



## Soil Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Tuesday Dec. 19, 2023, 10:15-11:30am (Central)

### Board members present:

President: Carrie Laboski, USDA-ARS (2023)  
President-Elect: Michael Thompson, Iowa State (2023)  
Past President: Ron Turco, Purdue (2023)  
Agricultural Soil and Food Systems Group: Jane Johnson, USDA-ARS (2023); Maysoon Mikha, USDA-ARS (2024); Hero Gollany, USDA-ARS (2025)  
CPSS Rep: James Hartsig, CPSS (2023)  
DEI Member-at-Large: Xia Zhu-Barker, UW-Madison (2025)  
Education & Practicing Professionals Group: Clay Robinson, CRC Consulting (2025)  
Early Career: Dianna Bagnall, Soil Health Institute (2025)  
Fundamental Soil Science Group: Mary Stromberger, Ohio State Univ. (2023); Maxine Levin, USDA-NRCS (2024); Rebecca Lybrand, UC-Davis (2025)  
Grad Student Rep: Elizabeth Bradley, Auburn (2023)  
Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group: Daniel Markewitz, U. of Georgia (2023); Ronald Reuter, Oregon State (2024)

Ex-officio: CEO Jim Cudahy; Editor-in-Chief Craig Rasmussen, Univ. of Arizona (2024)

### Unable to attend:

Program Planning Officer Aaron Daigh, U of Nebraska (2024); ASF Chair Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience (2023); Incoming President-Elect Samira Daroub, U. of Florida (2023)

### Also attending:

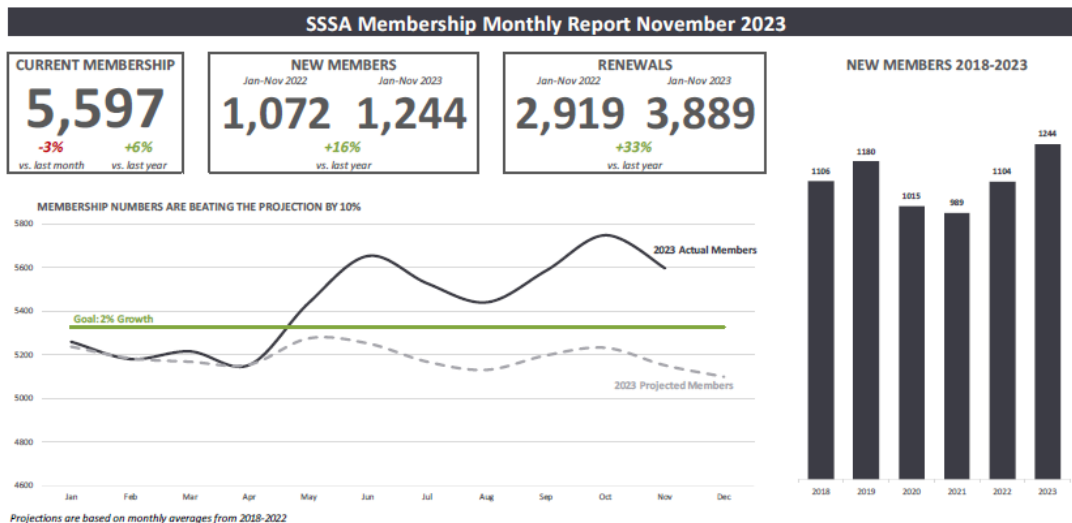
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director  
Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director  
Dawn Gibas, Certifications Director  
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sara Uttech, Governance Director  
Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

### Incoming Board Members attending:

Ag, Soil & Food Systems Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, K-State;  
Fundamental Soil Science Ganga Hettiarachchi, K-State; Soil & Ecosystem Processes Thorsten Knappenberger, Auburn

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- The meeting opened 15 minutes early for optional informal networking.
- ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
  - Approve Dec. 19, 2023 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
  - Approve Nov. 28, 2023 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
  - Updated SSSA Awards Policy: Board Members (excluding exec committee) can write SSSA scholarship reference letters
- CEO Jim Cudahy reported on the Strategic Plan Department Directors Retreat and reviewing Committees for an upcoming project. The 2024-2028 SSSA Strategic Plan is posted on our Governance webpage: [www.soils.org/about-society/governance](http://www.soils.org/about-society/governance)
- SSSA November 2023 Membership Stats:



- ASA, CSSA, SSSA Awards & Scholarships Open 1/4/24 at [www.soils.org/awards](http://www.soils.org/awards) - encourage colleagues and students to apply, post to Discussion Boards

- Award Nominations close 3/12/2024 | Award Submissions due 3/19/2024
- Scholarship Nominations close 3/19/2024 | Scholarship Submissions due 3/27/2024

6. Final Thank you to outgoing SSSA Board Members:

- SSSA Past President Ron Turco, Purdue University
- Ag, Soil & Food Systems Group Board Representative Jane Johnson, USDA-ARS
- Fundamental Soil Science Group Representative Mary Stromberger, Ohio State University
- Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group Daniel Markewitz, University of Georgia
- Graduate Student Board Representative Elizabeth Bradley, Auburn
- Certified Professional Soil Scientist Representative James Hartsig, Invenergy
- Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF) Chair Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience

7. Next Board Meeting January 2024: Watch for a Doodle to set monthly meeting dates for the whole year.

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

Special Projects Director Susan Chapman provided an update on the DEI Mentoring Project and led a discussion on Mentoring.

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

Publications Director Matt Wascavage provided an update on post-2024 publishing with plans for presentations by Springer and Wiley in early 2024.

S101 Nominations Committee

Last call for SSSA President-Elect Candidates: submit to Governance Director Sara Uttech, [suttech@sciencesocieties.org](mailto:suttech@sciencesocieties.org)

- Four Candidate Names Submitted in 2023
- Nominations Committee to Meet in early 2024

Consensus to adjourn.