SSSA Board of Directors Conference Call Agenda  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 1:00pm Central

The meeting was called to order by SSSA President Harold van Es. Board members present:

Harold van Es, SSSA President  
Andrew Sharples, SSSA President-Elect  
Carolyn Olson, SSSA Past President  
John Kovar, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group  
Aaron DeJoia, Ed & Practicing Professionals Group  
Aaron Thompson, Fundamental Soil Science Group  
Will Horwath, Fundamental Soil Science Group  
Greg Evanylo, Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group  
Oren Reedy, Certified Professional Soil Scientists Rep.  
David Myrold, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio  
Jeff Volenec, ASF Board Chair, ex-officio  
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Not able to attend:

Alan Franzluebbers, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group  
Richard Ferguson, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group  
John Galbraith, Fundamental Soil Science Group  
Thomas Fox, Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group  
Elizabeth Gillispie, Grad Student Rep.

Also attending:

Karl Anderson, Director of Government Relations  
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services  
Bill Cook, Director of Publications  
Susan Fisk, Director of Public & Science Communication  
Sara Uttech, Senior Mgr–Governance & Membership

S003 SSSA Board of Directors  
ACTION: Consensus to approve the March 8, 2016 SSSA Board Agenda and Feb. 9, 2016 SSSA Board Minutes.

S211 Budget and Finance  
Budget & Finance Chair Aaron DeJoia and CEO Ellen Bergfeld presented the SSSA 2015 Year-End Financials.

S301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices  
2. Call for ACS Book Committee Chair. Nominations to Editor-in-Chief David Myrold by June 1.
3. Harold van Es led a discussion on Soil Horizons. Consensus to respond that they work with Bill Cook, Ellen Bergfeld, and Wes Meixelsperger to submit a proposal to the board that keeps the cost minimal and strongly suggest that they consider Crops & Soils magazine as the likely outlet for their member-submitted content.
4. Harold van Es highlighted the following topics, which will be covered during the Strategic Planning meeting:
   - Soil Health Institute [http://soilhealthinstitute.org](http://soilhealthinstitute.org) and the need for a “Soil Alliance” organization.
   - Need for soil standards to be developed. SSSA could be the leader in this arena.
5. Call for SSSA Presidential Award(s): Nominations by May 31 to Harold van Es.
6. Ellen Bergfeld provided an update on the SSSA Strategic Planning Meeting in Madison, Monday May 16: 1:00pm–5:00pm through Tuesday May 17 8:30am–3:30pm.
7. Next SSSA Board Call: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 1:00pm Central

S589.5.1 Dig It Renovation Task Force  
Ellen Bergfeld provided an update from the Dig It! Renovation Task Force. They are currently assessing what parts of the exhibit need renovating, and are developing a list of potential museums to host the exhibit. If members would like to see this exhibit housed in a particular museum or other location, especially if you have contacts/local support, contact Ellen.

Consensus to adjourn.