ASA Board of Directors Conference Call
January 5, 2012
(Call started at 10:00 AM CST; ended at 10:30 AM)

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Barbarick. Board participants were:

Kenneth A. Barbarick, ASA President
Sharon A. Clay, ASA President-Elect
Alexandra N. Kravchenko, Biometry and Statistical Computing Section Board Rep.
Robert J. Lascano, Climatology and Modeling Section Board Rep.
Frederick F. Vocasek, ICCA Registrants Board Rep.
Warren A. Dick, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Board members unable to participate:
Newell R. Kitchen, ASA Past President
James A. Ippolito, Environmental Quality Section Board Rep.
Jessica G. Davis, Global Agronomy Section Board Rep.
Steven E. Petrie, Finance Board Rep.
Robert M. Lacey, Program Planning Officer, ex-officio
James G. Coors, ASF Chair, ex-officio

A003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved by Sharon Clay to approve the conference call agenda. Seconded by David Bubeck. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: It was moved by Bill Heer to approve the December 7, 2011 Board conference call minutes. Seconded by Jeff Hattey. Carried unanimously.

3. Board members were requested to sign and return to Headquarters the Written Acceptance of Conflicts of Interest Policy for 2012.

4. Ken will pursue the potential of a session with Jim Collins focusing on organizational development for the Board, Section Presiding and Vice Leaders, and staff Directors. If available, Ken will try for an early June date in Boulder, Colorado.

5. The next conference call is scheduled for February 2 at 10:00 AM Central Time. In an effort to keep conference calls to an hour, Ken encouraged Board members to review the agenda and supporting documents that are posted on the website prior to each call.
A101 Nominations
Ken reported that Dave Mengel and Bill Wiebold are the President-Elect candidates for the 2012 ballot.

A201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws
The Board received a request for a new Community titled US-Sino Agricultural Research Forum. The Board will vote via email on the Community Creation Request Form pending clarification of the Presiding Leader and Vice Leader.

Note: Following the conference call the Presiding Leader and Vice Leader were clarified and the Board approved the US-Sino Agricultural Research Forum Community via an email ballot on January 5.

A211 Budget and Finance
1. Wes reported a net income from operations for the eleven months ending November 30, 2011. Year-end results should be available late January or early February. Reinvest ASA figures should be available mid-February.

2. Wes provided a sale analysis of the 677 South Segoe Road property which was completed on December 30, 2011.

A301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
Warren reported that the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Editors-in-Chief are working to enhance efforts of the Book and Multimedia Publishing Committee. A committee has been formed to solicit authors and editors of the Methods books. Methods of Soil Enzymology was recently published; Methods of Wetland Soils is being worked on.

A302 Agronomy Journal
1. Warren Dick recommended that Dr. Bill Raun, Oklahoma State University, be appointed as Agronomy Journal Co-Editor with a term of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

ACTION: It was moved by Bill Heer to approve appointment of Bill Raun as Co-Editor of Agronomy Journal. Seconded by Jeff Hattey. Carried unanimously.

Warren will proceed with the appointment.

2. Agronomy Journal Editor Brent Godshalk has indicated that he plans to step down effective March 31 due to workload and relocation. Warren will request a formal resignation in order to proceed with another call for nominations for Co-Editor. Ken will work with Warren on a commendation motion for the next Board conference call.

A537 Science Policy
Current Society policy for support or endorsement of position papers, legislation, and letters is: Regardless of the turnaround time on a request for Society support or endorsement for position papers, legislation, and letters, the request will be sent to the Board of Directors with a deadline for responding. To obtain Society approval, a majority of the voting members of the Board must respond favorably. If in the time period allotted for a response, less than a majority of the voting members of the Board respond to the request, then the Executive Committee is permitted to make a decision on behalf of the Society, taking into consideration those votes received by the voting members of the Board.
On behalf of the Science Policy Committee, Ken presented the following proposed change:
When a request for Society support or endorsement for position papers, legislation, and letters is received, and the turnaround time is greater than 24 hours†, the Director of Science Policy shall send the request first to the Science Policy Committee with a deadline for responding. The Director shall then send the Committee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors with a deadline for responding. To obtain Society approval, a majority of the voting members of the Board must respond favorably. If in the time period allotted for a response, less than a majority of the voting members of the Board respond to the request, then the Executive Committee is permitted to make a decision on behalf of the Society, taking into consideration those votes received by the voting members of the Board and Committee.

† If the turnaround time is less than 24 hours, the Director shall send the request to both the Committee and Board simultaneously with a response time.

ACTION: It was moved by David Bubeck to approve the proposed change for endorsement of position papers, legislation, and letters. Seconded by Fred Vocasek. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: It was moved by Bill Heer to adjourn. Seconded by Fred Vocasek. Carried unanimously.