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To: All Members
Board of Directors, American Society of Agronomy

A recent decision by your Executive Committee of the Board of Directors changes the dates of our 1954 annual meetings from the week of October 25 to the week of November 8, and the location from Minneapolis to Saint Paul.

This change was necessitated by a couple of problems which arose during the past month while we were attempting to make final arrangements with the Minneapolis hotels.

The first of these concerned a belated announcement of certain heavy charges for meeting rooms by the Radisson Hotel, which would have been our Minneapolis headquarters. This hotel had made no mention whatever of such charges during our preliminary negotiations, and it appeared that the other Minneapolis hotels might plan to follow suit. The second problem arose when the Radisson Hotel advised us that they had gone ahead and arranged a considerable number of competing functions, such as outside luncheons and banquets, for the meeting rooms that were supposed to have been held for our use during the convention week. These would have necessitated early adjournments and delayed starts for many of our sectional meetings.

When these problems were presented to your Executive Committee, all five members agreed that our Society should select another site for its 1954 meetings, if possible. A quick survey revealed that the most promising alternatives were Milwaukee (week of December 13) and Saint Paul (week of Nov. 8).

Milwaukee offered full use of its Auditorium, which has seven spacious meeting rooms, but some members of the Executive Committee felt that the week of December 13 was somewhat late in the year. Saint Paul offered full use of its two largest hotels, the Saint Paul and the Lowry, which can provide meeting rooms comparable to those previously offered by Minneapolis (perhaps somewhat better in that a third hotel, the Saint Francis, can also provide additional meeting space.). Saint Paul people specified that there would be no meeting room charges. Your Executive Committee liked the earlier dates available at Saint Paul, but two members indicated their preference for big, spacious meeting rooms under one roof -- such as Milwaukee could provide. Two other members pointed out that Saint Paul represented no real change in location, thus it would tend to satisfy any commitment, expressed or implied, that the Society might have made with its membership located in that area.

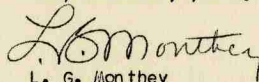
At any rate, the decision was very close and slightly in favor of Saint Paul.

On the basis of initial plans, the Saint Paul Hotel will serve as our convention headquarters. Most of the Soil Science Divisions meetings will also be scheduled for that hotel. The Lowry Hotel, about one block away, will accommodate meetings of the Crop Science Divisions. The Saint Francis Hotel, about two blocks away, will provide a meeting room of 150 capacity for the sessions of the Agronomic Education Division.

The Saint Paul and Lowry Hotels are under the same management, which will greatly facilitate arrangements. These two hotels can provide 450 sleeping rooms, and approximately 300 are available at other first-class hotels nearby, including the St. Francis and the Ryan hotels. This should take care of our requirements.

We plan to send a news letter out to all members of the Society on or about May 1 to announce these arrangements. We will be happy to have your comments and to include any suggestions you may wish to incorporate into this general mailing. Meanwhile, we have arranged news items for all of our ASA and SSSA publications, and we are sending out an appropriate news release to all trade journals and press services.

Very sincerely yours,



L. G. Monthey
Executive Secretary

cc: All 1954 program chairmen

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To: All Program Chairmen,
ASA 1954 Annual Meetings

Gentlemen:

At our 1953 meetings in Dallas, several of the program chairmen who worked on last year's program suggested that a more detailed set of instructions regarding the schedule and preparation of the 1954 program would be helpful to their successors. With that in mind, we have prepared the following material for your information and guidance:

1. All titles for the 1954 program are due in the hands of each division program chairman by June 1. Each title is to be accompanied by a 200-word synopsis, or abstract, of the material to be presented by the speaker. Two (2) copies of each abstract have been requested, except in the case of papers intended for the Soil Science Divisions. The latter are asking for three (3) copies of each abstract this year.
2. Titles submitted after June 1 should not be considered for this year's program.
3. On June 15, or before, each division program chairman should submit the proposed program for his division (including 2 copies of each abstract) to:
 - (a) Soil Science Divisions: M. B. Russell, program chairman, or
 - (b) Crop Science Divisions: G. H. Stringfield, program chairman, or
 - (c) Agronomic Education Division: J. C. Lowery, program chairman.
4. As soon after June 15 as possible, one set of all abstracts should be sent to the Executive Secretary for publication. All abstracts should be in Mr. Monthy's hands by June 20, in order to get them published by September 1.
5. The proposed programs for all divisions and groups of divisions should be sent to G. G. Pohlman, Morgantown, West Virginia, on or before July 1. The complete program will be assembled in July and sent to the Executive Secretary on or before August 1. We plan to have the printed program in the mails soon after September 1.

Very sincerely yours,

G. G. Pohlman
General Chairman, 1954 Program

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

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G. G. Pohlman, General Program Chairman

Soil Science Divisions (Soil Science Society of America), M. B. Russell,
vice-president in charge of program.

Division I (Soil physics): W. Derby Laws, Texas Research Foundation,
Renner, Texas.

Division II (Soil chemistry): G. Donald Sherman, University of Hawaii,
Honolulu, T. H.

Division III (Soil microbiology): F. E. Broadbent, Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Division IV (Soil fertility): W. L. Nelson, North Carolina State
College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Section IVa (Organic soils): W. T. Forsee, Jr. Everglades Experiment
Station, Belle Glade, Florida.

Section IVb (Plant nutrients): Proctor Gull, Spencer Chemical Co.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Division V (Soil classification): E. P. Whiteside, Michigan State
College, East Lansing, Michigan.

Division Va (Forest soils): Don P. White, Syracuse University,
Syracuse, New York.

Division VI (Soil conservation): W. H. Allaway, USDA Plant Industry
Station, Beltsville, Maryland.

Crop Science Divisions, G. H. Stringfield, vice-president and program
chairman.

Division VII (Crop breeding): P. H. Harvey, North Carolina State
College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Division VIII (Crop physiology): Dale Smith, University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Division IX (Crop production): B. A. Brown, University of Connecticut,
Storrs, Connecticut.

Division X (Seed technology): H. A. Inglis, University of Georgia,
Athens, Georgia.

Division XI (Turf management): W. H. Daniel, Purdue University,
Lafayette, Indiana.

Division XII (Weeds): F. L. Timmons, c/o Utah State Agr. College,
Logan, Utah.

Agronomic Education

Division XIII (Agronomic education): J. H. Lowery, Alabama Polytechnic
Institute, Auburn, Alabama.