Soil Science Society of America Board of Directors Conference Call Minutes
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 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 Sharpley, SSSA President-Elect
Carolyn Olson, SSSA Past President
John Kovar, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group
Aaron Thompson, Fundamental Soil Science Group
Will Horwath, Fundamental Soil Science Group
Greg Evanylo, Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group
Alan Franzluebbers, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group
Richard Ferguson, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group
John Galbraith, Fundamental Soil Science Group
Elizabeth Gillispie, Grad Student Rep.
Jeff Volenec, ASF Board Chair, ex-officio

Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
Not able to attend:
Aaron DeJoia, Ed & Practicing Professionals Group
Thomas Fox, Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group
David Myrold, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Oren Reedy, Certified Professional Soil Scientists Rep.
Also attending:
Karl Anderson, Director of Government Relations
Bill Cook, Director of Publications
Susan Fisk, Director of Public & Science Communication
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO

S003 SSSA Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Consensus to approve Aug. 9, 2016 SSSA Board Agenda and June 14, 2016 SSSA Board Minutes.
2. Harold van Es provided an update on the recent presidents’ visits to federal agencies in Washington DC, including the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR), National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA), National Academies Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources (BANR), Supporters of Agricultural Research (SoAR).
3. Harold van Es provided an update on the Soil Alliance and Decade of Soil documents, and requests input and edits to the document to be sent to him. Harold agreed to work on the next drafts.
4. ACTION: Motion by Carolyn Olson to approve the ACSESS Diversity and Inclusion Statement as presented by CEO Ellen Bergfeld. Seconded by John Kovar. Unanimous approval.
5. Next SSSA Board Call: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 1:00pm Central

S211 Budget and Finance
CFO Wes Meixelsperger and B&F Chair Aaron DeJoia provided an overview of the SSSA 2Q financial results through June 30, 2016. Budget information for 2017 was sent to the Budget and Finance Committee to review.

S301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
ACTION: Motion by Aaron Thompson to reappoint SSSAJ Editor Sabine Goldberg to a second, 3-year term. Second by John Galbraith. Unanimous approval.

S711 Program Planning
- SSSA Board of Directors Meeting–Sunday Nov. 6, 8:00-10:00am Sheraton
- Opening Keynote Sandra Postel to speak on water issues–Sunday Nov. 6, 6:00pm
- SSSA Breakfast/Awards Ceremony/Brady Lecture Ray Weil–Monday Nov. 7, 7:00-9:00am Sheraton
- Closing Keynote National Geographic’s Dennis Dimick on food resilience–Wednesday Nov. 9, 5:00pm
- Division Business Meetings: Develop Talking Points

Consensus to adjourn.