



**Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, 10:00-11:30am (Central), St. Louis, MO**

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 Univ. (2023)
- C-6: John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
- C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ. (2024)
- C-9: Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS (2025)
- Grad Student Rep.: Karl Kunze, Cornell (2023)
- Industry Rep.: Leah Brilman, DLF (2025)
- Ex-officio: CEO Jim Cudahy; Editor-in-Chief: Bingru Huang, Rutgers (2024); ASF Vice Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer Crop

Science (2023); Incoming President-Elect Mark Sorrells, Cornell (2023); B&F Chair: Steve Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD (2025); Program Planning Officer Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M (2023); Incoming C-2 John Snider, University of Georgia-Tifton; Incoming Grad Student Tina Sullivan, Utah State University

Unable to attend:

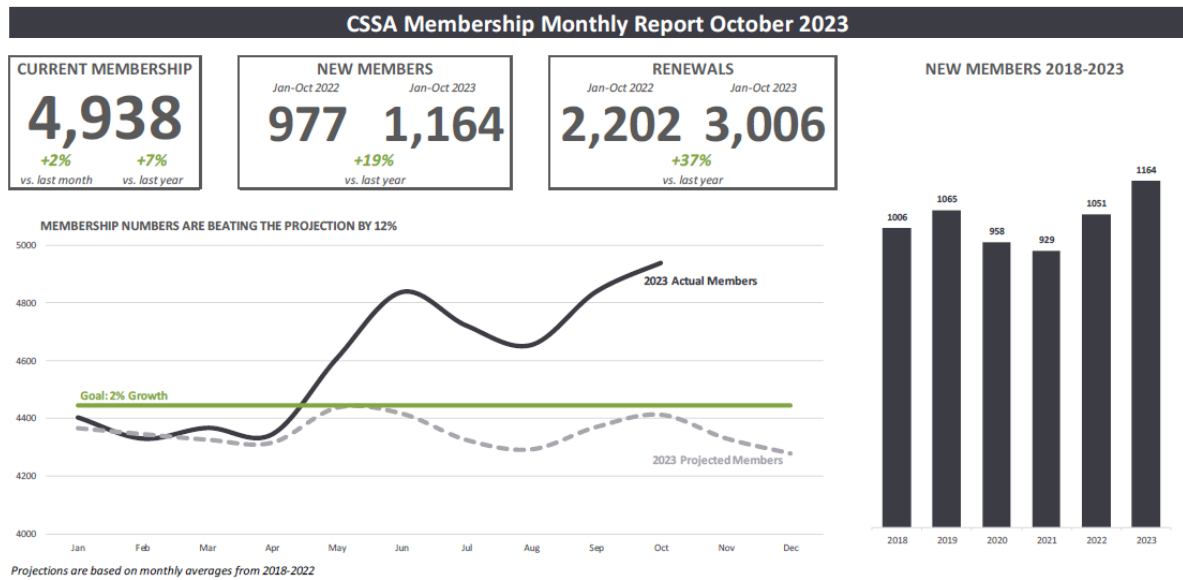
- C-8: Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska (2025)
- DEI Member-at-Large: Geoffrey Koch, UC-Davis (2023)

Also participating:

- Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
- Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
- Dawn Gibas, Certification Director
- Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
- Sara Uttech, Governance Director
- Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

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1. The meeting opened 15 minutes early for discussion of *The Verge* article, "[Is AI the answer to sustainable farming?](#)" led by Jianming Yu. Mary Guttieri will select an article for discussion for the December Board call.
2. CEO Jim Cudahy introduced the new Development Director Susan Dearing-Bond.
3. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
  - Approve Nov. 20, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
  - Approve Nov. 2, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
4. Marilyn Warburton issued a call for volunteers for the CSSA Education Certification Task Force, send names to her:
5. CSSA October 2023 Membership Stats:



### ACS732 Program Planning Meeting

1. ACTION: Motion by Leah Brillman, seconded by Melanie Bayles, to approve the Annual Meeting city selections of Phoenix in 2029 and Minneapolis in 2030 as presented by Associate Meetings Director Jeanne Pluemer. Motion carries with one dissention due to the 2029 meeting occurring over Halloween since feedback indicates this is a popular holiday with families and their preference is to avoid meeting then.
2. Following discussion on the new non-member invited speaker complimentary registrations policy, there was consensus for the ACS732 Program Planning Committee to revise the policy further and bring back to the board for discussion and approval.
3. President Seth Murray led a discussion on Annual Meeting feedback that included: concerns about the Drag Show presentation at the Annual Meeting organized by the LGBTQ Specialty Group and positive feedback on the CSSA Strategic Plan.

### C101 Nominations Committee

The 2024 CSSA Election candidates for President, Board Rep, Division Chair are due **Nov. 30**, send to Board Rep and copy Sara Uttech – encourage women, minorities, others to run for office.

### C537 CSSA Science Policy Committee

1. Save the date for our Congressional Visits Day: March 4-6, 2024 – board members who are interested are invited to attend, especially those serving on the Science Policy Committee.
2. Board members are encouraged to let Grad Students in their Divisions know to apply to attend Congressional Visits Day by **Nov. 30**: [www.crops.org/awards/view/185](http://www.crops.org/awards/view/185)

### ACS090 Agronomic Science Foundation Board of Trustees

Board members are asked to amplify our Agronomic Science Foundation's (ASF) Giving Tuesday fundraising drive on Nov. 28 for the Grad Student Travel Grant Fund on social media (like, share, re-tweet), donate at: [www.a-s-f.org/donate](http://www.a-s-f.org/donate)

Consensus to adjourn.