



Soil Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Tuesday March 28, 2023, 10:15-11:30am (Central)

Past President Ron Turco called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

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: Mary Stromberger, Ohio State Univ. (2023); 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)

Ex-officio: CEO Jim Cudahy; Editor-in-Chief Craig Rasmussen, Univ. of Arizona (2024); Program Planning Officer Aaron Daigh, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)

Unable to attend:

President: Carrie Laboski, USDA-ARS (2023)

Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group Ronald Reuter, Oregon State (2024)

CPSS Rep: James Hartsig, CPSS (2023)

ASF Chair Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience (2023)

Also attending:

Chris Boomsma, Education Director

Susan Chapman, Member Services Director

Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director

Ian Popkewitz, IT & Operations Director

Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

Sara Uttech, Governance Director

Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

S101 Board of Directors

1. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- March 28, 2023 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
- Feb. 22, 2023 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

2. In preparation for Strategic Planning, CEO Jim Cudahy reviewed the following:

- Stakeholder Survey results will be presented on the March, April, and May Board Calls. This month focused on “Never Members”—why they are not members and what products and service they value.
- ASA-CSSA-SSSA-ASF Strategic Planning Meeting in Madison (with some virtual components): July 26-28, 2023. Watch for more details to be announced.
- Prompting Monthly Questions for the Board, post replies on the SSSA tab of the Google Document:
 - March: In one sentence, what does SSSA represent?
 - April: Over the next five years, what do you want to see SSSA accomplish?
 - May: Whose perceptions must we change to enable the accomplishments you listed?
 - June: How else must SSSA change to allow it to achieve those accomplishments?

S592 Science Policy Committee

Government Relations Associate Director Rachel Owen reported on Congressional Visits Days Feb. 27-28, 2023 with 55 members participating in 62 confirmed and 36 drop-in meetings. CEO Jim Cudahy shared positive student reflections about the event.

S211 SSSA Budget and Finance Committee

CFO Wes Meixelsperger and Budget & Finance Committee Chair Mary Stromberger reviewed the Year-End 2022 SSSA Financials, including: 2022 Year-End Summary, 2022 Year-End Income Statement, 2023 Budget Summary.

ACS732 Program Planning

2023 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Oct. 29-Nov. 1 in St. Louis www.acsmeetings.org updates:

- Abstracts open (due June 13), Registration (Early Bird Sept. 20), Hotels (Oct. 5)
- Opening Keynote Sunday Oct. 29 Chavonda Jacobs-Young, USDA-ARS Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics and Chief Scientist. A concert will be held prior to the keynote.
- GO Scholar Mentors Needed by April 30: www.goldenopportunitiescholars.org
- New Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Program Planning Committee Member. Send letter of Interest to Nate Ehresman nehresman@sciencesocieties.org by March 30
- New ASF Rattan Lal Climate Lectureship within the Soil & Water Management & Conservation Division

ACS321 Editorial Policy & Procedures Committee

A Publications Update for March was distributed including:

- Newly announced transformational agreements with the Big 10
- Gathering information and feedback from members for the Wiley contract renewal process
- Call for Editor Nominations (self-nominations encouraged) due May 1: [Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment](#) to ASA Editor-in-Chief Kathy Yeater kathleen.yeater@usda.gov and [Crop Science](#) to CSSA Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang huang@sebs.rutgers.edu

ACS598 Decode 6 Advisory Committee

CEO Jim Cudahy announced the upcoming departure of Education Director Chris Boomsma who has taken the position of EVP/CEO of the Council of Agricultural Science & Technology (CAST) as of Aug. 1, 2023.

S101 Nominations for President-Elect Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech reported that elections are open through April 6 at www.soils.org/elections and promotions are underway. Board members are invited and encourage others to vote.

S840 SSSA-Soil Science Society of China Committee

President-Elect Michael Thompson reported on the [SSSA-SSSC Joint Webinar on Soils and Climate Change](#) and updates on joint membership.

S673 American Geosciences Institute Liaison

American Geosciences Institute Geoscience Communications Training, free for one year with coupon code sssa-agi-pggz-2324: <https://training.geologize.org/bundles/geocomms>

S591 SSSA K-12 Committee

SSSA participated in the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Meeting, including hosting a workshop and exhibit booth, both whose resources were well-received.

Consensus to Adjourn.