



Soil Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Thursday March 21, 2024, 11:00am-12:15pm (Central)

President Michael Thompson called the meeting to order

Board members present:

- President: Michael Thompson, Iowa State
- President-Elect: Samira Daroub, Univ. of Florida
- Past President: Carrie Laboski, USDA-ARS
- Agricultural Soil and Food Systems Group: Maysoon Mikha, USDA-ARS; Hero Gollany, USDA-ARS; Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, K-State
- Education & Practicing Professionals Group: Clay Robinson, CRC Consulting
- Grad Student Rep: Megan Bourns, K-State
- Fundamental Soil Science Group: Maxine Levin, USDA-NRCS-retired; Rebecca Lybrand, UC-Davis; Ganga Hettiarachchi, K-State
- Soil & Ecosystem Processes: Ronald Reuter, Oregon State; Sara Uttech, Governance Director
- Thorsten Knappenberger, Auburn

Ex-officio without Vote: CEO Jim Cudahy

Unable to attend:

- CPSS Rep: Jacob Berkowitz, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Early Career Rep: Dianna Bagnall, Soil Health Institute
- ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer CropScience
- DEI-at-Large: Xia Zhu-Barker, UW-Madison
- Editor-in-Chief Craig Rasmussen, Univ. of Arizona
- Program Planning Officer Aaron Daigh, Univ. of Nebraska

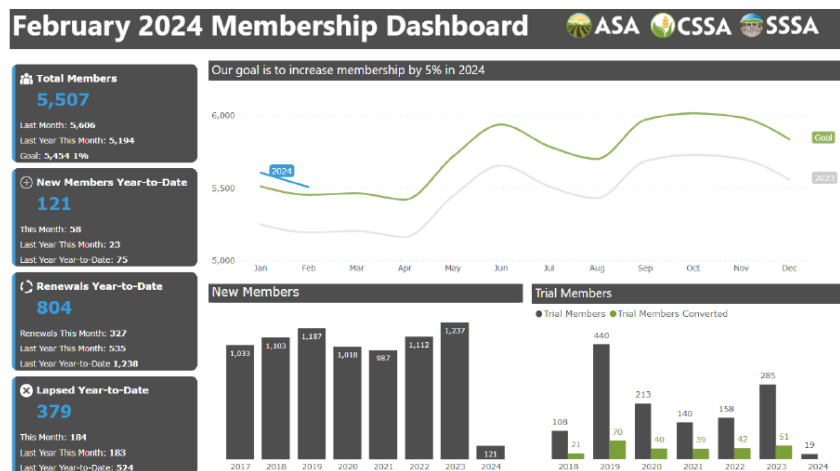
Also attending:

- Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
- Hanna Jeske, Marketing & Brand Strategy Assoc Director
- Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
- Sheri Springer, Finance & Accounting Director
- Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

S003 SSSA Board of Directors

1. ACTION: Feb. 15, 2024 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes was approved by Consent.
2. ACTION: The revised March 21, 2024 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda was approved by consensus.
3. President Michael Thompson requested that board members provide updates during the monthly board calls about their division/committees, rotating through the remaining months.
4. CEO Jim Cudahy lead a Headquarters Update that included:
 - Annual audit underway with plans to hold Budget & Finance Committee Calls to review, ask questions of the auditors.
 - CEO Performance Objectives were approved by the ACSESS Board
 - Strategic Plan: Outreach Objectives & Presentations
 - Exhibiting at MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources & Related Sciences) March 22 and NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) March 21-22
 - Governance Director Sara Uttech invited board members encourage colleagues to vote through April 4 in the SSSA Elections: www.soils.org/elections with President-Elect candidates Aaron Daigh and Maxine Levin.
 - Director Matt Wascavage distributed a Publications Update for March that included Editor Nominations due June 1 (self-nominations encouraged):
 - ASA & CSSA: [Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management Editor](#)
 - ASA-CSSA-SSSA: [Agricultural & Environmental Letters Editor](#)
 - CSSA: [Journal of Plant Registrations Editor](#)

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- SSSA: [Editor-in-Chief](#)
 - CAO Luther Smith provided a report and next steps for Congressional Visits Day held March 4-6 that featured 45 attendees, 63 meetings representing 23 states.
 - Marketing & Brand Strategy Associate Director Hanna Jeske presented a Marketing overview.
2. Letter to the Editor Published: Thompson, M. L., Grunwald, S., Jones, S. B., Lal, R., Skinner, P., & Zhang, W. (2024). Society-to-society collaboration between the United States and China: A path forward. Perspectives of Earth and Space Scientists, 5, e2024CN000238.
<https://doi.org/10.1029/2024CN000238>
 3. Next Meeting Thursday April 18, 11:00am-12:15pm and Agenda Preview
 - Results: SSSA Elections March 4-April 4, www.soils.org/elections
 - Review Year-End 2023 SSSA Financials
 - Committee connections to the SSSA Strategic Objectives
 - Reducing number of committees, consolidation
 - Reinvigorating, reimagining, re-purpose committees with staff liaisons identified

S468 SSSA Society-Wide Student Competition Committee

ACTION: Motion by Samira Daroub, seconded by Thorsten Knappenberger, to sunset SSSA Society-Wide Student Competition and S468 Society-wide Committee due to resource constraints, low attendance. Unanimous approval.

S711.19 SSSA 2024 Program Planning Task Force

SSSA Bouyoucos Conference June 9-13, in Puerto Rico and Hybrid Board Meeting June 14, www.sacmeetings.org

- RSVP by April 30 if attending virtual or in-person, enter arrival/departure dates:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zRDc0H5TZf-g47yxUWYu8bA7qpTJk-svPIZvEJukXI0>
 - Register on your own (optional tours, daily workshops with additional fees)
 - SSSA will reimburse flight, cover 2 nights hotel on Thursday & Friday if needed

ACS090 Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF) Board of Trustees

1. ASF Don Sparks Soil Chemistry Lecture announced.
2. ASF Travel Grants due July 25: www.soils.org/awards - *encourage students to participate*
 - [Advancing Pedology Award](#)
 - [Bridge Scholars](#)
 - [Caregiver Travel Award](#)
 - [Graduate Student Travel Award](#)
 - [Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award](#)
 - [Henry Lin Travel Grant](#)
 - [Indian University Graduate Student Travel Award](#)

Consensus to Adjourn.