

A012 – A018 ASA SECTION OFFICERS

Sections are defined by broad disciplinary and functional areas within agronomic science. Sections are the unifying organizational framework for Community activities. The primary purpose of Sections and Communities will be to better assemble members of common interest, facilitate planning, communication, and coordination of programs and services. Most programs and service activities will be initiated within Communities, with Sections providing more of a coordinating management role. The broad areas of Sections will also provide a governance voice for the Society, with the 7 Sections represented on the ASA Board (See Table below).

Section names are included in the Bylaws. Communities are the organization level from which most programs and services evolve, thus Sections should remain relatively unchanged over time. Community names are not included in the Bylaws. A complete list of Communities can be found here - <https://www.agronomy.org/membership/communities>

A. Status: Officers (Presiding Chairs, Vice Chairs and Board Reps.) of the ASA Sections

B. Composition and Tenure:

Officers are elected for each of the following Sections:

- A012 Agronomic Production Systems
- A013 Biometry and Statistical Computing
- A014 Climatology and Modeling
- A015 Education and Extension
- A016 Environmental Quality
- A017 Global Agronomy
- A018 Land Management and Conservation

The officers of each Section are elected ASA members as follows:

- Presiding Chair and Vice Chair (Co-Chairs) – 2-year term each; staggered so they overlap 1 year
- The Section representative to the Board of Directors – 3-year term

Section officers must hold the Active membership category or another category having the same privileges of Active membership (Emeritus, Corporate, Certification).

Terms are based on a calendar year (January 1 through December 31). In practice, at the close of the annual business meeting of the Section, the Vice Chair succeeds to the position of Presiding Chair.

If a Presiding Chair should resign or become unable to serve out the term of office, the Vice Chair shall move into the position of Presiding Chair and the other nominee on the ballot for Vice Chair shall be requested to move into the position of Vice Chair.

The term for the Section Representative to the Board of Directors shall begin and end at the time designated by the Board of Directors - currently on a calendar year basis, January 1 through December 31. If a Section Board Representative is unable to attend a Board meeting, the Section Presiding Chair or Vice Chair may represent the Section at the meeting and vote on all matters that come before the Board of Directors.

If the Section Representative to the Board of Directors should resign or become unable to serve out the term of office, the other nominee on the ballot for Section Representative shall be requested to complete the term. In the event that both the elected representative and the alternate are unable to

serve, then the Presiding Chair or Vice Chair shall be requested to serve as the Section Representative to the Board of Directors.

C. Functions:

The officers of each Section shall be responsible for the policies of the Section, subject to the approval of the ASA Board of Directors.

Nominations:

To nominate two candidates (with their permission) for the office of Vice Chair of the Section and two candidates (with their permission) for the office of Section Representative to the ASA Board of Directors, when that office is to become vacant. To share with the candidates a list of responsibilities for each office.

Community leaders are to provide names for Section Vice Chair and Board Representative to their respective Section Chairs.

To report the names of the candidates to the ASA President through the appropriate Section Representative on the ASA Board of Directors. The Section Representative reports the names of the candidates to the Board of Directors. Biographical information will be collected by Headquarters staff.

Vice Chair (1st year):

- Assists Presiding Chair in their role as Section Program Chair.
- Serves to help nominate the Section Vice Chair and Section Representative to the Board of Directors.
- Rotates to Presiding Chair of the Section after first year of service as Vice Chair
- Succeeds to Presiding Chair of the Section in the event the current Presiding Chair should resign or become unable to serve out the term of office.

Presiding Chair (2nd year):

- Serves as a member of the A711 Program Planning Committee. With input from the Vice Chair, serves as Section Program Chair, including overseeing the distribution of program enhancement funds provided annually to the Section. Provides guidance to Community Leaders on organizing the program of technical sessions for the annual meeting; arranging papers in a coordinated program; arranging symposia and field trips when these are deemed desirable. For overarching Section topics and activities, may also organize symposia, oral or poster sessions, field trips, graduate student awards, etc., as deemed desirable.
- Schedules the time, arranges the agenda, and conducts the annual business meeting of the Section. This includes allowing time for Communities to meet in breakout sessions at the annual business meeting.
- Communicates and reports information to and from Communities within the Section in a time efficient manner as needed to conduct business of the Section and ASA.
- Coordinates the process to nominate the Section Vice Chair and Section Representative to the Board of Directors candidates along with the current Section Vice Chair. Nominations will be solicited from Community members through Community Leaders within the Section.
- Serves as a member of the A101 Nominations Committee. The ASA Executive Committee with the current President serving as Chair, and the voting members of the Board of Directors not represented through Sections (Early Career, Finance, Industry, ICCA Reps.) also serve on the A101 committee.
- Submits an annual summary report of Section and Community activities to the Board of Directors, as requested.

- Responds in a timely manner to requests for Section action from the ASA President, Executive Committee, or Board of Directors.

Section Co-Chairs (Presiding Chairs and Vice Chairs):

- Identifies and invites individuals to be Community Leaders only when Communities do not select their own Leader. Determines the viability of Communities, based on established criteria. If after two years a Community has become inactive, the Co-Chairs will ask for approval from the Board of Directors for the Community to be discontinued.
- Develops plans that maintain or enhance the viability of the Section and supports the needs of the Communities within the Section.
- Assists in implementing actions approved by Communities within the Section.

Section Representative to the ASA Board of Directors:

- Serves the Section on the ASA Board of Directors.
- Reports pending Board of Directors activity and actions at annual Section business meeting. Collects Section consensus on issues pending Board of Directors action.
- As appropriate, reports Section discussions, actions, and resolutions to the ASA Board of Directors.
- At the Board of Directors meeting during the Annual Meeting, provides the names of nominees for the upcoming ballot for Section Vice Chair and, when appropriate, Section Representative to the Board of Directors.
- May serve on the Budget and Finance Committee; Organization, Policy, and Bylaws Committee; Reinvest ASA Committee; or Science Policy Committee.
- In conjunction with Section Presiding Chair and Vice Chair, develops procedure to ensure Section web pages are up-to-date.
- Other activities as directed by the Section, Board of Directors, or Executive Committee.

D. Presidential Responsibilities:

The ASA President cooperates with the officers of each Section in any way to promote harmony and better functioning of the Society.

Aided by the Headquarters staff, conducts the election and reports the results.

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