American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Conference Call Minutes
Thursday Aug. 17, 2017, 1:00pm Central

The meeting was called to order by ASA President Jessica Davis.

Board Members Present:
Jessica Davis, ASA President
Steve Evett, ASA President-Elect
Paul Fixen, ASA Past President
Alan Schlegel, Ag. Production Systems Section
Jeff Coulter, Biometry & Stats Computing Section
Tim Reinbott, Land Management & Conservation Section
Dennis Timlin, Climatology & Modeling Section
Jim Ippolito, Environmental Quality Section
Sieg Snapp, Global Agronomy Section
John Holman, Education & Extension Section
Jeff Volenec, ASF Board Chair, ex-officio
Danielle Cooney, Graduate Student Rep.

Mitch Hunter, Incoming Graduate Student Rep.
Gary Pierzynski, Incoming ASA President-Elect
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
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Unable to Attend:
Sally Flis, ICCA Board Rep.
Beth Guertal, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Dave Clay, Finance Board Rep.

Also Participating:
Karl Anderson, Government Relations Director
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
Susan Fisk, Science Communications Director
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO/Meetings Director
Luther Smith, Business Relations Manager
Sara Uttech, Governance & Membership Senior Manager

A003 ASA Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Motion by Paul Fixen, seconded by Dennis Timlin, to approve the Aug. 17, 2017 ASA Agenda. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Paul Fixen, seconded by Jim Ippolito, to approve the June 22, 2017 ASA Board Minutes. Unanimous approval.
3. Jessica Davis reported that she has made the following appointments:
   ● Michael Mulvaney as the ASA Early Career Representative to complete Chris Boomsma’s term 2017-2019 (Chris is now staff; Michael Mulvaney was the other candidate on the ballot).
   ● Steve Petrie as the next ASA Finance Board Representative to fulfill Dave Clay’s second term 2018-2020 (Dave Clay will be Agronomy Journal Editor 2018-2020).
4. The next ASA Board Call is Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 at 1:00pm Central.

A301 Editorial Affairs, Policies & Practices
1. ACTION: Motion by Paul Fixen, seconded by Jeff Coulter, to approve Bill Raun as ASA Editor-in-Chief for 2018-2020. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Jeff Coulter, seconded by Jim Ippolito, to approve the Agronomy Journal Paper of the Year Award as presented. Unanimous approval.
3. Wes Meixelsperger provided an overview of the ASA Financials through June 2017.

A733 Agronomy Conference Meetings
1. Wes Meixelsperger and Luther Smith provided an update on the ASA-sponsored Sustainable Agronomy Conference, June 19-20, 2018, in Madison. Field to Market will co-locate with us.
2. Steve Evett presented information about a Global Water Security Conference that is requesting a $5,000 sponsorship. Following discussion, the item was tabled until the next call.

A537 Science Policy Committee
Director of Government Affairs Karl Anderson provided the following updates:
1. Successful visits by the presidents to various federal agencies in Washington DC on July 20-21. President Jessica Davis represented ASA.
2. The National Academies Breakthroughs Town Hall was held on Aug. 8, 2017. View the video recordings at: http://nas-sites.org/dels/studies/agricultural-science-breakthroughs/town-hall

A711 Program Planning

- Board Rep. Talking Points will be sent for the 2017 Section Business Meetings
- Meeting Program Posted, Search Abstracts, View Schedule: acsmeetings.org/program
- Jessica Davis reported that the ASA Presidential Award will be presented to Women Farmers with Ozzie Abaye and two women farmers from Senegal to accept the award.
- Sunday Oct. 22 ASA Board Meeting, 2:00-4:00pm, Marriott
- Sunday Oct. 22 Opening Keynote: Cathie Woteki, Former Chief Scientist/Ag Under Secretary
- Monday, Oct. 23 ASA Town Hall, 4:00-5:00pm
- Tuesday Oct. 24 Movie Night: Between Earth and Sky: Climate Change on the Last Frontier
- Wednesday Oct. 25 ASA Award Breakfast/York Plenary: Scott Angle, IFDC
- Wednesday Oct. 25 Closing Keynote: George Kourounis, Adventurer/Explorer
- Graduate students would like their leadership conference recipients to be recognized at the ASA Award ceremony or Town Hall.

Consensus to adjourn.