



**Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024 2:00-3:15pm (Central)**

President Kim Garland-Campbell called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

- President: Kim Garland-Campbell, USDA-ARS (2024)
- Past President: Seth Murray, Texas A&M (2024)
- President-Elect: Mark Sorrells, Cornell (2024)
- C-1: Melanie Bayles, Oklahoma State Univ. (2025)
- C-2: John Snider, University of Georgia-Tifton (2026)
- C-3: Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ. (2024)
- C-4: Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ. (2025)
- C-5: Cale Bigelow, Purdue (2026)
- C-6: John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
- C-9: Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS (2025)
- DEI-At-Large: Geoffrey Koch, UC-Davis (2023)
- Industry: Leah Brillman, DLF (2025)
- Grad Student: Tina Sullivan, Utah State Univ (2025)

Ex-Officio Board Members without Vote:

CEO: Jim Cudahy; B&F Chair: Stephen Malone, USDA-

AMS-S&T-SRTD (2025); ASF Vice Chair: Heidi Peterson, Sand County Foundation (2024)

Unable to attend:

- C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ. (2024)
- C-8: Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska (2025)
- Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang, Rutgers (2024)
- Program Planning Officer: Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M (2026)

Also attending:

- Susan Chapman, Special Projects Director
- Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
- Sheri Springer, Finance & Accounting Director
- Sara Uttech, Governance Director
- Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director
- Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

C003 CSSA Board of Directors

1. The meeting opened with 15 minutes of networking which included the discussion of the eLife article, "Research Culture: Why Scientific Societies Should Involve More Early-Career Researchers," as selected by President Kim Garland-Campbell.

Facilitators to Lead Topic/Article Selection & Discussion	
February: Kim Garland-Campbell	July: Melanie Bayles
March: Geoffrey Koch	August: Tina Sullivan
April: Jim Cudahy	September: John Snider
May: John Guretzky	October: Cale Bigelow
June: Seth Murray	December: Mary Guttieri

2. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
 - Approve Feb. 20, 2024 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - Approve Jan. 16, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - Accept electronic vote: Motion carries unanimously to renew the publishing contract with Wiley (keep confidential)
3. CEO Jim Cudahy Headquarters Update:
 - Introduced Sheri Springer, Director of Finance & Accounting who started on Feb. 12, 2024
 - Announced Associate Director of Meetings Rachel Best who will start Feb. 26, 2024
 - CAO Luther Smith announced Congressional Visits Day March 4-6: Approximately 45 people are participating: members, CCAs, grad students, staff
 - Outreach: Iowa State University with Director of Special Projects Susan Chapman
 - Interest in developing a set of slides and materials for board members and staff to present about CSSA. Classes could also be where a plug for CSSA membership, scholarships, GO Scholars, meetings, publications, etc. could be presented
4. ASA, CSSA, SSSA Awards & Scholarships: www.crops.org/awards - encourage colleagues and students (especially women & people of color) to participate
 - Award Nominations close 3/12/2024 | Submissions due 3/19/2024

- Scholarship Applications close 3/19/2024 | Submissions due 3/26/2024
 - CSSA Awards Policy – board members can't participate in CSSA Awards, but can in ASA and SSSA Awards
 - All awards (except Fellow) allow for self-nominations; you complete the award nomination and invite reference writers via the online award system
5. Next Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday March 19, 2:00-3:15pm, Agenda Preview:
- Opening Article Discussion for March: Geoffrey Koch
 - Report: Congressional Visits Day March 4-6
 - Launched: CSSA Elections March 4-April 4, www.crops.org/elections
 - Watch for Poll to select dates to hold CSSA Summer Hybrid Board Meeting in Madison
 - Discussion & Vote: Removing CSSA membership requirement for meeting abstracts
 - Wiley: Transformational Agreements

ACS031 National Student Advisory Committee

ACTION: Motion by Melanie Bayles, seconded by Geoff Koch, to approve combining undergraduate committees ACS449, ACS449.3, ACS449.6, ACS449.8, ACS449.9, ACS449.11, ACS449.12, and ACS031 into the ACS031 National Student Advisory Committee to better meet workforce development and innovating our member experience goals, as presented by CAO Luther Smith. Unanimous approval.

C201 CSSA Organization, Policy, & Bylaws Committee

ACTION: Motion by Mary Guttieri, seconded by John Snider, to approve the following CSSA Bylaws Change, as presented by Governance Director Sara Uttech. Unanimous approval.

Article VII. Divisions

SECTION 12. The ~~three most recent past chairs~~ **chair, chair-elect, past chair, and board representative** of each division, with the immediate past chair the year the election is held, as the chair, shall constitute the nomination committee for the division. The chair-elect (each year) and the divisional representative on the CSSA board of directors (every third year) shall be elected by ballot. The individual nominations committee, as charged by the president, shall select two nominees for each office, who are willing to serve if elected, and shall submit their names to the past president. For a newly established division, the president shall appoint the nominating committee from among the CSSA members who represent the area of expertise of the division.

C101 Nominations Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech reported on the 2024 CSSA Elections:

1. Elections are open March 4-April 4 www.crops.org/elections - board members are to encourage colleagues, Division members to vote
2. CSSA President-Elect Candidates:
 - Felix Fritschi, University of Missouri
 - Carlos (Charlie) Messina, University of Florida

C631.5 AAAS, Section O--Agriculture, Food, and Renewable Resources

President Kim Garland-Campbell provided a report on the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, Feb. 15-17, 2024 in Denver, CO.

ACS732 Program Planning Committee

President-Elect Mark Sorrells reported that the ACS732 Committee will keep the current Comp Policy for Invited Speakers and will look for other opportunities for cost-saving measures.

Consensus to Adjourn.