



Soil Science Society of Georgia, Inc.

P.O. Box 358, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542

TO: Members of the Soil Science Society of Georgia

FROM: Executive Committee of the Soil Science Society of Georgia

DATE: February 13, 2021

RE: 2021 Annual Meeting and Training/CEU Opportunities

Greetings. We hope you and yours are continuing to do well staying healthy and safe.

The SSSGA Executive Committee has continued to monitor the status of the public health situation in Georgia and in our nation. The decision has been made to offer a different format for our society to continue its business and alternatives for our membership to earn continuing education credits for the upcoming renewal cycle in 2022. We hope these alternatives will be safe and informative options for you as we continue to navigate the strange and difficult time.

We will not meet for our normal day and half annual meeting as we have traditionally done in the past. This year we will hold a virtual meeting from 3:00 to 5:00PM on Monday, March 29. During the first part of this virtual meeting will be a Professional Ethics training opportunity as this now a requirement for certification renewal beginning in 2022. The second and last half of the meeting we will hold our annual business meeting for the society which will include the election of the President-elect and the induction of the 2021 President, Bob Kendall. The executive committee has purchased a Zoom account for this purpose to allow everyone with internet access to participate. In addition, we are working with Dr. Gary Hawkins of the University of Georgia to design a field training experience at the Georgia Experiment Station in Griffin for the latter part of April. With warmer weather then we hope it will be easier to follow safety protocols and stay outside. Dr. Hawkins has been working with the Land Use Program office of the Georgia Department of Public Health and GOWA to establish a demonstration and training site for professionals involved in the onsite wastewater industry in the state. Bob Kendall and Brandon Stuart will be leading this activity with Dr. Hawkins. As we are able to finalize a date for this, we will communicate it to you.

Since we are not meeting in-person for our usual day and a half, Bob Kendall and Christopher Parker are researching online training opportunities to share with you with the emphasis on these being least expensive to free of charge. We are looking at trying to get a variety of topics however our goal is to find at least enough for you to earn enough CEU's this year equivalent to what you would have earned by attending a normal annual meeting. Again, we appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work to provide continuing education opportunities for you.

As more details are secured, we will let you know. Please stay safe and thank you for continuing to promote Soil Science and bringing value to our profession.

Sincerely,

Rusty Royston
2020 President

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Membership Renewal 2021

Title (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.) First name Last name

Street address

City State Zip Code

Telephone Email Fax

Membership category (check one) \$25 Individual \$10 Student
 Active Life (no fee)

*Due to COVID-19 concerns, our in-person annual meeting has been cancelled. More information related to field training and alternative CEU opportunities will be provided later. We are planning a virtual annual business meeting for March 29, 2021. Information regarding attending the business meeting will be provided via the LISTSERV distribution.

Please return your membership renewal, payment and President-Elect ballot by March 15, 2021.

Please complete form and return with check payable to: **Soil Science Society of Georgia, Inc.**
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Optional information:

Please indicate your area(s) of interest:

Academia and Research	Consultant	Student
Business and Industry	Government	Other _____

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Ballot for President-Elect for the Soil Science Society of Georgia - 2021

> The President-Elect will serve in that capacity and perform such duties as outlined in the By-Laws of the organization for the period from business meeting March 2021 through annual meeting February 2022.

> The President-Elect shall then succeed to the Presidency for the period from annual meeting February 2022 through annual meeting February 2023. The President will serve in that capacity and perform such duties as outlined in the By-Laws of the organization.

Please nominate/vote for one:

Rick Joslyn

Kirk Hall

Write-in Candidate
