



Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Thursday, March 23, 2023 2:00-3:00pm (Central)

CSSA President Seth Murray called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President: Seth Murray, Texas A&M (2023)
Past President: Marilyn Warburton, USDA-ARS (2023)
President-Elect: Kim Garland-Campbell, USDA-ARS (2023)
C-1: Melanie Bayles, Oklahoma State Univ. (2025)
C-2: Felix Fritschi, Univ. of Missouri (2023)
C-3: Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ. (2024)
C-4: Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ. (2025)
C-5: Cale Bigelow, Purdue (2023)
C-6: John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ. (2024)
C-9: Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS (2025)
Industry Rep.: Leah Brilman, DLF Pickseed (2025)
Grad Student Rep.: Karl Kunze, Cornell (2023)
Ex-officio: CEO: Jim Cudahy; Editor-in-Chief: Bingru Huang,

Rutgers (2024); Program Planning Officer Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M (2023)
B&F Chair: Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD (2025)
Unable to attend:
C-8: Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska (2025)
DEI Member-at-Large: Geoffrey Koch, UC-Davis (2023)
ASF Chair Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience (2023)
Also participating:
Chris Boomsma, Education Director
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director
Rachel Owen, Assoc. Director Government Relations
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Matt Wascavage, Membership Director
Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director

C003 CSSA Board of Directors

1. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
 - Approve March 23, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - Approve Feb. 23, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. In preparation for Strategic Planning, CEO Jim Cudahy reviewed the following:
 - Stakeholder Survey results will be presented on the March, April, and May Board Calls. This month focused on “Never Members”—why they are not members and what products and service they value.
 - ASA-CSSA-SSSA-ASF Strategic Planning Meeting in Madison (with some virtual components): July 26-28, 2023. Watch for more details to be announced.
 - Prompting Monthly Questions for the Board, post replies on the CSSA tab of the Google Document:
 - February: In one sentence, what does CSSA represent?
 - March: Over the next five years, what do you want to see CSSA accomplish?
 - April: Whose perceptions must we change to enable the accomplishments you listed?
 - May: How else must CSSA change to allow it to achieve those accomplishments?

C537 Science Policy Committee

Government Relations Associate Director Rachel Owen provided a report on Congressional Visits Days Feb. 27-28, 2023 with 55 members participating in 62 confirmed and 36 drop-in meetings. CEO Jim Cudahy shared positive student reflections about the event.

C211 Budget and Finance Committee

CFO Wes Meixelsperger and Finance Board Representative Steve Malone reviewed the year-end 2022 SSSA Financials, including: 2022 Year-End Summary, 2022 Year-End Income Statement, 2023 Budget Summary.

C201 Organization, Policy & Bylaws Committee

Following discussion initiated by Division C-9 Representative Mary Guttieri, there was consensus to allow participation of CSSA Board Members on graduate student/undergraduate awards/scholarship as Reference

Writers only. It was referred to the C201 Organization, Policy & Bylaws Committee to re-write the CSSA Awards Policy and bring it to the board for approval.

ACS732 Program Planning

Annual Meeting, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, St. Louis: www.acsmeetings.org updates:

- Abstracts (due June 13), Registration (Early Bird Sept. 20), Hotels (Oct. 5)
- Opening Keynote Sunday Oct. 29 Chavonda Jacobs-Young, USDA-ARS Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics and Chief Scientist. A concert will be held prior to the Keynote speaker.
- GO Scholar Mentors Needed by April 30: www.goldenopportunitiescholars.org/mentor
- New Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Program Planning Committee Member. Send letter of Interest to Nate Ehresman nehresman@sciencesocieties.org by **March 30**
- CSSA Awards moved to Joint ASA-CSSA-SSSA Awards Lunch on Monday Oct. 30, 12:00-1:30pm. CSSA Plenary/Klepper Lecture with continental breakfast Monday morning

ACS321 Editorial Policy & Procedures Committee

Publications Director Matt Wascavage provided a March Publications Update document, and also reported:

- Newly announced Wiley transformational agreements with Big 10
- Gathering Info from members for Wiley Contract Renewal Process
- Call for Editors (self-nominations encouraged) due May 1: [Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment](#) to Editor-in-Chief ASA Kathy Yeater kathleen.yeater@usda.gov & [Crop Science](#) to CSSA Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang huang@sebs.rutgers.edu

ACS598 Decode 6 Advisory Committee

CEO Jim Cudahy announced the departure of Education Director Chris Boomsma who has taken the position of EVP/CEO of the Council of Agricultural Science & Technology (CAST) as of Aug. 1, 2023.

C101 Nominations for President-Elect Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech reported that elections are open through April 6 at www.crops.org/elections and promotions are underway. Board members are invited to vote and encourage others.

Consensus to Adjourn.