



**American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday Jan. 21, 2025, 1:00-2:15pm (Central)**

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Mission: The American Society of Agronomy empowers people and communities to develop, disseminate, and apply novel agronomic solutions to sustain the world. **Vision:** The preeminent community for diverse agricultural professionals leading education and collaboration with partners to address food and environmental challenges by connecting the science of agronomy to its practical applications. **Core Values:** Integrity, Inclusion, Adaptability, and Sustainability

President Peter Kyveryga called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

- President: Peter Kyveryga (2025)
- Past President: Kristen Veum, USDA-ARS Columbia, MO (2025)
- President-Elect: Wade Thomason, Oklahoma State Univ. (2025)
- Agronomic Production Systems: Matt Yost, Utah State Univ.
- Biometry & Statistical Computing: Nicolas Martin, U Illinois (2027)
- Climatology & Modeling Section: David Fleisher, USDA-ARS (2027)
- DEI Member-at-Large: Candice Duncan, Univ. of Maryland (2026)
- Early Career Rep.: Nicole Fiorellino, Univ. of Maryland (2025)
- Education & Extension: Tabare Abadie, Corteva Agriscience (2026)
- Finance Representative: Kathy Yeater, USDA-ARS (2026)
- Global Agronomy: Valentin Picasso, University of Wisconsin (2026)
- Grad Student Rep: Lauren Schwarck, Iowa State Univ. (2025)
- Industry Representative: Colin Campbell, METER Group (2025)
- Land Management & Conservation: Jodie McVane, Texas A&M

Ex-Officio without Vote: ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer CropScience (2025); Program Planning Officer Jim Ippolito, Ohio State Univ. (2025); CEO Jim Cudahy

Unable to attend:

- Environmental Quality: Amy Shober, Univ. of Delaware (2025)
- Editor-in-Chief David Clay, South Dakota State Univ. (2027)
- ICCA Representative: Andy Knepp, Corteva (2025)

Also attending:

- Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
- Dawn Gibas, Certifications Director
- Ian Popkewitz, IT Director
- Sanford Moore, Finance Director
- Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
- Sara Uttech, Governance Director
- Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director

A002 ASA Board of Directors

1. The Board reviewed the proposed board meeting: 11 1-hour meetings to 8 bi-monthly 90-minute meetings with a theme and discussion questions tied to the Strategic Plan’s objectives. The goal is to limit updates and reports and encourage more dialogue. An informal monthly email newsletter, Cross-Society Board Communique will be sent to board members.

2025 ASA Board Meetings		
Month	Theme/ASA Strategic Objectives	Additional Topics
January – 75 minutes	Role of the Board	
February – 90 minutes	Awareness of the Profession	Budget & Finance: Investment Strategies
April – 90 minutes	Member Value Proposition	
June – 90 minutes or Summer?	Continuing Education	2026 Budget, Priorities
August – 90 minutes or Summer?	Journals	
October– 90 minutes	Global Footprint	
In-Person Board Meeting, Salt Lake City	Workforce Development	
December – 60 min	Year-End Wrap Up	

2. CEO Jim Cudahy provided a re-orientation, discussing the duties and role of the board in governance and conflicts of interest. He also reviewed the ASA Strategic Plan (2024-2029), including the six ASA Strategic Objectives and three Cross-Society Objectives.
3. Board members are encouraged to communicate:
 - 2025 Section Chairs & Community Leaders: www.acsmeetings.org/files/am/pdfs/2025-asa-section-community-leaders.pdf
 - New Member Hub Circles replace Discussion Boards: <https://memberhub.sciencesocieties.org/>
 - Outreach: www.sciencesocieties.org/about-society/outreach

4. Governance Director Sara Uttech explained the Consent Agenda as non-controversial items reviewed by the Executive Committee that generally do not require board discussion and are all approved together with one motion, second, and vote. Items can be removed from the Consent Agenda upon request.
 - ACTION: Motion by Kathy Yeater, seconded by Colin Campbell, to approve the Consent Agenda, unanimous approval:
 - ASA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - ASA Board Meeting Minutes
 - ASA Science Policy Committee Guidelines – update to chair selection
5. Governance Director Sara Uttech reviewed the Board-Level Committee vacancies. The following board members volunteered to serve:
 - Budget & Finance Committee: Dave Fleisher
 - Science Policy: Matt Yost
 - Reinvest ASA Committee: Jodie McVane
6. ASA Award Policy (Awards open Jan. 21-March 25): To avoid a conflict of interest, ASA Board members cannot be a nominee, nominator, or reference on any ASA Award; they can participate in CSSA and SSSA Awards; and ASA Board Members, except Exec Committee Members, can be a reference on ASA scholarships: www.agronomy.org/files/awards/2023-asa-board-policy.pdf
7. President Peter Kyveryga led a discussion on the January Board Questions: What is your resolution(s) related to Board Activities in the new year? What do you want to see out of service on the ASA Board?
8. Next Meeting Date Tuesday Feb. 18, 1:00pm Central:
 - Theme: Awareness of Profession Agronomy and ASA
 - Discussion Questions:
 - Who are the audiences that we should be focusing our efforts on? How does agronomy fit with food security/human health? What local or regional meetings do you attend?
 - What are the current state of affairs/issues?
 - We will poll for June/July/August dates: Summer In-Person/Hybrid Board Meeting in Madison

A211 Budget & Finance Committee

President Peter Kyveryga announced the appointment of Kathy Yeater, USDA-ARS, as Finance Chair to complete Gary Feyereisen's term (2025-2026) on the board as he stepped down in December due to his retirement.

Consensus to adjourn.