Soil Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Thursday May 16, 2024, 11:00am-12:15pm (Central)

President Michael Thompson called the meeting to order.

Board members present:
President: Michael Thompson, Iowa State
Past President: Carrie Laboski, USDA-ARS
President-Elect: Samira Daroub, Univ. of Florida
Agricultural Soil and Food Systems Group:
Maysoon Mikha, USDA-ARS; Hero Gollany, USDA-ARS
CPSS Rep: Jacob Berkowitz, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
DEI-at-Large: Xia Zhu-Barker, UW-Madison
Early Career Rep: Dianna Bagnall, Soil Health Institute
Education & Practicing Professionals Group:
Clay Robinson, CRC Consulting
Fundamental Soil Science Group: Rebecca Lybrand, UC-Davis; Ganga Hettiarachchi, K-State
Soil & Ecosystem Processes: Ronald Reuter, Oregon State
Ex-officio without Vote: CEO Jim Cudahy; Program Planning Officer Aaron Daigh, Univ. of Nebraska; Editor-in-Chief Craig Rasmussen, Univ. of Arizona

Unable to attend:
ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer CropScience
Ag, Soil & Food Systems: Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, K-State
Fundamental Soil Science Group: Maxine Levin, USDA-NRCS
Fundamental Soil Science: Thorsten Knappenberger, Auburn
Grad Student Rep: Megan Bourns, K-State

Also attending:
Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
Linda Dolezalek, Interim Finance Director
Dawn Gibas, Certifications 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. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda were approved:
   • April 18, 2024 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
   • March 21, 2024 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

2. The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
   1. Approve: May 16, 2024 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
   2. Approve: April 18, 2024 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Facilitators for Division/Group Reports

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3. Maysoon Mikha reported on the Soil and Water Management and Conservation Division which has 1,212 members. They offer grad student awards through oral and poster contests. The division has a graduate student mentoring committee and a lectureship committee. Awards are funded by the division or the Agronomic Science Foundation. They participate in Cross Division Symposium with other divisions.

4. Clay Robinson reported on two activities: "Careers in Soil Science and Environmental Science" session led by practitioner soil scientists to provide an overview of jobs available in and careers with the SASES and grad students as the target audience. The second activity is the K-12 outreach, which is providing teaching strategies and materials and a representative soil booklet for Puerto Rico, which will be delivered in both English and Spanish.

5. CEO Jim Cudahy presented a Headquarters Update:
NC-FAR Update on the Farm Bill
Progress on the website redesign project: focusing on organizing content and improving the overall user experience. The aim is to make the website more integrated and focused on members and prospective members
Membership Dashboard Preview shows SSSA membership data and trends
Highlighted upcoming attendance at the upcoming IUSS Centennial Meeting in Italy and the potential for global collaboration

6. Announcements and ways to promote SSSA to colleagues/students with Discussion Board Posts:
   • SSSA Presidential Award: nominations due May 15 to Michael Thompson
   • SSSAJ Webinar on June 27, 10:00am (Central): Soil Biological Health is Dependent on Soil Properties and Management
   • ASA Virtual Sustainable Agronomy Conference - free two-hour live online sessions each week with up to 8 CEUs: July 10, 17, 24, 31
   • ASF Travel Grants due July 25: www.soils.org/awards - encourage students to participate:
     o Advancing Pedology Award
     o Caregiver Travel Award
     o Graduate Student Travel Award
     o Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award
     o Henry Lin Travel Grant
     o Indian Univ. Grad Student Travel Award

S211 Budget & Finance Committee
Interim Director of Finance Linda Dolezalek presented the financials for the first quarter of 2024, showing an increase in revenues and direct expenses compared to the previous year. She also said that the audit report and management letter were attached for review, following the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting with the Auditor.

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee
Director Matt Wascavage provided a Publications Update:
   • The Decode 6 website redesign https://decode6.org/ will be complete in the next 6-8 weeks. The team, led by Richard Easby and Marie Johnson, is focusing on quality content rather than quantity. They are also leveraging content sponsored by Dairy Management Inc. to attract other groups in crops and farming practices. The team is also targeting organizations to promote Decode 6 with their members. They are developing content for use in CEUs for certified professionals.
   • Call for Editors, apply by June 1 by contacting President identified at links below by June 1:
     o ASA & CSSA: Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management Editor
     o ASA & CSSA: The Plant Phenome Journal Editor
     o ASA-CSSA-SSSA: Agricultural & Environmental Letters Editor
     o CSSA: Journal of Plant Registrations Editor
     o SSSA: Editor-in-Chief

S711.19 SSSA 2024 Program Planning Task Force
SSSA Bouyoucos Conference in Puerto Rico, June 9-13 www.sacmeetings.org

Hybrid Board Meeting June 14, 9:00am-4:00pm (local time)
   • Agenda Preview:
     o Storytelling Exercise
     o Outreach Presentation: Feedback
     o SSSA Strategic Plan: Objectives, Committees, Revenue-Generating Products & Services
     o Finance 101 with Interim Director of Finance Linda Dolezalek
     o Fundraising 101 with Director of Development Susan Dearing-Bond
     o Discussion: North American Proficiency Testing (NAPT) Program
     o June Division/Group Reports: Jacob Berkowitz and Maxine Levin
     o Send additional agenda topics to Michael Thompson, Jim Cudahy, and Sara Uttech

   • In-Person Board Member Logistics:
- Register on your own (optional tours, workshops, lunches): [www.sacmeetings.org](http://www.sacmeetings.org)
- Book your flight; we will make Hilton Caribe reservations, up to last 2 nights direct billed
- SSSA will reimburse flight with receipts and completed Travel Reimbursement Form
- Plan for Board Dinner on Friday June 14 on property

Consensus to Adjourn.