

Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts

Association Manual

Foreword

The Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (MASCD) is pleased to provide you with this copy of the Association Manual. This manual has evolved over many years and contains several sections which have been prepared to describe our formation, our history, our current operating guidelines and bylaws, and our future expectations in the form of our policy. Supervisors and award winners, since the formation of the association, are recognized in the following pages and past presidents describe the activities that occurred under their leadership. The manual has been designed so it can be updated as new leaders take the reins from old and as MASCD recognizes the contributions of other individuals in the soil conservation movement in Maryland.

The first four sections of this manual are taken from the previous "Handbook of MASCD Policy, Activities and Operation Procedures" which was first published in 1989 as an appendix in "Maryland Soil Conservation History". A copy of "Maryland Soil Conservation History" is included in section seven. The initial publication and first version of this manual were projects of the Maryland Soil Conservation Leaders Association, under the Presidency of Wilbert Paul, who arranged for the printing and distribution.

Section five is the "MASCD Policy Book" which was assembled by Lynne Hoot (MASCD Executive Director) in 1991. Section six, "Maryland SCD Supervisors," which was first published in 1990, is a list of all the people that have served as district supervisors in Maryland.

Section seven is a history of soil and water conservation in Maryland in four parts. Part A was prepared for the 50th anniversary of the Soil Conservation Service in Maryland. Part B was prepared for the MASCD by Fred Bull, a former executive secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee to record the beginning history of the MASCD. Part C, published in 1989, was initially a collection of the reports which had been prepared by Arnold Hawkins to record the conservation activities during each MASCD President's term of office as a follow up of the history recorded in Part B. See the introduction to Maryland Soil Conservation History in Section seven.

The initial publication of Section 7C included reports of the presidents up through the term of Donald L. Spickler which ended in July 1987. Reports of the presidents whose terms ended after July 1987 were initially published as Part D, supplement to Part C. In 2001 the Part D supplements were combined with Part C to make one continuous report.

MASCD thanks Arnold Hawkins (MASCD Life Member) for all his involvement in preparing all of the sections that appear in this manual. In 1994 Lynne Hoot assumed responsibility for the computer records used to maintain this manual. Also, all additions and corrections made after 2/94 were made with her assistance.

Summary

Publications that preceded and were used in developing the Association Manual include:

1. Soil and Water Conservation in Maryland 1935-1985
Prepared for the 50th anniversary of SCS
2. History of MASCD
A record of the activities of MASCD, 1945-1969
3. MASCD Presidents and Soil and Water Conservation
A collection of reports of each MASCD presidents term of office, 1966-1987
4. Maryland Soil Conservation History
Included the three publications listed above plus an appendix of 26 pages of MASCD activities and procedures.
5. In 1990 the appendix listed above was revised and increased to 40 pages
6. Maryland SCD Supervisors
A list of all Supervisors that had served in Maryland.
7. MASCD Policy Book
A collection of policy as recommended by MASCD.
8. Handbook of MASCD Policy, Activities and Operating Procedures
The appendix as listed in #4 was further revised and increased to 47 pages. Also the Policy book listed in #7 was included.
9. Association Manual
Published in 1994 to include all of the above in seven parts. In the first four sections the appendix which started as 26 pages in 1989 had increased to 68 pages in 2000.

THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

The Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts is a non-profit, educational and charitable association organized on March 29, 1945. The initial name was the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors. On July 26, 1952 "Supervisors" was deleted from the name to form the MASCD.

The Association was incorporated in 1956 as the Maryland Association Of Soil Conservation Districts, Inc. The Articles of Incorporation carry the names of the original directors. The only changes in the Articles of Incorporation were made in 1969 when wording was added to make the Association eligible for tax exempt status. In 1969, the Association became tax exempt under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Contributions to the association are tax exempt.

At the time of incorporation, the "Articles of Association" became the Bylaws of the Association under the Articles of Incorporation. Operating Rules supplemental to the Bylaws, have also been adopted.

As provided in the Articles of Incorporation the association was organized to exchange information relating to the administration and operation of soil conservation districts in the State of Maryland; to effect cooperation between such districts; to coordinate the programs of the districts; to disseminate information throughout the state concerning the activities and programs of the soil conservation districts; to cooperate with the State Soil Conservation Committee and other agencies assisting soil conservation districts; to promote the interests and activities of civic and other organizations in soil conservation, drainage, and erosion control; and otherwise to aid in the prevention and control of soil erosion and the conservation of soil, water, forests and wildlife.

Membership is composed of all Maryland Soil Conservation District Supervisors. The Association represents the 24 soil conservation districts and operates through a board of directors comprised of the chairperson of each of the soil conservation districts organized in Maryland. The directors meet four times a year or as needed to transact the business of the Association. The Association and the districts are members of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

A part time Executive Director position was established in 1987. The current mailing address for the association is:

Lynne Hoot, Executive Director
MASCD
53 Slama Road
Edgewater, MD 21037-1423

In 1993 MASCD developed a mission and vision for the future. We are proud to share this as we proceed with our goals.

Mission

MASCD's mission is to promote practical and effective soil, water, and related natural resources programs to all citizens through individual conservation districts on a voluntary basis through leadership, education, cooperation, and local direction.

Vision

MASCD will be recognized and respected as the leading organization, independent, and capable of providing the best information for natural resource management.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

Recognizing that fertile land is the basis of individual farm prosperity as well as community, County, State and Nation; and in order to protect and preserve the soil resources of this great state of Maryland, to promote to welfare of those who till the soil and those who are affected by its loss or deterioration and to cultivate a love for soil as a sacred trust for unborn generations, we do hereby associate ourselves under the provisions of the following constitution.

ARTICLE I

The name of this Association shall be the "Maryland Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors."

ARTICLE II

The Chairman of each board of District Supervisors, by virtue of his position, is automatically a member of this Association.

ARTICLE III

The annual meeting of the Association will be held at the time and place prescribed by the board of directors. Special meeting may be called by the President or when requested by the board of directors. Notice of each meeting, which is to be sent out by the Secretary-Treasurer, shall state the time, place and business to be considered at the proposed meeting. The notice must be sent out at least ten days in advance of the meeting. No business shall be transacted at any meeting except as stated in the notice thereof, unless a majority of the members of the Association are present and a motion to consider business other than that stated in the notice is approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present. Except as stated above, one-half of the membership of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Association. The concurrences by a majority vote of those present in any matter shall be necessary for its determination. Any District Supervisor from the same Soil Conservation District may represent the Chairman, and may express his opinion and vote at any of the meetings; provided this Chairman has so indicated his desire to have a substitution made in his absence.

ARTICLE IV

A President, Vice-President, and a Second Vice-President shall be elected from the membership of the Association by the members of the Association at the annual meetings. In the years when the President is elected, representing any of the Eastern Shore Districts, it will be necessary that a Western Shore Supervisor fill the office of the Vice-President. The reverse shall apply when a Western Shore Supervisor is made President. This board shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer. The officers shall take office at the close of the regular annual meeting and shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

ARTICLE V

The management of this Association between regular or called meetings shall be vested in an Executive Committee, composed of the serving President, Vice-President and Second Vice-President.

ARTICLE VI

The President of this organization shall be the executive head of the Association and shall preside at all its meetings and Executive Committee meetings. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee and shall furnish members of the committee information pertaining to the activities of the Association. He shall receive and account for all money paid into the treasury and shall use such money as directed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

By-laws may be adopted and these Articles of Association may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present at the annual or special meetings of the Association, provided these proposed By-laws or Amendments are sent out with the written notices announcing the meeting.

**MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, INC.
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS**

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AS OF JULY 1969

FIRST: WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Harry H. Rieck whose post office address is Preston, Maryland, Robert A. Stevens whose post office address is Hermanville, Maryland, and W. Mitchell Digges whose post office address is La Plata, Maryland, each being at least twenty-one years of age, do hereby associate ourselves as incorporators with the intention of forming a corporation under and by virtue of the General Laws of the State of Maryland.

SECOND: The name of the corporation (which is herein called the Corporation) is The Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts Incorporated.

THIRD: Said Corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes which include the following: To exchange information relating to the administration and operation of Soil Conservation Districts in the State of Maryland and to effect cooperation between such Districts; to coordinate the programs of the Districts; to disseminate information throughout the State concerning the activities and programs of the Soil Conservation Districts; to cooperate with the State Soil Conservation Committee and other agencies assisting Soil Conservation Districts; to promote the interests and activities of civic and other organizations in soil conservation, drainage and erosion control; and otherwise to aid in the prevention and control of soil erosion and the conservation of soil, water, forests and wildlife.

FOURTH: The post office address of the principal office of the Corporation in this State is 53 Slama Road, Edgewater, Maryland, 21037. The name and post office address of the resident agent of the Corporation in this State is John Parker Smith, 2426 Old New Windsor Road, New Windsor, Maryland, 21776. Said resident agent is a citizen of this State and actually resides herein.

FIFTH: The Corporation shall be without capital stock and will not be operated for profit.

SIXTH: The number of directors of the Corporation shall be twenty-three (23) whose names are as follows and this number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three. (Note - Talbot SCD was organized in 1958)

Directors at time of incorporation in 1956:

Ernest R. Slider	W.R. Newman	Alfonso H. Dean
Fred Wilson	Carl A. Heider	Foster Yost
Harry H. Rieck	Robert A. Stevens	Thurman R. Warfield, Sr.
Charles H. Remsberg	Jacob M. Ankeney	George Lechliden
W. Mitchell Digges	Raymond Armstrong	T. Walter Denny
Harry A. Zentz	Calvert W. Norfolk	Guy W. Chelton
Worley N. Umbarger	Horace S. Brauning, Sr.	Roscoe Purnell
	Samuel W. Caldwell	S. Otis Northam

SEVENTH: The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual. Action to dissolve the corporation can be initiated by a vote of four-fifths of the directors present at any meeting of the directors. Ratification by four-fifths of the soil conservation districts will be required before the corporation will be declared dissolved. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)

EIGHTH: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)
(Approved and recorded by State Department of Assessments And Taxation, July 1969)

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Inc.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP - DUES

SECTION 1 - VOTING MEMBERSHIP

All members of Boards of Supervisors of Soil Conservation Districts created under the provisions of the Maryland Soil Conservation Districts Law shall be voting members in the Association.

ARTICLE II - SECTION 2 - NONVOTING MEMBERSHIP

The following categories of membership entitle individuals, corporations, etc., to all rights and privileges of the Association except the right to vote or serve as an officer of the Association:

A. Past Supervisor Membership

When a member ceases to be a Supervisor of a Soil Conservation District, membership in the Association may be continued by paying a membership fee of \$2.00 per year.

B. District Associate Supervisor Membership

Soil Conservation District Associate Supervisors may be granted nonvoting membership upon nomination by the District Board of Supervisors and payment of a membership fee of \$2.00 per year.

C. Affiliate Membership

Corporations, public and private associations, organizations, groups, agencies or individuals may be granted Affiliate Membership upon making a minimum contribution as set by the Board of Directors.

D. Contributing Membership

Individuals may be granted Contributing Membership upon making a minimum contribution as set by the Board of Directors.

E. Contributions

All contributors shall be given the opportunity to specify the use of contributions except that two dollars of each nonvoting membership fee or contribution shall be deposited in the Association's general fund for postage, etc. Unless otherwise specified, all other nonvoting membership fees or contributions shall be used by the Board of Directors to further the activities of the Association. All such activities shall be consistent with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

F. LIFE MEMBERS

All Presidents of the Association will automatically become Life Members upon completing their term of office as president. Other supervisors and assisting persons may be awarded life memberships if recommended by the Board of Directors, and approved by a majority vote of the full membership.

SECTION 3 - DUES

Annual dues per District shall be set by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS - FULL MEMBERSHIP

The regular annual meeting of the Association shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Each member shall be given at least ten days advance notice of the time and place of the regular annual meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called by the President upon request by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Notice of each special meeting shall state the time, place, and purpose of the meeting and shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Association at least ten days prior to such meeting. One-third of the membership of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Association. The concurrence of a majority of those present and voting on any matter shall be necessary for its determination. See Article X for requirements for amending the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Inc., shall be composed of the Chairperson of each District in the State, and the officers and executive committee of the State Association. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly except in an emergency. Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called by the President upon request of a majority of the Board of Directors. District Chairpersons, who cannot attend meetings or otherwise serve as a director, may designate another Supervisor on their Board to represent them. Substitute directors will have full voting privileges. There will be only one vote per District on the Board of Directors. Either the President or Secretary shall issue notice of Director's meetings at least two weeks in advance of the meeting and the notice shall be accompanied by the agenda for the meeting. A majority of the Districts is required for a quorum. With the exception of the operating rules, the concurrence of a majority of those present and voting on any matter shall be necessary for its determination. (See Article X for requirements for amending the bylaws.)

The Board of Directors will be the policy-making body of this organization. They will adopt an annual budget and approve any expenditure not in the annual budget.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SECTION 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The full membership shall, at the Annual Meeting every second year (odd numbered years), elect from the voting membership of the Association, a President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and a Treasurer. The Secretary may be elected from the active supervisor membership or may be a District staff person. Election shall be by ballot, which includes the recommendations of the nominating committee and nominations from the floor at the time of the election. The President shall be limited to two consecutive terms. The officers shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting following their election and shall hold office for two years, or until their successors have been duly elected. The Board of Directors will fill any vacancies, which occur between elections: however, the first Vice President will assume the office of President if a vacancy should occur. The Second Vice President will assume the office of First Vice President if a vacancy should occur in that office. The Board of Directors may request the nominating committee to make recommendations to fill vacancies.

SECTION 2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee will be elected by the full Membership during the annual meeting in the year following the year in which an election of officers is held (even numbered years). Elections are held in odd numbered years. Each Nominating Committee will serve two years or until their successors have been elected. The Board of Directors shall fill unexpired terms. Five active supervisors shall be elected. Each of the five geographic areas listed in the Soil Conservation District's Law shall be represented on the Committee. The President will appoint a temporary chairperson for the first meeting of the Committee when the Committee will elect a chairperson from their membership.

The Committee will recommend a slate of officers, one or more nominees for each of the five offices, at the March Board of Directors Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting at which an election is to be held. The committee may upon request, make recommendations to fill office vacancies and other appointments.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President shall be the executive head of the Association and shall preside at all its meetings and at meetings of the Executive Committee. The 1st Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is absent or unable to serve. The Second Vice President will perform the duties of the First Vice President when the First Vice President is absent or unable to serve. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Association and information pertaining to the activities of the Association. The Secretary will distribute minutes as provided in the rules. The Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies paid into the treasury, and shall use such monies as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The management of the Association between regular or called meetings and Director's meetings shall be vested in an Executive Committee, composed of the officers of the Association and the most recent Past President that is an active supervisor and not a current officer. The Board of Directors must approve expenditures of funds. Actions are limited to items that require action before the next meeting of the Board of Directors or are otherwise provided for in the Operating Rules.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Resource, budget and finance, audit, Goodyear program, resolutions, and awards committees shall be as provided in the operating rules. Such other committees as may be necessary for the conduct of the work of the association may be created by the president or the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX – AFFILIATIONS

The Association may, with the approval of a majority of its members, become affiliated with other Associations of Soil Conservation Districts and other conservation organizations having a common objective. The Association will cooperate with the National Association of Conservation Districts both at the area and the national level in the furtherance of the conservation of natural resources. Following the bi-annual election of officers (odd numbered years) the board of directors shall designate MASCD members to serve as the member and alternate to the NACD board of directors for a two-year term. (See rule #23)

The Maryland Soil Conservation Leaders Association shall be affiliated with MASCD as an advisory group and to otherwise cooperate in the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources. The Soil Conservation Leaders Association, is made up of members of MASCD that have served as president of the association, Chairperson of the State Soil Conservation Committee or in other administrative position of significant importance to the Soil Conservation Programs in Maryland upon invitation by the Leaders Association members.

Other affiliations may be listed in the operating rules.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

The Articles of Incorporation and the by-laws or any provisions thereof may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all voting members present at any regular or special meeting of the Association provided at least thirty votes (one-fourth of the membership) are cast in favor of the amendment. The Board of Directors shall first approve any proposed amendment by a two-thirds majority vote, set a date for action thereon and submit the proposed amendment to the entire membership at least thirty days prior to the date set for action thereon. (Changes in the Articles of Incorporation must be approved and recorded by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation)

ARTICLE XI - CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of this Association.

MASCD TAX EXEMPT STATUS

In 1969, the Internal Revenue Service granted tax exempt status to the Association as provided in the following statements taken from the IRS determination letter dated June, 1969.

"On the basis of your stated purposes and the understanding that your operations will continue as evidenced to date or will conform to those proposed in your ruling application, we have concluded that you are exempt from Federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any changes in operation from those described, or in your character or purposes, must be reported immediately to your District Director for consideration of their effect upon your exempt status. You must also report any change in your name or address."

"You are not required to file Federal income tax returns so long as you retain an exempt status, unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income imposed by section 511 of the Code, in which event you are required to file Form 990-T. Our determination as to your liability for filing the annual information return, Form 990-A, is set forth above. That return, if required, must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your annual accounting period indicated above."

"Contributions made to you are deductible by donors as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under the provisions of sections 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code."

"Your exempt status may be jeopardized if you advocate or campaign for objectives which can only be attained by the enactment or defeat of legislation as distinguished from engaging in nonpartisan analysis, study or research and presenting a sufficiently full and fair exposition of the pertinent facts thereof to the various Federal, state and local agencies, committees and officials or the public as to permit an independent opinion or conclusion. This caveat has particular reference to any increase in activities consisting of informing legislators by letter of conservation need and such activities are more than insubstantial and other than incidental to your exempt purposes."

MASCD OFFICERS 1945 - 2007

DATE	PRESIDENT	1st V.PRESIDENT	2nd V.PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
03-29-45	Walter Burall	Harry Rieck	Lee Linkhous	John Cotton	John Cotton
08-04-49	William Powell	Harry Rieck	Worley Umbarger	Edward Rider	Edward Rider
01-06-53	Harry Rieck	Horace Brauning	Raymond Armstrong	Edward Rider	Edward Rider
01-04-54	Harry Rieck	Horace Brauning	Raymond Armstrong	Carl Heider	Fred Bull
01-12-59	Charles Remsburg	Walter Denny	Raymond Armstrong	Lathrop Smith	Lathrop Smith
01-03-61	Walter Denny	Raymond Armstrong	Wilbur Dove	Lathrop Smith	Lathrop Smith
01-02-63	Walter Denny	Wilbur Dove	Robert Stevens	Lathrop Smith	Lathrop Smith
01-06-65	Walter Denny	Wilbur Dove	Gerald Holloway	Fred Bull	Fred Bull
01-07-66	Lathrop Smith	Gerald Holloway	Fred Lieske	Oscar Schmidt	Oscar Schmidt
12-14-67	Lathrop Smith	Norman Fike	Fred Lieske	Oscar Schmidt	Oscar Schmidt
01-04-69	Norman Fike	Robert Stevens	Coursey Edwards	Wilbur Ward	Wilbur Ward
12-04-70	Wilbur Ward	Coursey Edwards	Wilbert Paul	Virginia Wiltbank	Virginia Wiltbank
12-01-72	Coursey Edwards	Wilbert Paul	Fred Lieske	Floyd Allred	Floyd Allred
03-23-73	Fred Lieske	Wilbert Paul	(vacant)	Floyd Allred	Floyd Allred
07-18-73	Fred Lieske	Henry Lakin	Wilbert Paul	Floyd Allred	Dale Churchey
07-22-74	Fred Lieske	Wilbert Paul	William Sutton	Floyd Allred	Dale Churchey
07-18-75	Wilbert Paul	William Sutton	Vernon Foster	Floyd Allred	W. Burdette
07-22-77	William Sutton	Virginia Wiltbank	Floyd Allred	Loring Sparks	Marshall Rea
07-20-79	Floyd Allred	Donald Spickler	Lee McFarlane	Loring Sparks	Joan Price
07-17-81	Lee McFarlane	Donald Spickler	Loring Sparks	Wilson Lippy	Joan Price
07-15-82	Lee McFarlane	Donald Spickler	Robert Stevens	Loring Sparks	Joan Price
10-25-83	Lee McFarlane	Donald Spickler	Richard Wright	Loring Sparks	David Bourdon
10-29-85	Donald Spickler	Richard Wright	George Bishoff	Loring Sparks	David Bourdon
07-14-87	Richard Wright	John Nicolai	George Bishoff	Loring Sparks	Allan Hatton
07-13-89	Royden Powell	George Lechliden	George Bishoff	Loring Sparks	Jeffrey Opel
05-01-92	George Lechliden	(vacant)	George Bishoff	Loring Sparks	Jeffrey Opel
07-16-92	George Lechliden	Paul Spurrier	George Bishoff	Loring Sparks	Marshall Rea
07-22-93	George Lechliden	Martha Clark	Paul Spurrier	Loring Sparks	Marshall Rea
07-20-95	George Lechliden	Martha Clark	J. Parker Smith	Donald Spickler	Marshall Rea
07-17-97	Martha Clark	J. Parker Smith	Robert Fitzgerald	Donald Spickler	Robert Ziehm
01-24-99	Martha Clark	Robert Fitzgerald	(vacant)	Donald Spickler	Robert Ziehm
07-21-99	Martha Clark	Robert Fitzgerald	R. Calvert Steuart	Donald Spickler	Robert Ziehm
07-18-00	Martha Clark	Robert Fitzgerald	R. Calvert Steuart	Donald Spickler	Bryan Butler
03-01-01	Martha Clark	Robert Fitzgerald	R. Calvert Steuart	Donald Spickler	Sharon Mariaca
07-19-01	Robert Wilson	Robert Fitzgerald	R. Calvert Steuart	Donald Spickler	Steve Spielman
10-22-02	Robert Wilson	Lee McDaniel	R. Calvert Steuart	Donald Spickler	Steve Spielman
07-16-03	Robert Wilson	Lee McDaniel	R. Calvert Steuart	Donald Spickler	Steve Spielman
01-25-04	Robert Wilson	Lee McDaniel	R. Calvert Steuart	Martha Clark	Steve Spielman
07-26-05	Lee McDaniel	R. Calvert Steuart	Hans Schmidt	Martha Clark	Gary Davis
07-19-07	Lee McDaniel	R. Calvert Steuart	Hans Schmidt	Donald Spickler	Gary Davis

Supervisor Members of the SSCC

The State Soil Conservation Committee was created in 1937. Initially the Committee was all agency personnel because districts had not been formed.

In 1951 two supervisors were named as members of the SSCC. Mr. Harry H. Riech was appointed to represent the Eastern Shore and Mr. William R. Powell was appointed to represent the Western Shore.

In 1966 a third area was created and Mr. W. Mitchell Digges was appointed to represent the Southern Maryland area. Mr. Wilbert R. Paul continued to represent the rest of the Western Shore. The term of office was changed to three years. Previous appointments had been for one year. Terms were staggered so there would be one appointment each year. Also in 1966 the President for MASCD was named as a member of the SSCC. Mr. Lathrop E. Smith was the first President to serve as a SSCC member.

In 1974 a fourth area was created and Mr. Vernon R. Foster was appointed to represent the Central Maryland area. The legislation that created the fourth area also provided that appointments would be for four year terms and terms would be staggered so there would be one appointment each year. The legislation also provided that appointments would be limited to two consecutive four year terms.

In 1984 a fifth area was created by dividing the Eastern Shore into an Upper Shore area and a Lower Shore area. The term of office continued to be four years. Mr. George Godfrey was appointed to represent the Upper Shore and Mr. Richard Wright continued to represent the Lower Shore only.

The table shows those supervisors that have served on the SSCC. Note that Wilbert Paul did not serve the last year of his appointed term because he also served as President of MASCD. Donald Spickler completed Mr. Paul's term and then served two four year terms. Mr. Mitchell Digges served for eleven years prior to a limit on terms was established. Mr. Wilbur Ward resigned in 1979. Mr. Digges completed his term and then two four year terms. Mr. Digges served on the Committee longer than any other person.

Mr. Coursey Edwards resigned as President in 1973. Mr. Fred Lieske finished his term and then served a two year term. Mr. Royden Powell resigned as President in 1972 and Mr. George Lechluder completed his term and then served two, two year terms.

Prior to 1971 an agency person was always chairman of the SSCC. Wilbert Paul was elected chairman in 1971. A supervisor has been chairman since then. Chair persons are marked with an * in the table.

Several supervisors have served on the Committee that were members because they represented the Maryland Agriculture Commission. They are listed in the following table.

Supervisor Members of the SSCC

July	1 st – 1951 Area #5	2 nd – 1951 Area #1	3 rd – 1966 Area #2	4 th – 1974 Area #4	5 th – 1984 Area #3	Supervisors that have Represented AG Commission	MASCD President
1951 – 59	Rieck	Powell					
1959 – 60	Rieck	Remsburg					
1960 – 61	Rieck	Remsburg					
1961 – 62	Denny	Remsburg					
1962 – 63	Denny	Remsburg					
1963 – 64	Denny	Remsburg					
1964 – 65	Denny	Remsburg					
1965 – 66	Denny	Paul					
1966 – 67	Denny	Paul	Digges				Smith
1967 – 68	Denny	Paul	Digges				Smith
1968 – 69	Denny	Paul	Digges				Fike
1969 – 70	Denny	Paul	Digges				Fike
1970 – 71	Denny	Paul	Digges				Ward
1971 – 72	Denny	Paul *	Digges				Ward
1972 – 73	Holloway	Paul *	Digges				Edwards/Lieske
1973 – 74	Holloway	Paul *	Digges				Lieske
1974 – 75	Holloway	Paul *	Digges	Foster			Lieske
1975 – 76	Holloway	Spickler	Digges *	Foster			Paul
1976 – 77	Holloway	Spickler	Digges *	Foster			Paul
1977 – 78	Holloway	Spickler	Ward	Foster *			Sutton
1978 – 79	Holloway	Spickler	Ward/Digges	Foster *			Sutton
1979 – 80	Wright	Spickler	Digges	Foster *			Allred
1980 – 81	Wright	Spickler	Digges	Foster *			Allred
1981 – 82	Wright	Spickler	Digges	Foster *			McFarlane
1982 – 83	Wright	Spickler *	Digges	Allred			McFarlane
1983 – 84	Wright	Spickler *	Digges	Allred			McFarlane
1984 – 85	Wright	Spurrier	Digges	Allred	Godfrey	Spickler *	McFarlane
1985 – 86	Wright *	Spurrier	Digges	Allred	Godfrey	Dunahoo	Spickler
1986 – 87	Wright *	Spurrier	Digges	Allred	Godfrey	Dunahoo	Spickler
1987 – 88	Davis	Spurrier	Digges	Allred *	Godfrey	Dunahoo	Wright
1988 – 89	Davis	Spurrier	Digges	Allred *	Godfrey	Dunahoo	Wright
1989 – 90	Davis	Spurrier	Beavan	Allred *	Godfrey	Dunahoo	Powell
1990 – 91	Davis	Spurrier	Beavan	Miller	Godfrey *	Dunahoo	Powell
1991 – 92	Davis	Spurrier	Beavan	Miller	Godfrey *	Dunahoo	Powell
1992 – 93	Davis *	Thomas	Beavan	Miller	Wilson	Burall	Lechliden
1993 – 94	Davis *	Thomas	Beavan	Miller	Wilson	Burall	Lechliden
1994 – 95	Davis *	Thomas	Beavan	Miller	Wilson	Burall	Lechliden
1995 – 96	Fitzgerald	Thomas	Beavan *	Miller	Wilson	Burall	Lechliden
1996 – 97	Fitzgerald	Thomas	Beavan *	Miller/Umbarger	Wilson	Burall	Lechliden
1997 – 98	Fitzgerald	Thomas *	Bowling	Umbarger	Wilson	Burall	Clark
1998 – 99	Fitzgerald	Thomas *	Bowling	Umbarger	Wilson	Burall	Clark
1999 – 00	Fitzgerald	Thomas *	Steuart	Umbarger	Wilson	Burall	Clark
2000 – 01	Fitzgerald*	Myers	Steuart	Umbarger	Kendall	Burall	Clark
2001 – 02	Fitzgerald*	Myers	Steuart	Umbarger	Kendall	Burall	Wilson
2002 – 03	Fitzgerald*	Myers	Steuart	Yerkes	Kendall	Burall	Wilson
2003 – 04	Shufelt	Hawk	Steuart	Yerkes *	Collier	Burall	Wilson
2004 – 05	Shufelt	Hawk	Steuart	Yerkes *	Collier	Burall	Wilson
2005 – 06	Vacant	Hawk	Rice	Yerkes *	Collier	Burall	McDaniel
2006 – 07	Davis	Hawk	Rice	Yerkes *	Collier	Burall	McDaniel
2007 – 08	Giese	Hawk	Rice	Yerkes *	Collier	Godfrey	McDaniel

* Chairman

Area = Refers to the geographic areas as listed in the Soil Conservation Districts Law.

NACD Council Members

Prior to 1998 the bylaws provided that “the President or other supervisor the President may designate shall be the Association’s NACD Council Member. The Council Member shall select an alternate from among those supervisors who plan to attend the National Association meetings.” In January, 1998 the bylaws were amended to provide that “following the biannual election of officers (odd numbered years) the Board of Directors shall designate MASCD members to serve as the member and alternate to the NACD Board of Directors for a two-year term.” Some of those that have served are as follows:

Election Date	President	Council Member	Alternate
10-29-85	D. Spickler		
07-14-87	R. Wright		
07-13-89	R. Powell	R. Powell	
05-01-92	G. Lechliden	D. Spickler	G. Lechliden
07-22-93	G. Lechliden	D. Spickler	G. Lechliden
07-20-95	G. Lechliden	D. Spickler	G. Lechliden
07-17-97	M. Clark	D. Spickler	G. Lechliden
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07-21-99	M. Clark	D. Spickler	M. Clark
07-17-01	R. Wilson	M. Clark	R. Wilson
07-16-03	R. Wilson	M. Clark	R. Wilson
07-26-05	L. McDaniel	L. McDaniel	C. Steuart
07-26-06	L. McDaniel	L. McDaniel	C. Steuart
07-19-07	L. McDaniel	L. McDaniel	C. Steuart