SSSA Board of Directors Conference Call
Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013 11:00am Central

The meeting was called to order by SSSA President Dave Lindbo. Board members present:

- David L. Lindbo, SSSA President
- Jan W. Hopmans, SSSA President-Elect
- Gary M. Pierzynski, SSSA Past President
- Harold van Es, Ag Soil & Food Systems Grp Board Rep.
- Carolyn G. Olson, Fundamental Soil Science Group Board Rep.
- Donald L. Suarez, Fundamental Soil Science Group Board Rep.
- Ole Wendroth, Fundamental Soil Science Group Board Rep.
- Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also attending:
- Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
- Luther Smith, Director of Certifications
- Karl Anderson, Director of Science Policy
- Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services
- Susan Fisk, Director of Public & Science Communications
- Ian Popkewitz, Director of IT & Operations
- Sara Uttech, Senior Manager–Governance & Membership

Not able to attend:
- Miguel L. Cabrera, Ag Soil & Food Systems Grp Board Rep.
- Thomas A. Doerge, Ag Soil & Food Systems Grp Board Rep.
- Sally L. Brown, Soil & Ecosystem Processes Grp Board Rep.
- Andrew N. Sharpley, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
- John L. Havlin, ASF Chair, ex-officio

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ACTION: Moved by Larry Baldwin, seconded by Marty Rabenhorst to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed Unanimously:
- Approve Nov. 7, 2013 SSSA Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve Dec. 19, 2013 SSSA Board Agenda
- Approve Andrew Sharpley (SSSA Editor-in-Chief), Charles Brummer (CSSA Editor-in-Chief), and Warren Dick (ASA Editor-in-Chief) unanimous recommendation for the appointment of Dr. Ed Gregorich as Editor of the *Journal of Environmental Quality* for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2014.

SS03.12 SSSA Board Work Group – Dues Structure

Jan Hopmans presented the White Paper, "Changing Dues Structure between ASA, CSSA, and SSSA." Jan would like the Board to reach consensus, then share it with ASA and CSSA Boards to show SSSA’s reasons to clearly separate dues – increase SSSA’s identity, and reach new members, without losing the alliance with ASA and CSSA. Following discussion and suggested edits, Jan will revise it and share and discuss it with ASA President Dave Mengel and CSSA President David Baltensperger during the January Presidents visit to Headquarters. The SSSA Exec Committee will share and discuss it with the full ASA and CSSA Exec Committees during the Congressional Visits Day in March. ACTION: It was moved by Tom Fox to revise the White Paper and have the board approve it before it is presented it to the other Societies. Seconded by Randy Southard. Unanimous approval.

SS95 National Soil Science Field Camp - Organizing Committee/SS96 Continuing Education for Soil Scientists Committee

Rob Michitsch led the discussion about holding a Soil Science Field Camp in the future. Dave Lindbo suggests that since Luther Smith and Dawn Gibbas are looking at the larger issue of continuing education for soil scientists to roll the Field Camp project into the purview of the SS96 Continuing Education for Soil Scientists Committee, and if anyone is interested in working on the Field Camp, they should work through that committee. Rob Michitsch expressed interest in joining that committee and working on the Field Camp.

SS91 SSSA K-12 Committee

Director of Member Services Susan Chapman presented the SSSA Soils Multimedia Gallery Proposal from a subcommittee of the SSSA K-12 Committee that includes a request for initial support and an annual maintenance fee. ACTION: Moved by Marty Rabenhorst to authorize the committee to move forward on the SSSA Soils Multimedia Gallery Proposal while at the same time to develop a financial strategy. Seconded by Rob Michitsch. Tom Fox offered the friendly amendment to encourage the committee to consider various financial models and also to brand SSSA as part of the strategy. Unanimously approved.

2014 Board Committee Appointments
David Lindbo announced there are positions open on 2014 Board Committees, including Organization, Policy & Bylaws; Budget & Finance; and Science Policy. Board members interested in serving should contact Jan Hopmans.

Future Board Meetings
Future SSSA Board Meetings were announced, including:

- 2014 schedule continues: 3rd Thursday of the month at 11am Central - every other month, with consent agenda
- Spring SSSA Board Meeting May 6-7, 2014 Sacramento, includes Dig It exhibit tour at The California Museum

Next SSSA Board Conference Call: Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014 at 11am (Central)

Consensus to adjourn.