C001.1 PRESIDENT OF THE CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

A. **Status**: Officer of the Society

B. **Composition**: The office of President is filled by a member of the Society who has been elected by popular ballot as President-Elect and who has served in that capacity before succeeding to the office of President. The President must hold the Active membership category or another category having the same privileges of Active membership (Emeritus, Corporate, Certification.)

C. **Tenure**: The term of office is a calendar year, Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Traditionally, the gavel is passed at the awards program at the CSSA Annual Meetings.

D. **Functions**:
   1. Serves as the principal officer of the Crop Science Society of America, and assumes the full authority and responsibilities normally delegated to this office through the CSSA Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Bylaws.
   2. Serves as a member and Presiding Officer of the CSSA Board of Directors and CSSA Executive Committee. In his/her absence, the Past President functions in that capacity.
   3. Serves as a member of the Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS) Board of Directors. 

      Liaison to the Council of Scientific Society Presidents for 3 years through the terms of President-Elect, President, and Past President. As such, appointment for this position shall take place every 3 years.

      Liaison to AAAS Section G (Biological Sciences), Section O (Agriculture, Food, and Renewable Resources), and Consortium of Affiliates for Security Policy for 3 years through the terms of President-Elect, President, and Past President. As such, appointment for this position shall take place every 3 years.

      Representative to CAST Board of Directors for 3 years through the terms of President-Elect, President, and Past President. As such, appointment for this position shall take place every 3 years. [Note: Per Board Action to renew CSSA’s membership in CAST in 2014, David Baltensperger was named representative through his Past Presidency in 2015. Will need new 3-year representative beginning with the 2016 President-Elect].

   4. Serves on the Chief Executive Officer Evaluation Committee.
   5. Chairs the Nominations for CSSA President-Elect Committee.
   6. Assumes responsibility, plans agendas, and presides at all meetings of the CSSA Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Authorizes the President-Elect to review, correct, and approve the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings, as organized and submitted by the Chief Executive Officer. Minutes from Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings are posted at www.crops.org/about-society/executive-committee-minutes
   7. Represents the CSSA during the term of office in all matters relating to other organizations, groups, and individuals, except where such responsibility has been specifically delegated to others by the President.
8. Receives guidelines and counsel from the Past President and subsequently transfers appropriate information to the President-Elect.

9. Approves the contents of ballots and certifies the results of ballots.

10. Exercises Presidential leadership important to the development of CSSA and the crop science profession, and provides leadership in implementation of the CSSA Strategic Plan.

11. Following a call for nominations, appoints the CSSA Editor-in-Chief after ratification by the Board of Directors.

12. Following a call for nominations, appoints the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, upon confirmation by the Board of Directors.

13. Assumes responsibility for the Annual awards ceremony with assistance from the Headquarters staff and from other CSSA officers.

14. Delegates to the President-Elect the appointment of members and Chairs to CSSA committees. The President also has the authority to establish and appoint members of special and temporary (ad hoc) committees and to designate a Chair for each such committee.

15. CSSA will pay expenses for the President to attend Executive Committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, and other meetings where the individual is performing official duties on behalf of the Society. This includes the Society’s Annual Meeting.

16. If during the term of office the President should become unable to serve, the immediate Past President shall assume the office of President for as long as is necessary up to the remainder of that term. The person then would automatically become Past President again when the President-Elect becomes President. The most recent available Past Past President shall assume the duties of the immediate Past President in the interim.