SSSA Call for Nominations
SSSA Editor-in-Chief

The Soil Science Society of America (www.soils.org) seeks nominations for the SSSA Editor-in-Chief position. This is a three-year term of service to begin 1 January 2025. The SSSA Editor-in-Chief is expected to provide visionary leadership for SSSA publications and the scholarly communication of its members as well as implementing the editorial policies established by the Society’s Board of Directors.

The market landscape and business models for scholarly communication are undergoing rapid evolution and Society publishing needs to embrace the transition. Drivers of the evolution include funding body mandates, federal open science regulations, open science adoption, and open access business models. The pressure for publication and curation of data sets coupled with improved knowledge translation is accelerating the changes in publication. Increased pressure for transparency, repeatability, and reproducibility in science is also emerging. The Editor-in-Chief should be well-versed in or eager to learn about current trends in scholarly communication and excited about opportunities to innovate to ensure the sustainability of our publications while growing the profile and impact of our membership’s science products.

The SSSA Editor-in-Chief will:

- participate and engage in discussions between the ACSESS Publications leadership and publishing partner regarding opportunities and strategies to embrace open science,
- collaborate with ACSESS Director of Publications in identifying and prioritizing innovations with potential to increase visibility and use of publications and educational materials.
- advise the ACSESS CEO and Executive Committee(s) on emerging issues and opportunities in scholarly communication,
- act as an advisor to the staff of CSA News magazine, propose development of focus issues, member profiles, story ideas, etc. and provide subject matter expert guidance. The Editor-in-Chief will represent their individual branches of science, and work in conjunction with the other society editors-in-chief on development of major publishing initiatives with support from staff.
- serve on various committees in addition to other responsibilities.

Candidates for the positions are appointed to a three-year term, with eligibility for a second three-year term, but not a third term without an intervening three-year period. The position is appointed by the Society’s president upon confirmation by its board of directors and carries a great deal of responsibility as well as personal satisfaction. Interested persons may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of SSSA. Candidates should email (i) a vita including a list of previous editorial experience and (ii) a vision statement for the Society’s publications not exceeding one page. An annual stipend and support funding are available.

Deadline
Submit nominations for the SSSA Editor-in-Chief position no later than 1 June 2024 to SSSA President Michael Thompson (mlthomps@iastate.edu). Please contact Dr. Thompson for a complete position description or with any questions.