



Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 27, 2023 2:00-3:00pm (Central)

CSSA President Seth Murray called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President: Seth Murray, Texas A&M (2023)
Past President: Marilyn Warburton, USDA-ARS (2023)
President-Elect: Kim Garland-Campbell, USDA-ARS (2023)
C-1: Melanie Bayles, Oklahoma State Univ. (2025)
C-2: Felix Fritschi, Univ. of Missouri (2023)
C-3: Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ. (2024)
C-4: Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ. (2025)
C-5: Cale Bigelow, Purdue (2023)
C-6: John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
C-8: Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska (2025)
C-9: Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS (2025)
Industry Rep.: Leah Brilman, DLF Pickseed (2025)
Grad Student Rep.: Karl Kunze, Cornell (2023)
Ex-officio: CEO: Jim Cudahy; B&F Chair: Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD (2025)

Unable to attend:

DEI Member-at-Large: Geoffrey Koch, UC-Davis (2023)
C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ. (2024)
ASF Chair Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience (2023)
Editor-in-Chief: Bingru Huang, Rutgers (2024); Program Planning Officer Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M (2023)

Also participating:

Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
Ian Popkewitz, IT & Operations Director
Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Matt Wascavage, Membership Director
Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director

C003 CSSA Board of Directors

1. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
 - April 27, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - March 23, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - C302.3 Crop Science Outstanding Paper Award Committee Revised Guidelines
2. In preparation for Strategic Planning, CEO Jim Cudahy reviewed the following:
 - Stakeholder survey results presented on the March, April, and May Board Calls. This month focused on “Academic and Industry Members” and what products and services each group values.
 - Prompting Monthly Questions for the Board, post replies on the CSSA tab of the Google Document:
 - February: In one sentence, what does CSSA represent?
 - March: Over the next five years, what do you want to see CSSA accomplish?
 - April: Whose perceptions must we change to enable the accomplishments you listed?
 - May: How else must CSSA change to allow it to achieve those accomplishments?
3. Logistics & RSVP: Strategic Planning with ASA, CSSA, SSSA, ASF, CCA, CPSS, July 26-27 at UW-Madison Fluno Center (with virtual component). Enter arrival & departure for hotel reservations (direct billed) at Best Western Premier Park on the Google Doc (**CSSA Tab**). CSSA reimburses travel-related expenses with receipts (no per diems) per the Travel Policy and itemizing expenses on the Travel Expense Report and submitting with receipts to Sara Uttech
 - Tuesday July 25 – In-Person: Arrive by 4:00pm Central to hotel in time for dinner
 - Wednesday July 26 – In-Person & Remote: Strategic Planning
 - Thursday July 27 – In-Person & Remote: Strategic Planning until 3pm Central, depart after or 7/28
4. Committee/Task Force updates:
 - Engineers without Borders Seeking Volunteers: CAO Luther Smith
 - Workforce Development: CEO Jim Cudahy

- Curriculum/Education Certification: Past President Marilyn Warburton/CAO Luther Smith
- Leadership Pathways: President Seth Murray
- Ethics: Member Services Director Susan Chapman
- Organization, Policy & Bylaws Committee: will meet to revise CSSA Awards Policy to allow Board members to write reference letters for undergrad/grad student awards/scholarships

5. International Grasslands Congress (CSSA Sponsor/Exhibit) May 14-19, Covington, KY | April 23:

<https://internationalgrasslands.org/2023-igc/>

6. 2023 Sustainable Agronomy Conference Virtual-Event Series: July 12, 19, 26, & August 2

www.agronomy.org/meetings/sustainable-agronomy

C491.2 Special Awards Committee

Past President Marilyn Warburton reported that past and former presidents submitted nominations for the National Medal of Science for Jorge Dubcovsky, and Ravi Singh for the World Food Prize.

ACS732 Program Planning Committee

Call for Nominations CSSA Program Planning Officer (self-nominations encouraged!): due June 13 to Seth Murray, Seth.Murray@ag.tamu.edu

C101 Nominations for President-Elect Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech announced the 2023 CSSA Election Results:

- New Incoming President-Elect is Mark Sorrells, Cornell University who will attend Strategic Planning
- 2023 Election statistics: 591 voted out of 3,880, or 15.23% vs. 2022: 501 voted out of 4,035 members or 12.42%. This uptick in votes can be attributed to targeted efforts from our new Marketing Department
- Feedback from the board included: one page bio instead of two, adding photos, and standardized questions with answers in bullet form – questions to be reviewed by CSSA Nominations Committee

ACS321 Editorial Policy and Review Committee

Publications Director Matt Wascavage distributed the April Publications Update for the board, and announced:

- Call for Nominations (self-nominations encouraged!) due May 1:
 - [Crop Science Editor](#) to CSSA Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang huang@sebs.rutgers.edu
 - [Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment Editor](#) to Editor-in-Chief ASA Kathy Yeater kathleen.yeater@usda.gov
- Publications Webinar Thursday May 11, 10:00am Central, “Impacts of COVID-19 on pharmaceuticals in wastewater treated for beneficial use,” from *Journal of Environmental Quality*: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3818557034398103894>

Consensus to adjourn.