

S584 SOILS CERTIFYING BOARD

A. Status: Special Committee

B. Composition and Tenure:

The Soils Certifying Board consists of six or more members—this number can be changed at the discretion of the Certifying Board.

Nominations for the Certifying Board members are made by the Certifying Board and appointments are made by the Incoming President of SSSA.

Term appointments are for three years, and only two terms may be served in succession.

Terms begin after the Board meeting, which is held during the ASA, CSSA, SSSA Annual Meetings.

C. Functions of the Soils Certifying Board:

1. To serve as the professional policy and certification Board of The Soil Science Society of America.
2. The individual Soils Board establishes and maintains the criteria for certification, subject to review by the SSSA Board of Directors.
3. To provide peer review through the Soils Certifying Board for approval and disapproval of candidates for certification.
4. The Soils Certifying Board is to hold one regular annual meeting, the date and place of which shall be the same as the SSSA Annual Meeting. Additional meetings may be held as called by the Chair with the approval of the SSSA Executive Committee.

D. Presidential Responsibilities:

The President of SSSA:

1. Appoints the members of the Soils Certifying Board, based upon recommendations from the Certifying Board.
2. Cooperates with the Soils Certifying Board and its Chair in matters of mutual concern. The President must maintain close liaison with the Soils Certifying Board in order to inform the SSSA Executive Committee and the SSSA Board of current issues that need to be called to their attention.