



**Soil Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Thursday April 18, 2024, 11:00am-12:15pm (Central)**

President Michael Thompson called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President: Michael Thompson, Iowa State
 Past President: Carrie Laboski, USDA-ARS
 Agricultural Soil and Food Systems Group:
 Maysoon Mikha, USDA-ARS; Hero Gollany, USDA-ARS
 DEI-at-Large: Xia Zhu-Barker, UW-Madison
 Education & Practicing Professionals Group:
 Clay Robinson, CRC Consulting
 Fundamental Soil Science Group: Rebecca Lybrand, UC-Davis;
 Ganga Hettiarachchi, K-State
 Soil & Ecosystem Processes: Ronald Reuter, Oregon State;
 Thorsten Knappenberger, Auburn
 Ex-officio without Vote: CEO Jim Cudahy; Program Planning
 Officer Aaron Daigh, Univ. of Nebraska; Editor-in-Chief Craig
 Rasmussen, Univ. of Arizona

Unable to attend:

Ag, Soil & Food Systems: Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, K-State

Fundamental Soil Science Group: Maxine Levin, USDA-NRCS
 CPSS Rep: Jacob Berkowitz, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 Early Career Rep: Dianna Bagnall, Soil Health Institute
 ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer CropScience
 Grad Student Rep: Megan Bourns, K-State
 President-Elect: Samira Daroub, Univ. of Florida

Also attending:

Susan Chapman, Special Projects Director
 Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
 Linda Dolezalek, Interim Finance Director
 Dawn Gibas, Certifications Director
 Ian Popkewitz, IT & Operations Director
 Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
 Sara Uttech, Governance Director
 Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director
 Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

S003 SSSA Board of Directors

1. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda were approved:
 - April 18, 2024 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - March 21, 2024 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. Facilitators for Division/Group Reports:

April	May	June	July
Michael Thompson Xia Zhu-Barker	Maysoon Mikha Clay Robinson	Jacob Berkowitz Maxine Levin	Dianna Bagnall Ron Reuter
August	September	October	November
Thorsten Knappenberger Carrie Laboski	Megan Bourns Dorivar Ruiz Diaz	Samira Daroub Ganga Hettiarachchi	Hero Gollany Rebecca Lybrand

- Xia Zhu-Barker provided ACS528 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Committee updates:
 - Welcomed several new members and Chair Tiffany Carter
 - The Annual Meeting Diversity Summit topic is Inclusive Mentoring in STEM with a preview of the new mentoring software platform planned
 - Six Working Groups within the DEI Committee:
 - Professional Conduct and Anti-Harassment Policies Development
 - Mentoring
 - Education/Training
 - NEW Leadership, Governance, and Policies
 - NEW Measuring Success
 - Annual Meeting Program Planning
- Michael Thompson reported on the SSSA collaboration with the Soil Science Society of China:
 - Joint Symposium co-sponsored by both Societies at our Annual Meeting
 - Ideas for a third webinar are being solicited
 - Joint publications that would be on a particular topic and published in a special section

- Working with an ad hoc group with the Soil Science Society of Brazil – brainstorming on how to collaborate and work together to expand our memberships

3. CEO Jim Cudahy presented an update, including:

- Sheri Springer departure, Linda Dolezalek extends contract as Interim Director of Finance
- Will schedule Budget & Finance Committees to have routine annual meeting with auditor
- Website redesign progress, including feedback on user experiences from vendor 08
- Publishing Concepts Inc. (3rd-party publisher) book
- Workforce Development July meeting, including FFAR, NAPB, ASTA, others
- Certification Uptick with increased marketing focus
- Summer SSSA Board Meeting exercises include:
 - Outreach Presentation
 - Working on telling your story as an “elevator pitch”
 - SSSA Strategic Plan: Objectives, Actions, Committee connections to strategic objectives

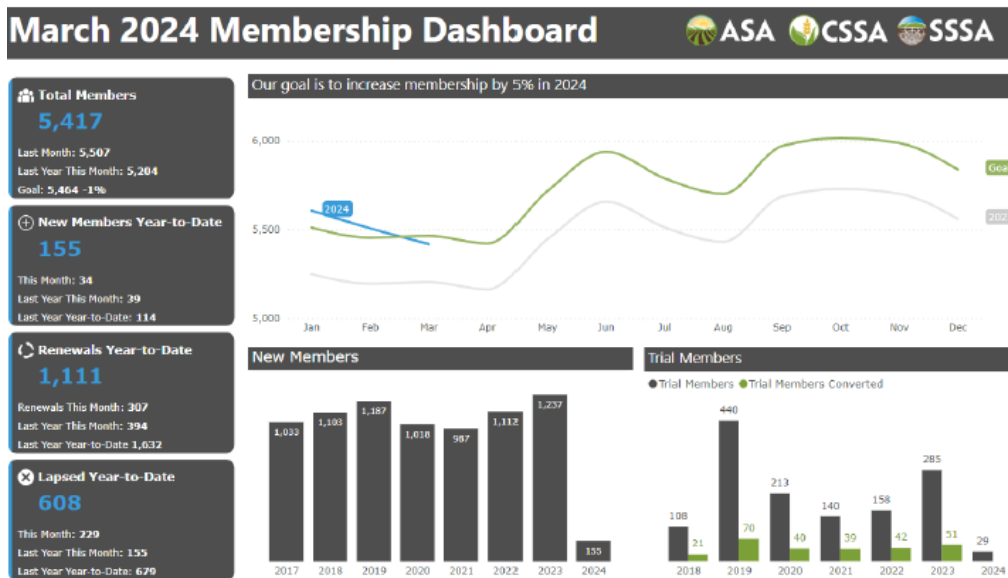
4. Call for SSSA Presidential Award Nominations by May 15 due to Michael Thompson

5. Help Promote: [ASA Virtual Sustainable Agronomy Conference](#) - free two-hour live sessions each week: July 10, 17, 24, 31 with up to 8 CEUs

6. ASF Travel Grants due July 25 www.soils.org/awards - encourage students:

- [Advancing Pedology Award](#)
- [Bridge Scholars](#) - initiate 5/6, submit 5/13
- [Caregiver Travel Award](#)
- [Graduate Student Travel Award](#)
- [Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award](#)
- [Henry Lin Travel Grant](#)
- [Indian University Graduate Student Travel Award](#)

7. March Membership Dashboard:
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S211 Budget & Finance Committee

The 2023 SSSA Financials were presented by Interim Finance Director Linda Dolezalek.

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

Director Matt Wascavage distributed a publications update:

- Editor Nominations due June 1 (self-nominations encouraged):
 - ASA & CSSA: [Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management Editor](#)
 - ASA & CSSA: [The Plant Phenome Journal Editor](#)
 - ASA-CSSA-SSSA: [Agricultural & Environmental Letters Editor](#)
 - CSSA: [Journal of Plant Registrations Editor](#)
 - SSSA: [Editor-in-Chief](#)

S711.19 SSSA 2024 Program Planning Task Force

SSSA Bouyoucos Conference June 9-13, Puerto Rico www.sacmeetings.org

Hybrid Board Meeting June 14:

- RSVP by April 30 if attending virtual or in-person, and enter hotel arrival/departure dates
- Send agenda topics to Michael Thompson, Jim Cudahy, and Sara Uttech
- Register on your own (optional tours, workshops, lunches): www.sacmeetings.org
- Book your flight; we will make Hilton Caribe reservations, up to last 2 nights direct billed
- SSSA will reimburse flight with receipts and completed Travel Reimbursement Form

S101 Nominations Committee

Announce: SSSA Election Results: Incoming President-Elect Aaron Daigh, University of Nebraska.

S591 SSSA K-12 Committee

Update from Clay Robinson and Susan Chapman on the successful SSSA booth at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) meeting.

Consensus to Adjourn.