American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 7:00-9:00am (Mountain), Salt Lake City, UT

President Jeff Volenec called the meeting to order.

Board members present:
Jeff Volenec, President
Sylvie Brouder, Past President
David Clay, President-Elect
Joann Whalen, Incoming President-Elect, ex-officio
Pat Carr, Agronomic Production Systems
Maria Villamil, Biometry and Statistical Computing
Susan O'Shaughnessy, Climatology and Modeling
Amy Shoher, Environmental Quality
Amanda Ashworth, Early Career Representative
Raj Khosla, Education and Extension
Wade Thomason, Global Agronomy
Giovanni Piccinni, Industry Representative
Gary Feyereisen, Finance Representative
Amy Asmus, ICCA Representative
Kristen Veum, Land Management and Conservation
Kathy Yeater, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Samantha Miller, ASF Chair, ex-officio
Jim Ippolito, Program Planning Officer, ex-officio
Luther Smith, Interim CEO, ex-officio

Unable to attend:
Rebecca Champagne, Graduate Student Rep.
Also participating:
Calvin Trostle, Agronomic Production Systems
Jessica Torrion, Climatology & Modeling
Gurpal Toor, Land Management & Conservation
Tracy Campbell, Grad Student Rep.
Karl Anderson, Government Relations Director
Chris Boomsma, Education Director
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
Ian Popkewitz, IT & Operations Director
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director
Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

A101 Board of Directors

1. Announcements:
   - A special note of appreciation to all veterans, and their families and friends on this Veteran’s Day.
   - Welcome: New members to the ASA Board of Directors (1/1/2022):
     1. Agronomic Production Systems Section Rep.: Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M AgriLife, ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu
     2. Climatology & Modeling Section Rep.: Jessica Torrion, Northwestern Ag Research Center, jessica.torrion@montana.edu
     3. Land Management & Conservation Section Rep.: Gurpal Toor, University of Maryland, gstoor@umd.edu
     4. Grad Student Representative: Tracy Campbell, UW-Madison, tacampbell@wisc.edu
     5. President-Elect: Joann Whalen, McGill University, joann.whalen@mcgill.ca
   - Acknowledge our appreciation to ASA Board members rotating off the board (12/31/2021):
     1. Agronomic Production Systems Section Rep.: Pat Carr
     2. Climatology & Modeling Section Rep.: Susan O'Shaughnessy
     3. Land Management & Conservation Section Rep.: Kristen Veum
     4. Grad Student Representative: Rebecca Champagne
     5. Past President: Sylvie Brouder

2. ACTION. Consent Agenda items approved:
   1. Approve the Nov. 11, 2021 ASA Board Meeting Agenda
   2. Approve the Oct. 28, 2021 ASA Board Meeting Minutes
   3. ASA Community Name Change & Re-Focus:
      - A name change for the “By-Product Gypsum Uses in Agriculture Community” to the “Beneficial Reuse By-Products in Agriculture Community.” Re-focusing the Community to include additional by-product materials, excluding biochar and products likely to be covered in the Nutrients and Environmental Quality Community.
   4. ACTION: Motion by Amy Asmus, seconded by Pat Carr, to approve in concept up to $100,000 in support of the Carbon and Ecosystem Service Markets Education Platform as presented by Education Director Chris Boomsma & Government Affairs Director Karl Anderson. Unanimous approval.
   5. Future ASA Board Meetings:
      a. The Dec. 23, 2021 ASA Board Call is canceled
      b. Watch for a Doodle Poll for a new Board meeting schedule for 2022
In-Person ASA Board Meeting with remote option in Madison or elsewhere in the Spring/Summer

Future Agenda Items:
- Discussion Boards: issues heard at Section Board Meeting from Amy Shober
- Section Business Meetings: need to have the ability to hold remote/hybrid

A211 Budget & Finance Committee
1. CFO Wes Meixelsperger and B&F Chair Gary Feyereisen reviewed the ASA 2021 Third Quarter Financials. There was discussion on using reserves to promote membership and other initiatives.
2. ACTION: Motion by Gary Feyereisen, seconded by Sylvie Brouder, to approve the ASA 2022 Budget. Unanimous approval.

ACS528 Diversity Committee
1. ACTION: Motion by Amy Shober, seconded by Giovanni Piccini, to approve a DEI Member-at-Large on the ASA Board of Directors. Unanimous approval. It is referred to the Organization, Policy, and Bylaws Committee for a Bylaws change to be approved by the membership.
2. President Jeff Volenec expressed concerns from members of the LGBTQ+ community that included program issues (overlapping sessions, speaker issues) and overt harassment of a member, among other concerns. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be top priorities for the board in 2022.

A101 Nominations Committee
Nominees due Nov. 30 from Section Chair to Board Rep, Copy Sara Uttech. Please encourage nominations, including self-nominations for ASA President-Elect, ASA Section Vice Chairs, and ASA Board Representatives:
- Section Board Representatives & ASA Industry Board Representative
- ASA Early Career Board Representative & ASA Grad Student Board Representative – apply online by Nov. 30

Consensus to Adjourn.