

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

Board members present:

President: Carrie Laboski, USDA-ARS (2023)

President-Elect: Michael Thompson, Iowa State (2023)

Past President: Ron Turco, Purdue (2023)

Incoming President-Elect Samira Daroub, U. of Florida (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 (2024); Rebecca Lybrand, UC-Davis (2025)

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

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

Rasmussen, Univ. of Arizona (2024); ASF Chair Samantha

Miller, Corteva Agriscience (2023)

Unable to attend:

Grad Student Rep: Elizabeth Bradley, Auburn (2023)

CPSS Rep: James Hartsig, CPSS (2023)

Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group: Daniel Markewitz, U. of

Georgia (2023) Also attending:

Susan Chapman, Member Services Director Dawn Gibas, Certifications Director Ian Popkewitz, IT/Operations Director Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer Sara Uttech, Governance Director Matt Wascavage, Publications Director Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director Incoming Board Members attending:

Ag, Soil & Food Systems: Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, Kansas State Univ.; Fundamental Soil Science: Ganga Hettiarachchi, Kansas State Univ.; Soil & Ecosystem Processes: Thorsten

Knappenberger, Auburn University

S003 SSSA Board of Directors

- 1. The meeting opened 15 minutes early for optional informal networking.
- 2. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
 - Nov. 28, 2023 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - Oct. 29, 2023 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- 3. CEO Jim Cudahy introduced the new Development Director Susan Dearing-Bond
- 4. SSSA October 2023 Membership Stats:



ACS732 Program Planning

- 1. ACTION: Motion by Ron Reuter, seconded by Maxine Levin, to approve the Annual Meeting City selections of Phoenix-2029 and Minneapolis-2030. Unanimous approval.
- 2. Following discussion on the new non-member invited speaker complimentary registrations policy, there was consensus for the ACS732 Program Planning Committee to revise the policy further and bring back to the board for discussion and approval.
- 3. President Carrie Laboski led a discussion on Annual Meeting feedback, what board members heard and at Division Business Meetings.

S101 Nominations Committee

The 2024 SSSA Election candidates for President, Board Rep, Division Chair are due **Nov. 30**, send to Board Rep and copy Sara Uttech – encourage women, minorities, others to run for office.

S537 SSSA Science Policy Committee

- 1. Save the date for our Congressional Visits Day: March 4-6, 2024 board members who are interested are invited to attend, especially those serving on the Science Policy Committee.
- 2. Board members are encouraged to let Grad Students in their Divisions know to apply to attend Congressional Visits Day by **Nov. 30**: www.soils.org/awards/view/185

ACS090 Agronomic Science Foundation Board of Trustees

Board members are asked to amplify our Agronomic Science Foundation's (ASF) Giving Tuesday fundraising drive on Nov. 28 for the Grad Student Travel Grant Fund on social media (like, share, re-tweet), donate at: www.a-s-f.org/donate

Consensus to adjourn.