SSSA Board of Directors Conference Call  
December 9, 2010  
(Call started at 2:00 PM CST; ended at 3:15 PM)

The meeting was called to order by President Nick Comerford. Board participants were:

- Nicholas B. Comerford, SSSA President
- Charles W. Rice, SSSA President-Elect
- Paul M. Bertsch, SSSA Past President
- David E. Radcliffe, S-1 Board Rep.
- Daniel W. Sweeney, S-4 Board Rep.
- Harold M. van Es, S-6 Board Rep.
- Mary Beth Adams, S-7 Board Rep.
- April Ulery, S-9 Board Rep.
- Martin C. Rabenhorst, S-10 Board Rep.
- Sally D. Logsdon, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex officio
- Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
- Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
- James Giese, Director of Science Communications
- Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

**S003 Board of Directors**

1. **ACTION:** It was moved by Mary Beth Adams to approve the November 4, 2010 Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Paul Bertsch. Carried unanimously.

2. Board conference calls in 2011 will be held the third Thursday of every month at 1:30 PM Central Time. The next call is scheduled for January 20, 2011.

3. Chuck will confirm the dates for the Spring Board meeting in Madison, WI in the near future.

**S005 Committees**

The Organization, Policy and Bylaws Committee (O&P) and the Budget and Finance Committee (B&F) are composed of Board members. Chuck will appoint a Board member to fill the vacancy on the B&F Committee for 2011-2013. No new appointments are needed for the O&P Committee.

**S101 Nominations for President-Elect**

Nick reported that the Nominations for President-Elect Committee will hold a conference call to discuss the four names that have been received. Following the conference call the committee will rank the candidates and the top two will be placed on the 2011 ballot as President-Elect candidates.

**S201.4 Strategic Planning**

Board members were requested to review the 20 entries that were received for the SSSA logo competition.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Marty that the Board submit their top 5 choices for the logos and that each receive 1 point. Any logo that receives 5 or more votes will be included in the review. Seconded by Paul Bertsch.

**AMENDMENT:** It was moved by Marty to postpone the voting process until a discussion is held on the January 20, 2011 Board conference call. Seconded by Harold van Es. Carried with 2 opposed.
S211 Budget and Finance
Wes reported a net income from operations for the ten months ending October 31, 2010.

S300 Publications
In response to a request from Marty for the potential of a separate communication piece for SSSA, Headquarters provided revenue and expenses for CSA News, Crops & Soils, and Soil Survey Horizons based on the October 2010 financial statements and projected for 12 months. Nick requested Sally Logsdon work with Marty to develop a framework for further discussion. Other Board members that have an interest in the topic were encouraged to contact Marty.

S589 Smithsonian Soils Exhibit
Ellen reported that the Smithsonian is transferring the full DigIt exhibit to NRCS. She will work with NRCS to have the exhibit shipped to Headquarters for storage.

S800 Scientific Affairs
The Board received the following requests for meeting support that do not meet the criteria in the Policy for SSSA Sponsorship of Programs:

- 9th International Wetlands Conference (INTECOL) to be held June 3-8, 2012 in Orlando, FL
- 11th International Conference on the Biogeochemistry of Trace Elements (ICOBTE) to be held July 3-7, 2011 in Florence, Italy

1. ACTION: It was moved by Paul Bertsch to suspend the Policy for SSSA Sponsorship of Programs until further review and allow for consideration of the invitations to support the 9th International Wetlands Conference and the 11th International Conference on the Biogeochemistry of Trace Elements. Seconded by Dan Neary. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: It was moved by Paul Bertsch to allocate $10,000 to the 9th International Wetlands Conference with the stipulation that 75 percent of the funds be used for scholarships for students and early career scientists. Seconded by Chuck Rice. Carried with one opposed.

3. ACTION: It was moved by Harold van Es to allocate $5,000 to the 11th International Conference on the Biogeochemistry of Trace Elements to be targeted toward early career or graduate student travel grants. Seconded by Mary Beth Adams.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Paul Bertsch to amend the motion that 75 percent of the funds be used for scholarships for early career or graduate students and 25 percent for general use of the organizers. Seconded by Marty Rabenhorst. Carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Marty Rabenhorst to amend the motion to allocate $10,000 to the 11th International Conference on the Biogeochemistry of Trace Elements. Seconded by Dan Neary. Carried with 6 in favor; 5 opposed.

Headquarters will respond to the organizers of both meetings outlining the above actions with the request that grant recipients be informed that the funds were provided by SSSA. In addition, SSSA requests that a list of grant recipients be forwarded to SSSA Headquarters.

Meeting adjourned.