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American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday Feb 18, 2025, 1:00-2:30pm (Central)

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Board members present:

President: Peter Kyveryga (2025)

President-Elect: Wade Thomason, Oklahoma State (2025)

Past President: Kristen Veum, USDA-ARS Columbia, MO (2025)

Biometry & Statistical Computing: Nicolas Martin, University of Illinois (2027)

Climatology & Modeling: David Fleisher, USDA-ARS (2027)

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

Finance Representative: Kathy Yeater, USDA-ARS (2026)

Global Agronomy: Valentin Picasso, University of Wisconsin (2026)

Industry Representative: Colin Campbell, METER Group (2025)

Land Management & Conservation: Jodie McVane, Texas A&M University (2027)

Ex-Officio without Vote: CEO Jim Cudahy; Editor-in-Chief Dave Clay, South Dakota State University (2027); Program Planning Officer Jim Ippolito, Ohio State University (2025); ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer Crop Science (2025)

Unable to attend:

Agronomic Production Systems: Matt Yost, Utah State (2027)

DEI Member-at-Large: Candice Duncan, University of Maryland (2026)

Education & Extension: Tabare Abadie, Corteva Agriscience (2026)

Environmental Quality: Amy Shober, University of Delaware (2025)

Grad Student Rep: Lauren Schwarck, Iowa State (2025)

ICCA Representative: Andy Knepp, Corteva Agriscience (2025)

Also Attending: Development Director Susan Dearing-Bond, Certifications Director Dawn Gibas, Marketing & Brand Strategy Associate Director Hanna Jeske, Finance Director Sanford Moore, Chief Administrative Officer Luther Smith, Governance Director Sara Uttech, Publications Director Matt Wascavage

A002 ASA Board of Directors

1. President Peter Kyveryga called the Board Meeting to order.
2. ACTION: Motion by Kathy Yeater, seconded by Colin Campbell, to approve the Consent Agenda items. Unanimous approval.
 - Feb. 18, 2025 ASA Board Meeting Agenda
 - Jan. 21, 2025 ASA Board Meeting Minutes
 - Updated AC591 ASA and CSSA K-12 Committee Guidelines
3. President Peter Kyveryga led an ideas and brainstorming session based on this month's Board Meeting theme from the ASA Strategic objective, "Awareness of the Profession Agronomy and ASA." Discussion Questions (post answers on the ASA Board Circle: memberhub.sciencesocieties.org):
 1. Who are the audiences that we should be focusing our efforts on?
 2. How does agronomy fit with food security/human health/soil health and other issue topics?
 3. Outside of ASA, what are the issues in agronomy that the general public doesn't understand?
4. Next Board Meeting Tuesday April 15, 2025, 1:00-2:30pm Central
Theme: Member Value Proposition
Discussion Questions (post on the ASA Board Circle: memberhub.sciencesocieties.org):
 - a. What is the biggest problem you or your institution is facing now or will face over the next five years?
 - b. What ASA programs and services are of significant value to you?
 - c. Are there resource gaps that you think ASA is in a position to fill?

A053 Southern Regional Branch

President Peter Kyveryga, President-Elect Wade Thomason, CEO Jim Cudahy Report: ASA Southern Branch Meeting Feb. 2-4, Irving, TX with Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) with 135 attendees. It was a training ground for graduate students. How can we create a potential model for

the creation of ASA and/or Tri-Society regional and/or programs? Next year’s Southern Branch will be in Kentucky. Other regional meetings discussed: Western Nutrient Management conference Reno and the North Central Conference

A212 Reinvest ASA Committee

Reinvest ASA Committee: President Peter Kyveryga, Finance Representative Kathy Yeater, President-Elect Wade Thomason, Jodie McVane, Staff Liaison Susan Chapman, CEO Jim Cudahy, Finance Director Sanford Moore

1. ACTION: Motion by Jodie McVane, seconded by Kathy Yeater, to approve the Reinvest ASA Workforce Development Proposal as recommended by the committee. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Kathy Yeater, seconded by Nicole Fiorellino, to approve the Reinvest ASA Congressional Science Fellowship Proposal as recommended by the committee. Unanimous approval.

ACS528 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Committee

Given the current political climate and efforts to curtail Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs, the board was invited to take the following poll, “To what degree do you want to see the Societies continue their DEI efforts.” Poll results:

- 3/10 (30%) - Full Speed Ahead
- 5/10 (50%) - Slow Down
- 2/10 (20%) - Eliminate

Peter Kyveryga requested to also poll the ICCA Executive Committee members with this same question.

A101 Nominations Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech announced the 2025 ASA Elections for President, Board Representatives, and Section Chairs: www.agronomy.org/elections

- Preview Ballot: Candidates and Bios
- Vote, Encourage Others to Vote: March 3–April 3
- President-Elect Candidates:
 - Melanie Bayles, Oklahoma State University
 - Jim Ippolito, Ohio State University

ACS732 Program Planning

Call for Applications: 2026-2028 Program Planning Officer, nominations due June 30, 2025 to President Peter Kyveryga, psyveryga@gmail.com

Consensus to Adjourn.

2025 ASA Board Meetings & Themes/ASA Strategic Objectives

January – Role of the Board	July (In-Person/Hybrid Madison) – Journals
February – Awareness of the Profession	October – Global Footprint
April – Member Value Proposition	November (In-Person/Hybrid Salt Lake City) – Workforce Development
June – Continuing Education	December – Year-End Wrap Up