SSSA Board of Directors Conference Call  
Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014 11:00am Central

The meeting was called to order by SSSA President Jan Hopmans. Board members present:

Jan Hopmans, SSSA President  
David Lindbo, SSSA Past President  
Miguel Cabrera, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group  
Harold van Es, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group  
John Kовар, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group  
Aaron DeJoia - Ed & Practicing Professionals Group  
John Galbraith, Fundamental Soil Science Group  
Randal Southard, Fundamental Soil Science Group  
Ole Wendroth, Fundamental Soil Science Group  
Martin Rabenhorst, Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group  
Lawrence Baldwin, Certified Professional Soil Scientists  
Robert Michitsch, Early Career Members  
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio  
Mary Tiedeman, Grad Student Rep., ex-officio  
Alan Franzluebbers (Incoming Ag Soil and Food Systems)  
Aaron Thompson (Incoming Fundamental Soil Science)  
Greg Evanylo (Incoming Soil & Ecosystem Processes)  
Carolyn Olson, SSSA President-Elect  
Ronald Turco, Fundamental Soil Science Group  
Thomas Fox, Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group  
Andrew Sharpley, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio  
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer  
Karl Anderson, Director of Science Policy  
Susan Fisk, Director of Public & Science Communication  
Luther Smith, Director of Certification  
Sara Uttech, Senior Mgr–Governance & Membership

S003 Board of Directors

1. Jan Hopmans welcomed new board member Mary Tiedeman, appointed to serve as the Grad Student Representative, Ex-Officio, non-voting.

2. ACTION: Motion by Larry Baldwin to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Ole Wendroth. Unanimous approval:
   - Approve May 7, 2014 SSSA Board Meeting Minutes
   - Approve Aug. 21, 2014 SSSA Board Agenda
   - Approve revised Brady Lectureship guidelines

3. Jan Hopmans requested the board review the following items:
   - The SSSA Science Policy Committee is working on a process to identify Research Priorities.
   - Governance Items:
     - 2014 SSSA Presidential Award: Johan Bouma
     - 2014 SSSA Honorary Membership approved: Ken Salazar
   - SSSA Annual Meeting Events:
     - SSSA Board Meeting, Sunday Nov. 2, 8am-Noon - Hyatt
     - SSSA Fundamentals Certification Exam*, Sunday Nov. 2, 3-6pm *pre-registration required by Oct. 3
     - SSSA Brady Plenary & Awards, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7-9am – Hyatt

S211 Budget and Finance

1. Jan Hopmans led a discussion on dues, which began with an overview of the document, “Changing Dues Structure for SSSA” from Dues Task Force Chair Harold van Es. Jan Hopmans suggested that we poll the board to quantify the opinions among the board members on the dues structure, with a goal of consensus and a final decision at the Board Meeting in Long Beach (Sunday Nov. 2, 8am-Noon).

2. Wes Meixelsperger reported that the SSSA 2Q Financials, which include a net operating loss, are posted to the Board website.

S733 SSSA Small Conferences Committee

S733 SSSA Small Conferences Committee Chair Alan Franzluebbers presented a list of Small Conference topics that are being proposed, including:
- Global soil security, College Station TX, May 18-20, 2015, led by Cristine Morgan, Texas A&M
- Remote sensing of soils, projected fall/winter 2015, led by Binayak Mohanty, Texas A&M
- Critical zone observatories, projected 2015, led by Michael Young, University of Texas-Austin

S711.17 - S - International Year of Soils Planning Committee
David Lindbo provided an update on the International Year of Soils, including the budget and priorities.

Next SSSA Board Call: Oct. 2, 2014, 10:00am, note new date and time.