



## ASA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023 7:00-8:45am (Central), St. Louis

President Joann Whalen called the meeting to order.

### Board members present:

President: Joann Whalen, McGill Univ. (2023)

President-Elect Kristen Veum, USDA-ARS (2023)

Past President: Dave Clay, South Dakota State Univ. (2023)

Ag Production Systems: Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M (2024)

Environmental Quality: Amy Shoher, Univ. of Delaware (2025)

Climatology & Modeling: Jessica Torrion, Montana State (2024)

DEI Member-at-Large: Candice Duncan, U of Maryland (2023)

Early Career Rep.: Nicole Fiorellino, Univ. of Maryland (2025)

Finance Representative: Gary Feyereisen, USDA-ARS (2023)

Global Agronomy: Wade Thomason, Oklahoma State (2023)

Grad Student: Harpreet Kaur, Univ. of Missouri (2023)

ICCA Rep.: Amy Asmus, Asmus Farm Supply (2025)

Industry Rep.: Colin Campbell, METER Group (2025)

Land Mgmt & Conservation: Gurpal Toor, U of Maryland (2024)

Ex-Officio: CEO Jim Cudahy; Program Planning Officer Jim

Ippolito, Colorado State (2025); ASF Chair Samantha Miller,

Corteva Agriscience (2023); Editor-in-Chief Kathy Yeater,

USDA-ARS (2023); Incoming President-Elect Peter Kyveryga, Deere & Co.; Incoming Education & Extension: Tabare Abadie, Corteva Agriscience; Incoming Global Agronomy: Picasso Valentin, Univ. of Wisconsin; Incoming ICCA: Andy Knepp, Corteva Agriscience; Incoming Grad Student: Taqdeer Gill, Univ. of Wisconsin

### Unable to attend:

Biometry & Stats Computing: Maria Villamil, U of Illinois (2024)

Education & Extension: Raj Khosla, Kansas State (2023)

### Also attending:

Susan Chapman, Member Services Director

Dawn Gibas, Certification Director

Ian Popkewitz, IT/Operations Director

Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

Sara Uttech, Governance Director

Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director

### A003 Board of Directors

1. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda were approved:

- Nov. 2, 2023 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
- Sept. 20, 2023 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

2. Welcome New Board Members (terms begin 1/1/2024):

- President-Elect: Peter Kyveryga, Deere & Company
- Education & Extension Board Representative: Tabare Abadie, Corteva Agriscience
- Global Agronomy Section Board Representative: Picasso Valentin, University of Wisconsin
- International Certified Crop Adviser (ICCA) Board Representative: Andy Knepp, Corteva Agriscience
- Graduate Student Board Representative: Taqdeer Gill, University of Wisconsin

3. Thank you to Outgoing Board Members (terms end 12/31/2023):

- Past President Dave Clay, South Dakota State University
- Education & Extension Section Board Representative: Raj Khosla Kansas State University
- Global Board Representative: Wade Thomason, Oklahoma State University
- International Certified Crop Adviser (ICCA) Board Representative: Amy Asmus, Asmus Farm Supply
- Graduate Student Board Representative: Harpreet Kaur, University of Missouri
- Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF) Chair: Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience

4. Chief Administrative Officer Luther Smith announced that a Memorandum of Understanding with Engineers Without Borders was signed. No significant budgetary impacts are anticipated.

5. ACTION: Motion by Colin Campbell, seconded by Amy Shoher, to approve the 2024-2028 ASA Strategic Plan as amended to be more explicit about the CCAs. Unanimous approval. Next Steps:

- October/November: Annual Meeting Board Meeting to approve Strategic Plan
- December: Department Directors to operationalize Strategic Plans

- January (with sneak peek in St. Louis): Strategic Plan presented to members
  - Role of Committees in the Strategic Plan
6. President Joann Whalen and CEO Jim Cudahy led a discussion on the role of the ASA Board:
- Integration of Committees, Sections & Communities
    - Feedback to bring back monthly ASA Community Calls, or at least scheduled prior to major deadlines. One idea is to coordinate these with CSSA/SSSA Division Chairs as well?
  - How to maximize Board discussion, contributions
  - Frequency & Duration of Meetings in 2024 – consensus to continue 1-hour monthly meetings

#### A211 Budget & Finance Committee

1. ACTION: Motion by Gary Feyereisen, seconded by Colin Campbell, to approve the 2024 ASA Budget. Unanimous approval.
2. 2023 Budget and Finance Committee: Gary Feyereisen, Kristen Veum, Kathy Yeater, Amy Shober, Wade Thomason, Jessica Torrion, and Jim Cudahy.

#### ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

1. ACTION: Motion by Gary Feyereisen, seconded to Nicole Fiorellino, to approve the proposal to add Senior Editors to AGE. Unanimous approval.
2. An overview of Publications and the Post-2024 Publishing Program initiative was presented by Publications Director Matt Wascavage and Editor-in-Chief Kathy Yeater.
3. New virtual issue: “Advancing Resilient Agricultural Systems: Adapting to and Mitigating Climate Change” with open-access articles in several journals: [access.onlinelibrary.wiley.com](https://access.onlinelibrary.wiley.com).

#### A101 Nominations Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech reminded Section Board Reps to contact their Section Chairs about the Nov. 30 deadline to submit 2024 ASA Election Candidates for President-Elect, Board Reps, and Section Vice Chairs and to encourage women, minorities, and others to run for office.

#### A092.4 International Certified Crop Adviser Board

1. Seeking volunteers to serve on the ASA-ICCA Membership Task Force, contact Luther Smith, Sara Uttech, or Joann Whalen.
2. ICCA Board Representative Amy Asmus read her comments that included input from two CCAs about the LGBTQ Specialty Group sponsored Drag Show held at the Annual Meeting and the Societies’ social media posts.

#### A537 Science Policy Committee

The Board is invited, especially the Science Policy Committee, to Congressional Visits Day on March 4-6, 2024. Board members are encouraged to promote this opportunity to Grad Students to participate, apply by **Nov. 30** at: [www.agronomy.org/awards/view/185](https://www.agronomy.org/awards/view/185)

Consensus to Adjourn.