



Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 25, 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-3: Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ. (2024)
C-4: Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ. (2025)
C-6: John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ. (2024)
C-8: Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska (2025)
C-9: Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS (2025)
Industry Rep.: Leah Brillman, DLF Pickseed (2025)
DEI Member-at-Large: Geoffrey Koch, UC-Davis (2023)
Grad Student Rep.: Karl Kunze, Cornell (2023)
Ex-officio: CEO Jim Cudahy; ASF Chair Samantha Miller,
Corteva Agriscience (2023); Editor-in-Chief: Bingru Huang,

Rutgers (2024); Incoming President-Elect Mark Sorrells (2023)

Unable to attend:

C-2: Felix Fritschi, Univ. of Missouri (2023)
C-5: Cale Bigelow, Purdue (2023)
Program Planning Officer Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M (2023)
B&F Chair: Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD (2025)

Also participating:

Chris Boomsma, Education Director
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Matt Wascavage, Membership Director
Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director

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1. Special welcome: newly elected President-Elect Mark Sorrells, Cornell University
2. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
 - May 25, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - April 27, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
3. In preparation for Strategic Planning, CEO Jim Cudahy reviewed the following:
 - Prompting Monthly Questions for the Board, post replies on the CSSA tab of the Google Document:
 - In one sentence, what does CSSA represent?
 - Over the next five years, what do you want to see CSSA accomplish?
 - Whose perceptions must we change to enable the accomplishments you listed?
 - How else must CSSA change to allow it to achieve those accomplishments?
 - ASA, CSSA, SSSA, ASF, ICCA, CSSP Strategic Planning at UW-Madison Fluno Center, July 26-27 with remote. Enter arrival & departure on the CSSA Tab of the Google Doc.
 - Tuesday July 25 – In-Person: Plan to arrive at the Best Western Premier Park Hotel by 4:00pm Central in time for dinner
 - Wednesday July 26 – Strategic Planning at UW Fluno Center, or remote
 - Thursday July 27 – Strategic Planning until 3:00pm Central at UW Fluno Center, or remote

Travel Reimbursement: Headquarters makes hotel reservations at (direct billed) and reimburses travel-related expenses with receipts (no per diems) per the Travel Policy and itemizing expenses with receipts on the Travel Expense Report to Sara Uttech

 - Ask your Division to provide you with feedback on CSSA priorities to bring to Strategic Planning
 - Watch your mailbox for book, *Good to Great and the Social Sectors*, and Memo/Exercises
4. Committee/Task Force updates:
 - Engineers without Borders: CAO Luther Smith:
 - We are early in the development stage and forming a working committee to help guide staff on how this should be built. We've had initial discussions with Engineers Without Borders but need to get into the details.

- Workforce Development: CEO Jim Cudahy
 - The Workforce Development Task Force has completed its work and has five recommendations to the Boards – including that it should be a cross-society objective within the next strategic plan.
 - Curriculum/Education Certification: Past President Marilyn Warburton/CAO Luther Smith
 - The curriculum/education certification group has met and decided to conduct a survey to determine market need that will be drafted soon and circulated with the timing determined by audience being surveyed.
 - Leadership Pathways: President Seth Murray
 - Infographic Figure is being revised by Melanie Bayles. We are in the process of asking ASA board members and we have one SSSA board member (Aaron Daigh) to join the task force and are scheduling a meeting we can all discuss.
 - Ethics: Member Services Director Susan Chapman
 - The Ethics Committee Development Task Force has completed its work with thoughtful and robust discussion. The Ethics Committee Guidelines are being submitted to the boards on the June calls.
 - Organization, Policy & Bylaws Committee: Governance Director Sara Uttech
 - The Committee will review via email the revisions to the Awards Policy to allow board members (except Executive Committee members) to write letters of reference for undergrad/grad scholarships and awards.
5. Call for CSSA Presidential Award Nominations: Send to President Seth Murray by June 15.

ACS598 Decode 6 Advisory Committee

Education Director Chris Boomsma provided an update on Decode 6 www.decode6.org. With Chris' upcoming departure to CAST, the program has moved to the Publications Department to be managed by Richard Easby.

C211 Budget & Finance Committee

CFO Wes Meixelsperger reviewed the CSSA First Quarter 2023 Financial results.

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

Publications Director Matt Wascavage initiated a discussion on publishing options as the Wiley agreement runs through 2024.

ACS732 Program Planning

There was initial consensus to hold the CSSA Board Meeting at 2023 Annual Meeting in St. Louis on Thursday Nov. 2 9:30-11:30am (local time) unless there are major objections.

Consensus to Adjourn.