



**Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 2:00-3:15pm (Central)**

President Kim Garland-Campbell called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President Kim Garland-Campbell, USDA-ARS
Past President Seth Murray, Texas A&M
President-Elect Mark Sorrells, Cornell
C-1 Melanie Bayles, Oklahoma State Univ.
C-2 John Snider, University of Georgia-Tifton
C-5 Cale Bigelow, Purdue
C-6 John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska
C-7 Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ.
C-9 Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS
Industry Leah Brilman, DLF
Grad Student Tina Sullivan, Utah State Univ.
B&F Chair Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD
Ex-Officio Board Members without Vote:

CEO Jim Cudahy; Program Planning Officer: Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M; ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer

CropScience; Incoming President-Elect Felix Fritschi, University of Missouri

Unable to attend:

C-3 Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ.
C-4 Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ.
C-8 Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska
DEI-At-Large Geoffrey Koch, Petrichor Consulting
Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang, Rutgers

Also attending:

Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
Linda Dolezalek, Interim Finance Director
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director
Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

C003 CSSA Board of Directors

1. The meeting opened with a discussion of an article on A.I. selected by Seth Murray.

Facilitators to Lead Topic/Article Selection & Discussion

February Early Career Members: Kim Garland-Campbell	July: Melanie Bayles
March Science Communications: Geoffrey Koch	August: Tina Sullivan
April Social Media Misinformation: Jim Cudahy	September: John Snider
May Happiness/Gratitude/Mental Health: John Guretzky	October: Cale Bigelow
June A.I.: Seth Murray	December: Mary Guttieri

2. The following Consent Agenda were approved:

- June 18, 2024 CSSA Board Meeting Agenda
- May 21, 2024 CSSA Board Meeting Minutes

3. CEO Jim Cudahy presented a headquarters update, including:

- Pre-Board Meeting Exercises for Aug. 1-2
 - Exercise #1: What’s your personal story related to crop science?
 - Exercise #2: Come up with a solid topic (& corresponding authorities) for a webcast/podcast?
- FFAR & Workforce Development Membership Career Paths survey and meeting in August
- 2025 Program Planning Committee: CANVAS, Annual Meeting experience/formats
- Higher Logic – software vendor for Discussion Boards, Committees, Awards, Mentoring
- Meeting with AAU: Prestigious Awards List

4. President Kim Garland-Campbell: Announcements and ways to promote CSSA to your colleagues/students/Discussion Board Posts

- CSSA 2024 Fellows & Awards Ratified by Exec Committee – *keep confidential*
- ASF Travel Grants due July 25: www.crops.org/awards - *encourage students:*
 - [Advancing Pedology Award](#)
 - [Caregiver Travel Award](#)
 - [Graduate Student Travel Award](#)
 - [Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award](#)
 - [Henry Lin Travel Grant](#)
 - [Indian Univ. Grad Student Award](#)

- [Membership Dashboard through May 2024](#) (click on CSSA logo for CSSA-only data)
 - Register for June 25 Webinar: "Are we there yet? Science policy update for the first half of 2024" with Torrey Advisory Group's Julie McClure and Congressional staff on how the Societies have engaged in policy issues
5. Next Meeting CSSA Board Meeting Hybrid & In-Person at Headquarters in Madison: Aug. 1-2 (replaces July 16 CSSA Board Call) Agenda Preview:
- Exercises: #1 Storytelling, #2 Webinar Ideas
 - CSSA Strategic Plan: Objectives, Committees
 - Finance 101 with Interim Director of Finance Linda Dolezalek
 - Foundation/Fundraising 101 with Director of Development Susan Dearing-Bond
 - Send agenda topics to Kim Garland-Campbell, Jim Cudahy, and Sara Uttech
- In-Person Logistics:
 - Book your travel; we make hotel reservations, enter arrival & departure dates on Google document.
 - July 31 – Arrive anytime, will schedule optional informal dinner meet up
 - Aug. 1 – All day board meeting at headquarters: 5585 Guilford Road Madison, including Field Trip in afternoon to Olbrich Botanical Gardens, followed by dinner
 - Aug. 2 – Half day board meeting until noon, plan travel home in afternoon

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

1. ACTION: Motion by Melanie Bayles, seconded by John G, to approve the ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee Recommendations: Update Data Policy, Updated Artificial Intelligence Generated Content Policy, Become a signatory to UNITED2ACT Against Paper Mills. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Seth Murray, seconded by Leah Brilman, to approve the 2025 appointment of Laura Lindsey to first term Editor of Crop, Forage, and Turfgrass Management. Unanimous approval.
3. ACTION: Motion by Seth Murray, seconded by Leah Brilman, to approve the 2025 appointment of Wenwei Xu to a first term as Editor of *Journal of Plant Registrations*. Unanimous approval.
4. Publications Update: 2025 Journal Editorial Appointments and Reappointments

ACS732 Program Planning Committee

Annual Meeting Program updates from President-Elect Mark Sorrells and Program Planning Officer Nithya Rajan:

- Consensus to hold the Annual Meeting CSSA Board Meeting on Thursday Nov. 14: 9:30-11:30am (Central)
- Final Abstract Submission Deadline: July 9
- Call for [SSSA Program Planning Officer](#): Apply or recommend by July 9 to SSSA President Michael Thompson, mlthomps@iastate.edu
- Consider posting on social media to inform your network and help increase visibility -- tweak the language to fit your own voice or audience: "Gain presentation experience AND professional recognition at the ASA, CSSA, SSSA Annual Meeting Nov. 10-13 in San Antonio! All scientific abstracts accepted and due July 9: www.acsmeetings.org"

Consensus to Adjourn.