



**Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday Nov. 14, 2024, 9:30-11:30am (Central), San Antonio, TX**

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President Kim Garland-Campbell called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President Kim Garland-Campbell, USDA-ARS
Past President Seth Murray, Texas A&M
President-Elect Mark Sorrells, Cornell
C-1 Melanie Bayles, Oklahoma State Univ.
C-2 John Snider, University of Georgia-Tifton
C-4 Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ.
C-5 Cale Bigelow, Purdue
C-6 John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska
C-7 Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ.
C-9 Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS
DEI-At-Large Geoffrey Koch, Petrichor Consulting
Grad Student Tina Sullivan, Kansas State Univ.
B&F Chair Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD
Industry Leah Brilman, DLF
Program Planning Officer: Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M
ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer CropScience

Ex-Officio without Vote: CEO Jim Cudahy; Incoming President-Elect Felix Fritschi, Univ. of Missouri

Unable to attend:

C-3 Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ.
C-8 Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska
Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang, Rutgers

Also attending:

Incoming C-3 Laura Lindsey, Ohio State University
Incoming C-7 John Fellers, USDA-ARS
Incoming C-6 Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Texas AgriLife
Susan Chapman, Special Projects Director
Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
Sanford Moore, Finance Director
Ian Popkewitz, IT & Operations Director
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director
Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

C003 CSSA Board of Directors

1. Special Welcome to New Board Members, terms begin 1/1/2025:
 - Incoming President-Elect Felix Fritschi, University of Missouri
 - C-3 Laura Lindsey, Ohio State University
 - C-7 John Fellers, USDA-ARS, Manhattan, KS
 - C-6 Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Texas AgriLife Extension
2. Thank you to Outgoing Board Members, terms end 12/31/2024:
 - Past President Seth Murray, Texas A&M University
 - C-3 Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ.
 - C-6 John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska
 - C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ.
3. ACTION: Consent Agenda approved:
 - Nov. 14, 2024 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda as revised
 - Oct. 15, 2024 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - Final Ethics Statement, recommended by ACS Ethics Committee
4. CEO Jim Cudahy provided a Headquarters update, including:
 - CSSA Strategic Plan Progress
 - New Website Redesign
 - Chief Administrative Officer Luther Smith previewed our New Member Hub launching in November/December
 - Senior Publications Program Manager Matt Nilsson provided an overview of Digital CSA *News* and *Crops & Soils*, launching in January 2025
 - Director Matt Wascavage provided the November Publications update
 - Upcoming Webinars: www.crops.org/education/online-courses
 - Dec. 3: [Oxisols & Mollisols - Important Agricultural Soils in Brazil and USA](#)
 - Dec. 6: [Inclusive Mentoring: Building Stronger Relationships and Fostering Growth](#)
 - Dec. 12: [Policy Update: What the Election Results Mean for Scientists](#)
 - Dec. 17: [Managing Nitrous Oxide Emissions in Drained & Undrained Corn & Soybean](#)

C211 CSSA Budget & Finance Committee

Steve Malone, Nicole Anderson, John Guretzky, John Snider, Bingru Huang, Kim Garland-Campbell, Mark Sorrells, Sanford Moore, Jim Cudahy

1. B&F Chair Steve Malone and Finance Director Sanford Moore reviewed the CSSA Third Quarter 2024 Financials.
2. ACTION: Motion by Steve Malone, seconded by Seth Murray, to approve the 2025 CSSA Budget as presented by Director of Finance Sanford Moore. Unanimous approval.

C011.05 CSSA Division C-5, Turfgrass Science Officers

Request by Cale Bigelow and Leah Brilman for financial support of the International Turfgrass Conference, July 12-16, 2025 in Japan <https://itrc2025.turfsociety.com> that will also have papers from the conference will be published in Crop Science. Hearing consensus for support, the requestors will return to the board in December with a dollar amount to request CSSA funding.

ACS732 Program Planning

Annual Meeting feedback was provided by board members including what they heard from members and at Division and Committee Meetings, which was forwarded to Meetings and Member and Stakeholder staff.

C537 CSSA Science Policy Committee

CAO Luther Smith provided an update on Science Policy, which also included:

- Save the Date: Feb. 25-26, 2025 Congressional Visits Day
 - Encourage Grad Students to apply by Dec. 4 to attend: www.crops.org/awards/view/185

C101 Nominations Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech reminded board reps to reach out to their division chairs for candidates and forward names by Nov. 15. info at: www.crops.org/elections

- Encourage women and other underrepresented groups to run for office
- President-Elect: C101 Nominations Committee
- All Division Chairs-Elect: 2 candidates from each division
- Board Reps: C-1, C-4, C-8, C-9, Industry, Finance (current reps eligible for re-election): 2 candidates from each division
- Grad Student Board Rep. (as of 2026 even if graduating): [Apply by Nov. 15](#)

Consensus to adjourn.