American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Jan. 24, 2022, 1:30-2:30pm (Central)

President Dave Clay called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Kathy Yeater, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Dave Clay, President Samantha Miller, ASF Chair, ex-officio
Joann Whalen, President-Elect Jim Ippolito, Program Planning Officer, ex-officio
Jeff Volenec, Past President Luther Smith, Interim CEO, ex-officio
Calvin Trostle, Agronomic Production Systems Unable to attend:
Jessica Torrion, Climatology and Modeling Raj Khosla, Education and Extension
Amy Shober, Environmental Quality Also participating:
Amanda Ashworth, Early Career Representative Chris Boomsma, Education Director
Gary Feyereisen, Finance Representative Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
Wade Thomason, Global Agronomy Susan Fisk, Public & Science Communications Director
Tracy Campbell, Grad Student Rep. Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director
Giovanni Piccinni, Industry Representative Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Gurpal Toor, Land Management & Conservation Matt Wascavage, Publications Director
Amy Asmus, ICCA Representative

A101 Board of Directors

1. The meeting opened 15 minutes early for optional networking.

2. President Dave Clay welcomed new members to the ASA Board of Directors who took office on 1/1/2022:
   - President-Elect: Joann Whalen, McGill University, joann.whalen@mcgill.ca
   - Agronomic Production Systems Rep.: Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M AgriLife, ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu
   - Climatology & Modeling Rep.: Jessica Torrion, Northwestern Ag Research Center, jessica.torrion@montana.edu
   - Land Management & Conservation Rep.: Gurpal Toor, University of Maryland, gstoor@umd.edu
   - Grad Student Rep.: Tracy Campbell, UW-Madison, tacampbell@wisc.edu

3. ACTION: Consent Agenda items approved:
   - Approve the Jan. 24, 2022 ASA Board Meeting Agenda
   - Approve the Nov. 11, 2021 ASA Board Meeting Minutes
   - Approve a new Senior Editor for Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment
   - Approve ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee Revised Guidelines

4. Interim-CEO Luther Smith provided the following report:
   - Science Policy: Member Rachel Owen joins staff as Science Policy Manager, also partnering with Michael Torrey Associates a Washington, DC-based consulting firm with Julie McClure on their staff
   - Carbon & Ecosystems Services Education: Project update
   - Member Services: Update on market analysis
   - CEO Search: Our Search Firm, Talbott Talent, is currently conducting interviews with prospective candidates. Interviews are one component of their comprehensive vetting process, and qualified candidates will be presented on a rolling basis to the Search Committee, made up of current Society Presidents, ACSESS Chair April Ulery, and ACSESS Past Chair Shawn Kaeppler
   - February Call: Doodle Poll to Select new date for February Joint ASA, CSSA, SSSA Board Call on Diversity, Carbon & Ecosystem Services Education Project, Membership

5. The following Board-Level Committee appointments were filled:
   - ACS Carbon and Ecosystem Services Education Project Advisory Committee: Gurpal Toor
   - ASA Budget & Finance Committee: Jessica Torrion
   - ASA Science Policy: Tracy Campbell, Jessica Torrion, Calvin Trostle
   - ASA Organization, Policy & Bylaws Committee: Amanda Ashworth and Maria Villamil
6. Past President Jeff Volenec reported on the following:
   • The Organization, Policy and Bylaws Committee will meet to revise the ASA Bylaws to add the additional board member for member approval
   • The ACS Diversity Committee will provide recommendations on the February Joint Board Call

7. ACTION: Motion by Calvin Trostle, seconded by Jessica Torrion, to move forward and examine an ASA Society-Wide Competition in the future. Unanimous approval.

8. The ASA Awards Policy was reviewed: ASA board members are not eligible to be a nominee, nominator, or reference for ASA awards. Board members can participate in CSSA and SSSA Awards, and encourage colleagues to nominate for ASA Awards, which allow self-nominations except Fellow, especially those from underrepresented groups: www.agronomy.org/awards. Deadlines:
   • March 10 Awards initiated
   • March 17 Awards submitted; Scholarships initiated
   • March 24 Scholarships submitted

9. Headquarters held Division, Section, and Community leaders Orientation and Discussion Board training on Jan. 13, 2022.

10. The Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF) Priority Fund has been re-named the Sarah E. Lingle Priority Fund in recognition of her $1.5 million donation.

11. ASA, CSSA, and SSSA celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Clean Water Act: www.soils.org/clean-water-act

A301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices Committee
1. ASA Editor-in-Chief Kathy Yeater provided an overview of projects and priorities for 2022, including:
   • Redefine books committee and guidelines (Books)
   • Research peer review motivators and recognition (Journals)
   • Research open access transition and sustainability (Journals)
   • Address Society Board and publication communications (All Pubs)
   • Input on focus and special sections for CSA News (Magazines)

2. The Journals Marketing Campaign Summary document was posted.
3. The Climate Change Virtual Issue update document was posted.

Consensus to Adjourn.