently looking at April 26 & 27 to hold the meeting. These dates are tentative for now as we will continue to monitor the situation as we approach that time.

Our President-elect, Bob Kendall, has developed a great program for the meeting and has also been working on an interesting experience for us in Dahlonega. There have been questions asked about being able to fulfill the ethics training requirement as a part of the new CEU program. Bob has been working on developing something for us as a part of the annual meeting program to be able to fulfill that requirement. In addition to focusing on that change, Rachel Earwood and Patrick Davies have been working diligently on updating the SSSGA website since our last meeting. We would ask you to visit our website (sssga.com) and see the updates that have been made. If you haven't sent us your professional information that was requested this past November, please do so as soon as you can. We want to promote you, our profession, and our society.

Moving forward we ask for your patience and flexibility as we continue to work to make our annual meeting happen in a safe and positive manner for all. We also ask that you do your part to protect yourself and others so this pandemic will be a thing of the past. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions. We will keep you informed as things develop.

Sincerely,

Rusty Royston 2020 President Soil Science Society of Georgia