

S001.3 PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

A. Status: Officer of the Society

B. Composition and Tenure:

The Past President of the Soil Science Society of America is a member of the Society whose administrative term as President was the previous year. The Past President must hold the Active membership category or another category having the same privileges of 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 ASA Annual Meetings.

C. Functions:

1. Serves as a member of the SSSA Executive Committee and of the SSSA Board of Directors. Minutes from Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings are posted at www.soils.org/about-society/executive-committee-minutes
2. Serves as a member of the Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS) Board of Directors.
3. Serves as Chair of the following committees:
 - a. S201 SSSA Organization, Policy and Bylaws
 - b. S402 Honorary Member of SSSA
 - c. S477 Soil Science Distinguished Service Award
 - d. S491.2 SSSA Special Awards Committee
 - e. S495 SSSA Fellows
 - f. ACS466 Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute Coordinating Committee (every third year, as rotates between ASA, CSSA, and SSSA. CSSA in 2012, SSSA in 2013, and ASA in 2014. The rotation schedule will then continue on the same pattern in future years.)
4. Responsible for coordinating SSSA support for SSSA Regional Branches and Chapters.
5. Performs other duties which normally fall within the scope of this office or are designated by the current SSSA President.
6. SSSA will pay expenses for the Past 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.
7. 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-Past President shall assume the duties of the Past President in the interim.

If the immediate Past President should become unable to serve, the most recent Past-Past President who is available shall serve in the position.

The President of SSSA serves as the Presiding Officer of the SSSA Board of Directors and Executive Committee. In his/her absence, the Past President functions in that capacity.