



## Soil Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Tuesday May 30, 2023, 8:45-10:30am (Central)

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)  
CPSS Rep: James Hartsig, CPSS (2023)  
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)  
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:

Agricultural Soil and Food Systems Group: Maysoon Mikha, USDA-ARS (2024)  
Fundamental Soil Science Group: Mary Stromberger, Ohio State Univ. (2023); Maxine Levin, USDA-NRCS-retired (2024); Rebecca Lybrand, UC-Davis (2025)

### Also attending:

Chris Boomsma, Education Director  
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director  
Dawn Gibas, Certifications Director  
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director  
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sara Uttech, Governance Director  
Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director  
Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

### S003 SSSA Board of Directors

1. President Carrie Laboski extended a special welcome to newly elected President-Elect Samira Daroub, University of Florida.
2. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
  - May 30, 2023 SSSA Board of Directors Agenda
  - April 25, 2023 SSSA Board Meeting Minutes
3. In preparation for Strategic Planning, CEO Jim Cudahy reviewed the following:
  - Prompting Monthly Questions for the Board, post replies on the SSSA tab of the Google Document: How else must SSSA change to allow it to achieve those accomplishments?
  - Logistics & RSVP: ASA-CSSA-SSSA-ASF-CCA-CPSS Strategic Planning Meeting at UW-Madison Fluno Center Tuesday July 25 – In-Person: Arrive by 4:00pm Central to Best Western Premier Park hotel in time for 5:00pm dinner at UW-Madison Memorial Union Terrace
  - Wednesday July 26 – In-Person at Fluno Center & Remote
  - Thursday July 27 – In-Person at Fluno Center & Remote until 3pm Central, depart after or 7/28
  - Use our Discussion Boards to ask your Divisions/Committees/Board to provide you with input on SSSA priorities to bring to Strategic Planning [www.soils.org/discussion-boards](http://www.soils.org/discussion-boards)
  - SSSA reimburses travel expenses with receipts (no per diems) per the Travel Policy and itemizing on the Travel Expense Report attached to the Calendar invite and submit with receipts to Sara Uttech
  - Watch your mailbox for the book, *Good to Great and the Social Sectors*, and Memo/Exercises
4. Board members are encouraged to send SSSA Presidential Award nominations by June 15 to Carrie Laboski, [Carrie.Laboski@usda.gov](mailto:Carrie.Laboski@usda.gov).

S211 SSSA Budget & Finance Committee

CFO Wes Meixelsperger reviewed the SSSA 1st Quarter 2023 Financials.

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

Publications Director Matt Wascavage initiated a discussion on publishing options as the Wiley agreement runs through 2024.

ACS732 Program Planning

There was consensus for the SSSA Board Meeting at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis to be held on Sunday Oct. 29, 9:30-11:30am (local time).

ACS598 Decode 6 Advisory Committee

Education Director Chris Boomsma provided an update on Decode 6 [www.decode6.org](http://www.decode6.org). With Chris' upcoming departure to CAST, the program has moved to the Publications Department to be managed by Richard Easby.

Consensus to Adjourn.