

S001.1 PRESIDENT OF THE SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

A. Status: Officer of the Society

B. Composition and Tenure:

The President of the Soil Science Society of America is a member of the Society who has been elected as President-Elect of SSSA by popular ballot of the SSSA voting membership and who has served in that capacity before succeeding to the office of the President. The President must hold the Active membership category or another category having the same privileges as Active membership (Emeritus, Corporate, Certification).

The term of office is a calendar year, Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Traditionally, the gavel is passed at the awards program at the SSSA Annual Meetings.

C. Functions:

1. To serve as principal officer of the Soil Science Society of America and to assume the full authority and responsibility normally delegated to this office through the SSSA Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Bylaws.
2. To serve as a member and Presiding Officer of the SSSA Board of Directors and SSSA Executive Committee. In his/her absence, the Past President functions in that capacity.
3. To serve as a member of the Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS) Board of Directors.
4. To serve as a member of the Chief Executive Officer Evaluation Committee.
5. To serve as Chair of the Nominations for SSSA President-Elect Committee
6. To serve as a Chair of the Honorary Member and Presidential Awards Committee.
7. To serve as a member of the Soil Science Distinguished Service Award Committee.
8. To serve as an ex-officio member of the S592 Science Policy Committee
9. To serve as liaison representative to AAAS Sections B (Physics), C (Chemistry), E (Geology and Geography), G (Biological Sciences), and O (Agriculture, Food and Renewable Resources). If unable to attend meetings, the President-Elect or Past President will serve as a substitute.
10. To represent the Society during his/her term of office in all matters relating to other organizations, groups, and individuals, except as he/she may specifically delegate such responsibility to others.
11. To assume responsibility for, plan agenda for, and preside at the meetings of the SSSA Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Authorizes the President-Elect to review, correct, and approve the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, as organized and submitted by the Chief Executive Officer. Minutes from Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings are posted at www.soils.org/about-society/executive-committee-minutes
12. To assume responsibility for the Annual awards ceremony with assistance from the Headquarters staff and from other SSSA officers.
13. To delegate to the President-Elect the appointment of members and Chairs to SSSA committees. The President has the authority to establish and appoint members of special and temporary (ad hoc) committees and to designate a Chair for each such committee. Following a call for nominations, the President appoints the SSSA Editor-in-Chief after confirmation by the Board of Directors.

14. To receive guidelines and counsel from the Past President and to transfer these effectively to the President-Elect.
15. To approve the contents of ballots and to certify the results of ballots.
16. SSSA will pay expenses for the President to attend Executive Committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, and other meetings where the individual is performing official duties on behalf of the Society. This includes the Society's Annual Meeting.
17. If during the term of office the President should become unable to serve, the most recent Past President who is available shall assume the office of President for as long as is necessary up to the remainder of that term. The person would then automatically become Past President again when the President-Elect becomes President. The most recent available Past-President shall assume the duties of the Past President in the interim.

