SSSA Board of Directors Conference Call
September 15 2011
(Call started at 1:30 PM CDT; ended at 2:10 PM)

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Rice. Board participants were:

Charles W. Rice, SSSA President
Gary M. Pierzynski, SSSA President-Elect
Nicholas B. Comerford, SSSA Past President
David E. Radcliffe, S-1 Board Rep.
Donald L. Suarez, S-2 Board Rep
Daniel W. Sweeney, S-4 Board Rep.
Carolyn G. Olson, S-5 Board Rep.
Mary Beth Adams, S-7 Board Rep.
Thomas A. Doerge, S-8 Board Rep.
April Ulery, S-9 Board Rep.
Martin C. Rabenhorst, S-10 Board Rep.
Robert C. Michitsch, Early Career Members Rep., ex officio
Sally D. Logsdon, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
Unable to participate:
Harold M. van Es, S-6 Board Rep.
James G. Coors, ASF Rep., ex-officio
David L. Lindbo, Incoming SSSA President-Elect
Also participating:
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

S003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved by Marty Rabenhorst to approve the conference call agenda. Seconded by Mary Beth Adams. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: It was moved by Mary Beth Adams to approve the August 18, 2011 Board conference call minutes. Seconded by Don Suarez. Carried unanimously.

3. The Board will meet during the Annual Meeting in San Antonio on October 20, 7:00-9:00 AM. The agenda and supporting documents will be posted to the Board website. The next conference call is scheduled for November 17 at 1:30 PM CST. Feedback on Annual Meeting activities, particularly field trips, will be an agenda item.

S011.12 Division S-12 Consulting Soil Scientists
The merger of the National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists (NSCSS) with SSSA and the resulting creation of Division S-12 will be announced toward the end of the Town Hall Meeting on October 16 in San Antonio. Chuck will work with NSCSS leadership to fill the positions of Division Chair-Elect, Chair, and Board Rep.
S211 Budget and Finance
1. Wes reported a net income from operations for the seven months ending July 31, 2011.

2. David provided the following changes in the 2012 draft budget, similar to the presentation made by Harold on the August 18 conference call:
   - Meetings: Reduce annual meeting revenue by approximately $13,800 due to proposed reduced registration for early career members. If ASA and CSSA do not approve the reduced registration fee, SSSA will consider some other way to support the initiative, perhaps with a travel grant program for early career members.
   - Development: Add $10,000 for additional support to ASF for the Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute, for a total of $25,000. The Selection Committee will be expanded to include equal representation from SSSA, CSSA, and ASA.
   - Public Relations: Add $20,000 to continue 75th anniversary investments related to PSAs, e-book and related promotional materials.
   - Governance: New line item titled Special Initiatives ($10,000), which can be used to fund timely initiatives to be approved by the Board or Executive Committee.
   - The B&F Committee was to provide a directive to the NAPT program to be budget neutral. Ellen reported that they will look at ways to contain the costs, however, there are contract obligations and the program may not be budget neutral before 2013.

3. Per discussions at the May 12-13 Board meeting, Chuck has had conversations with Scott Collins, Ecological Society of America President, regarding the potential of a joint workshop. Marty indicated that Divisions S-1, S-5, and S-10 are also discussing the potential of joint sessions at the ESA meeting next August. He encouraged Chuck to communicate with those Divisions to build upon each others efforts.

4. Sally reported that the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Editors-in-Chief have discussed reimbursement rates for journal Editors and Technical Editors in an effort to make them more fair. She will forward the proposal to the Board. Ellen indicated that the proposal is not materially different from what is currently in the budget.

S711 Program Planning
1. Talking points for Board Reps to take to their Division business meetings in San Antonio were reviewed and finalized. A member of the Reorganization Task Force will attend each business meeting to report and answer questions. Chuck and Ellen were encouraged to inform the Task Force members of time constraints for the business meetings.

2. Gary gave an overview of the October 16 Town Hall meeting to be held 4:00-5:30 PM in San Antonio. All Board members were encouraged to attend and participate.

ACTION: It was moved by Dan Neary to adjourn. Seconded by Mary Beth Adams. Carried unanimously.