Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Conference Call Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Roch Gaussoin. Board members present:

Roch Gaussoin, CSSA President
David Baltensperger, Past President
Michael Grusak, President-Elect
Georgia Eizenga, C-1 Board Rep.
Kraig Roozeboom, C-3 Board Rep.
Steve Malone, C-4 Board Rep.
Mark Sorrells, C-7 Board Rep.
Shannon Pinson, C-9 Board Rep.
Emilio Oyarzabal, Industry Board Rep., ex-officio
Mary Beth Kirkham, B&F Chair, ex-officio
Mark Brick, Program Planning Officer, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, CEO, ex-officio
Not able to attend:
Diane Rowland, C-2 Board Rep

C003 CSSA Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Motion by David Baltensperger to approve the August 25, 2015 CSSA Board Agenda. Seconded by Steve Malone. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by David Baltensperger to approve the July 28, 2015 CSSA Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Georgia Eizenga. Unanimous approval.
3. ACTION: Motion by Mike Grusak to approve $5,000 to support the National Research Council Workshop on Workforce issues. Seconded by Steve Malone. Unanimous approval.
4. Charlie Brummer and David Baltensperger attended the National Association of Plant Breeders meeting and met with NAPB board members, including the president and vice president. We will continue to look for ways that we can work together.
5. The next CSSA Board Call is September 22, 2015 at 2:00pm Central.

C211 Budget and Finance
CFO Wes Meixelsperger and Budget & Finance Chair Mary Beth Kirkham provided an update of the CSSA Budget & Finance Committee Meeting and will present the 2016 CSSA Budget for approval at the November Board Meeting.

C201 Organization, Policy, & Bylaws
ACTION: Motion by the Organization, Policy & Bylaws Committee to approve the CSSA Bylaws changes as amended to add the CSSA Program Planning Officer as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the CSSA Board and to add the Industry Board Representative as a voting member of the CSSA Board. Unanimous approval. It will go to the membership to vote in February with the elections.

C537 Science Policy
Director of Science Policy Karl Anderson reported on the Call for White Papers from the National Science Foundation’s Innovations at the Nexus of Food-Energy-Water (INFEWS). Members are to submit white papers to the Science Policy website by Nov. 27, which will be reviewed by the Science Policy Committees. They will respond to NSF with a compilation of these topics. In addition, the Science Policy Committee are seeking nominees for the Carty Award.

C733 Conferences Committee
Wes Meixelsperger reported that the previously approved Specialized Conference, “Landscape Water Use in the West: Science and Policy” has been canceled by the organizers due to a lack of financial support/time commitment, though he notes that since there was considerable interest in the workshop topic that it may be held in the future.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices
Nominations for the Journal of Plant Registrations Editor are due on Sept. 1, 2015 to Charlie Brummer. Bill Cook reports that there is one candidate nominated.

C711 Program Planning
The following CSSA Annual Meeting updates were presented:
- Begin developing Division Business Meeting Talking Points, and review the Candidates for Elections document.
- Tuesday Nov. 17, 7:00-9:00am–CSSA Awards Breakfast & Klepper Lecture (Mark Howden, CSIRO) – Hilton
- Thursday Nov. 19, 9:30-11:30am–CSSA Board Meeting in Minneapolis – Hilton

Consensus to adjourn.