

Brief biographies for nominated candidates

President-Elect:

Danielle Balduff - Wetland Team Leader for NRCS, based in Stark County. Received Ph.D. from U. of Maryland for research on subaqueous soils in bay on Atlantic Coast; received M.S. from OSU for research on mineralogy of potassium-rich soils in NW Ohio; member of OSU soil judging team as undergraduate; ODNR intern in 1999-2000.

Joe Steiger - Consultant, based in Muskingum County. Retired from NRCS in 1996 after serving as soil survey project leader in four Ohio counties; began career as soil scientist with NRCS in 1963; received M.S. from OSU in 1967 for research on till and lacustrine deposits in western Ohio; graduate of Soil Science Institute in 1976.

Treasurer:

Jeff Glanville - Soil Database Manager for NRCS, based in state office. Served on NW Ohio soil survey staff from 1997 to 2002; began career as soil scientist with NRCS in 1987; participated in soil survey projects for three Ohio counties and two North Dakota counties; member of OSU soil judging team as undergraduate.

Larry Tornes - Consultant, based in Delaware County. Retired from ODNR as soil information coordinator in 2003 and from NRCS as state soil scientist in Michigan in 1994; served as assistant state soil scientist in Ohio from 1976 to 1989; began career as soil scientist with NRCS in 1958 in Ohio; worked in NY from 1962 to 1976.

Secretary:

Jerry Bigham - Professor at OSU in Columbus. Served as Director of School of Environment and Natural Resources from 2005 until a few months ago; member of OSU soils faculty since 1977; editor-in-chief for Soil Science Society of America from 1994 to 1999; author of 93 refereed journal articles; graduate of NCSU (Ph.D.) and Texas Tech.

Andy Kleinschmidt - Assistant Professor and Extension Educator for OSU, based in Van Wert County, and Consultant. Author of over 30 externally and internally peer-reviewed publications in area of environmental research, with emphasis on agricultural implications; graduate of Iowa State (M.S.) in soil chemistry and Purdue.

Editor:

Tim Gerber - Part-time employee of ODNR in state office. Retired from ODNR as soil inventory and evaluation administrator in 2008; member of Ohio Soil Inventory Board from 1991 to 2008; served as soil survey project leader in two Ohio counties; began full-time career as soil scientist with ODNR in 1973; received M.S. from OSU in 1973.

Private Practice Representative:

.Todd Houser – Storm Water Specialist at Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District. Received a B.S. (1996) and M.S (1999) in Soil Science from OSU. Worked as consultant in northeast Ohio prior to Cuyahoga SWCD.

Rex Mapes - Consultant, based in Delaware County. Retired from NRCS in 1994 as a soil scientist on the National Soil Survey Center's quality assurance staff; served as assistant state soil scientist in Ohio from 1977 to 1988; served as project leader in two Illinois counties and mapped in six others; began career as soil scientist in 1961

Federal Representative

Neil Martin - MLRA Project Leader for NRCS in Findlay. Retired from ODNR in 2009 as soil inventory and evaluation administrator; project leader for SE Ohio soil survey staff from 1996 to 2007; project leader for one Ohio county and project team member for five others; began career as soil scientist in 1979 after graduating from Cornell University.

State Representative

Matt Deaton - Soil Resource Information Manager for ODNR based in Montgomery County. Project leader for NW Ohio soil survey staff from 2006 to 2007; member of SW Ohio soil survey staff from 2001 to 2007; coach for Wilmington College soil judging team; former member of OSU soil judging team; ODNR intern in 2001.

Academic Representative

Tom Zimmerman - Consultant and faculty member (emeritus since 2005) at OSU Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster. Began on faculty at ATI in 1975; served as coordinator for environmental resources management; faculty member at Delaware Valley College from 1971 to 1975; graduate of Penn State (M.S. and Ph.D.) and OSU.