



Soil Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday February 22, 2023, 11:30am-12:30pm (Central)

SSSA President Carrie Laboski called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President: Carrie Laboski, USDA-ARS (2023)
President-Elect: Michael Thompson, Iowa State (2023)
Past President: Ron Turco, Purdue (2023)
Agricultural Soil and Food Systems Group: Jane Johnson, USDA-ARS (2023); Maysoon Mikha, USDA-ARS (2024); Hero Gollany, USDA-ARS (2025)
DEI Member-at-Large: Xia Zhu-Barker, UW-Madison(2025)
Education & Practicing Professionals Group: Clay Robinson, CRC Consulting (2025)
Early Career: Dianna Bagnall, Soil Health Institute (2025)
Fundamental Soil Science Group: Maxine Levin, USDA-NRCS-retired (2024); Rebecca Lybrand, UC-Davis (2025)
Grad Student Rep: Elizabeth Bradley, Auburn (2023)
Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group: Daniel Markewitz, U. of Georgia (2023); Ronald Reuter, Oregon State (2024)

Ex-officio: CEO Jim Cudahy; Editor-in-Chief Craig Rasmussen, Univ. of Arizona (2024); Program Planning Officer Aaron Daigh, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
ASF Chair Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience (2023)
Unable to attend:
CPSS Rep: James Hartsig, CPSS (2023)
Fundamental Soil Science Group: Mary Stromberger, Ohio State Univ. (2023)
Also attending:
Chris Boomsma, Education Director
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director
Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

S101 Board of Directors

1. The board meeting opened 15 minutes for optional networking.
2. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
 - Feb. 22, 2023 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - Jan. 19, 2023 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
3. CEO Jim Cudahy reported on the following:
 - Announced Dawn Gibas promotion to Director of Certifications
 - Strategic Planning:
 - Shared priorities from Department Directors Retreat held Tuesday Jan. 24, 2023
 - Discussed plans for upcoming Hybrid Strategic Planning in Madison. Consensus to include/support Practicing Soil Scientists, State Soil Associations
4. Board member Clay Robinson led a discussion on the MS/PhD thesis listing in CSA News, requesting that changes be considered in the future to expand the listing.
5. Board members are asked to promote Awards: initiate March 9 submit March 16 & Scholarships: initiate March 16 submit March 23: www.soils.org/awards. SSSA Board Members can only participate in ASA & CSSA Awards.
6. SSSA is supporting the following meetings/events (SSSA Governance Budget):
 - American Society of Microbiology Carbon-Methane Colloquium – Xia Zhu-Barker attending
 - [National Cooperative Soil Survey Conference](#), July 9-13, Bismark, ND – Carrie attending
 - [North American Forest Soils Conference](#), July 16-21, Eugene, OR – Ron Reuter attending
 - Mexican Society of Soil Science International Soil Conference, Oct 9-13 – Carrie attending

S584 Soils Certification Board

Chief Administrative Officer Luther Smith provided information on the potential for SSSA to offer a certificate in soil sampling to measure carbon. Clay Robinson suggested that Certified Professional Soil Scientists (CPSS) could offer the training. It was reported that the Decode 6 platform has put out material on this topic.

ACS732 Program Planning Committee

1. Program Planning Officer Aaron Daigh reported changes to the Awards Programs at the Annual Meeting:
 - The traditional Breakfast Awards Ceremony will now be a joint ASA-CSSA-SSSA Awards & Networking Luncheon on Monday Oct. 30, 12:00-1:30pm.
 - The SSSA Brady Lecture and Presidential Address will remain, though as a continental breakfast which rotates and this year will be Tuesday Oct. 31, 7:45-9:00am.
2. DEI Representative on Program Planning Committee letter of interest to [Nate Ehresman](#) by March 30
3. Mentors Needed for Golden Opportunity Scholars Program by April 30:
www.goldenopportunitiescholars.org/mentor/application

ACS598 Carbon and Ecosystem Services Education Project Advisory Committee

Education Director Chris Boomsma provided an update on Decode 6 www.decode6.org. Board members are encouraged to visit the website and sign up for the email newsletter.

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

Publications Director Matt Wascavage posted the February 2023 Publications Update, including:

- Board members are asked to promote the Calls for 2024 Editor Nominations with colleagues:
 - *Crop Science* due May 1 to CSSA Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang, huang@sebs.rutgers.edu
 - *Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment* due May 1 to ASA Editor-in-Chief Kathy Yeater, kathleen.yeater@usda.gov

S840 SSSA-Soil Science Society of China Committee

The SSSA-Soil Science Society of China will hold a joint Webinar on Soils and Climate Change Feb. 22, 6:30pm (Central): www.soils.org/education/SSSA-SSSC-Joint-Webinar

S491.2 Special Awards Committee

Past President Ron Turco announced that past and former presidents are considering nominations for external awards, including the National Medal of Science and World Food Prize, and to send him any candidates for nomination.

Consensus to Adjourn.