

# American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023 2:00-3:00pm (Central Time Zone)

President Joann Whalen called the meeting to order.

**Board members present:** 

President: Joann Whalen, McGill Univ. (2023) President-Elect Kristen Veum, USDA-ARS (2023)

Past President: Dave Clay, South Dakota State Univ. (2023)

Ag Production Systems: Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M (2024)

Biometry & Stats. Computing: Maria Villamil, U of Illinois (2024) Climatology & Modeling: Jessica Torrion, Montana State (2024)

Global Agronomy: Wade Thomason, Virginia Tech (2023)

Industry Rep.: Colin Campbell, METER Group (2025)

Finance Representative: Gary Feyereisen, USDA-ARS (2023)

Grad Student Rep.: Harpreet Kaur, Univ. of Missouri (2023)

ICCA Rep.: Amy Asmus, Asmus Farm Supply (2025)

Land Mgmt & Conservation: Gurpal Toor, U of Maryland (2024)

Ex-Officio: CEO Jim Cudahy

ASF Chair Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience (2023)

Program Planning Officer Jim Ippolito, Colorado State (2025)

Unable to attend:

DEI Member-at-Large: Candice Duncan, U of Maryland (2023)

Editor-in-Chief Kathy Yeater, USDA-ARS (2023)

Early Career Rep.: Nicole Fiorellino, Univ. of Maryland (2025) Education & Extension: Raj Khosla, Kansas State (2023)

Environmental Quality: Amy Shober, Univ. of Delaware (2025)

Also attending:

Susan Chapman, Member Services Director Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

Sara Uttech, Governance Director

Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

# **A003 Board of Directors**

- 1. The meeting opened 15 minutes early for optional networking.
- 2. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda were approved:
  - Feb. 15, 2023 ASA Board Meeting Agenda
  - Jan. 18, 2023 ASA Board Meeting Minutes
- 3. Jim Cudahy CEO Report:
  - Priorities developed during the recent Department Directors Retreat as a pre-cursor to Strategic Planning
  - Plans for Spring/Summer Strategic Planning in Madison (along with remote accessibility), will Doodle for dates
  - Dawn Gibas, PhD promoted to Director of Certifications, formerly Assessment Specialist
- 4. President Joann Whalen announced items to highlight to members, including on Discussion Boards:

# www.agronomy.org/discussion-boards:

- Promote Awards, initiate by March 9 submit by March 16; Scholarships/Golden Opportunity Scholars, initiate by March 16 submit by March 23: <a href="https://www.agronomy.org/awards">www.agronomy.org/awards</a> (ASA Board can only participate in <a href="https://www.agronomy.org/awards">SSSA</a> & <a href="https://www.agronomy.org/awards">CSSA</a> Awards)
- Board members to apply, encourage others for Golden Opportunity Scholar Mentors: www.goldenopportunityscholars.org/mentor/application
- New Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Program Planning Committee Member: Encourage letter of interest to Nate Ehresman, <a href="mailto:nehresman@sciencesocieties.org">nehresman@sciencesocieties.org</a> by March 30
- Past President Dave Clay asked for candidate names to be sent to him for consideration for External Award Nominations for National Medal of Science and World Food Prize

#### ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

- 1. <u>ACTION</u>: Motion by Calvin Trostle, seconded by Gary Feyereisen, to reappoint Kathy Yeater to a second, 3-year term as ASA Editor-in-Chief as recommended by President Joann Whalen. Unanimous approval.
- 2. Publications Director Matt Wascavage provided an update document on Publications, including:
  - Board members to promote the Calls for 2024 Journal Editor Nominations due May 1:
    - Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment to ASA Editor-in-Chief ASA Kathy Yeater, <u>kathleen.yeater@usda.gov</u>
    - o Crop Science to CSSA Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang, <a href="https://huang@sebs.rutgers.edu">huang@sebs.rutgers.edu</a>

# A092.4 International Certified Crop Adviser Board of Directors

Chief Administrative Officer Luther Smith provided information about recent trends in the Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Exam numbers since going to Internet-Based Testing.

## ACS598 Carbon and Ecosystem Services Education Project Advisory Committee

Carbon & Ecosystem Services Education Project Manager DJ May provided an update on the Decode 6 platform: <a href="https://www.decode6.org">www.decode6.org</a>, and encouraged Board Members to share Decode 6 content with their networks, including social media.

Consensus to Adjourn.