

Business Meeting--Soil Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Community, 2:15 - 3:00 PM, November 18, 2015, Minneapolis, MN

Community Leader: Hero Gollany
Presider: Hero Gollany

The annual community meeting for the Soil Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Community (Environmental Quality Section) was held at 2:15 on November 18, 2015. Hero Gollany called the meeting to order, thanked all for their contributions to the 2015 Community volunteer oral and poster sessions, and introduced incoming Community Leader, Maysoon Mikha.

Hero reviewed the community sessions at Minneapolis and thanked the presiders for their time and effort in keeping the sessions on time. She reported that the sessions and cosponsored symposium were well attended. Maysoon Mikha reported 35 to 65 attendees in her session, and Upendra Sainju reported 30 to 35 attendees in his session. Hero requested members' suggestions for symposium and session topics for next year's meetings in Phoenix, Arizona on November 6-9, 2016. Keith Paustain asked about planning and timing for the session and symposium. Hero suggested contacting Maysoon Mikha (maysoon.mikha@ars.usda.gov) with new ideas for topical sessions and/or symposium as soon as possible, and she added to let us know soon if you'd like to invite a speaker. Maysoon Mikha announced that she will send an e-mail for topical session ideas in the near future. Curtis Dell asked as we plan the symposium, would we consider making it as a special journal edition. Curtis can help facilitate the process if we decide to publish in JEQ. Hero asked members to keep thinking about symposium ideas for 2016 and send their thoughts to her and Maysoon within the next couple of weeks. A topical session on deep soil C was suggested for next year.

Several attendees indicated that ammonia is an emerging issue and asked where it fits. The fertilizer industry is changing, with ammonia and NO₂ becoming issues. Collaborative work among the communities on total N (gas & leaching) may be a way to deliver a symposium or topical session. Nancy Cavallaro from USDA-NIFA suggested that for next year we could try the Z fund for community activities if we need some funds. She also announced that a call for GHG proposals is coming soon for those planning for AFRI's fund.

Hero announced the Graduate Student Poster winners for 2015 on behalf of Jane M-F Johnson, past community Leader, and thanked Jane and the 16 community members who devoted their time to evaluate 13 posters. The three winners are:

First place (\$250.00), Richard T. Roth, Illinois State University. "Effect of Cover Crops and Nitrogen Application Timing on Nutrient Loading through Subsurface Drainage".

Second place (\$200.00), Claire A Campbell, University of Wisconsin-Madison. "Bringing a Needle to a Laser Fight: Comparing Greenhouse Gas Sampling Methods with Gas Chromatography and Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy".

Third place (\$150.00), Maninder K. Walia, Ohio State University. "Influence of Gypsum and Carbon Amendments on Carbon Fractionation in Two Contrasting Soils in Ohio".

Hero announced that there were two candidates nominated for the position of 2016 Community Vice-Leader (2017 Leader). These candidates are Larry Cihacek from North Dakota State University and Upendra Sainju from USDA-ARS in Sidney, Montana. Hero asked those in attendance if there were any further nominations for 2017 Community Leader. There were none. Hero will obtain short bios from Larry and Upendra and consult with headquarters staff to send a ballot out via the membership list-server. Voting will be conducted via email in the near future according to ASA community by-laws.

Hero reported that community membership has grown to 1156 as of November 12! Comments received in a survey of attendees of last year's 'Nitrous Oxide Emissions from Soil' Workshop indicated that we delivered a unique value to our audience. We are conducting another one on Thursday, November 19.

The 2016 Annual Meeting is Nov. 6-9 in Phoenix, encouraging a new format "Ignite Sessions", 5 minute rapid presentations for some volunteer sessions. This may allow more focused talk and discussion and include more presentations than the current format.

Hero also announced that SSSA 2019 Annual Meeting will be independent of ASA and CSSA, Jan. 6-9 in San Diego, co-organized with the Canadian and Mexican Soil Science Societies.

Hero asked if there was any further business to conduct, and there was none. The business meeting was then adjourned at 3:00 pm following closing remarks by the current Community Leader.