

**ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees Joint Meeting**  
**March 9, 2006**  
**Madison, WI**

The meeting was called to order by ASA Past President Lee Sommers. Executive Committee members present were:

David A. Sleper, ASA President (participated by phone)  
Lee E. Sommers, ASA Past President  
Jerry L. Hatfield, ASA President-Elect  
Steven L. Fales, CSSA President  
Henry L. Shands, CSSA President-Elect  
James G. Coors, CSSA Past President  
Mary E. Collins, SSSA President  
John L. Havlin, SSSA Past President

Also present:

Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Vice President  
Saul Winsten, Legal Counsel (participated by phone)  
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services  
Michela Cobb, Director of Financial Services  
Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy  
Paul Kamps, Development Officer  
Bonnie Lueck, Development Officer  
Ian Popkewitz, Director of IT and Operations  
Luther Smith, Executive Director Certification Programs  
Cathy Goudreau, Assistant to the Executive Vice President and Recording Secretary

ACS001.4 Executive Vice President

It was the consensus of the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees that the annual performance evaluation of the Executive Vice President include a review of expense claims filed by the EVP.

ACS090 Agronomic Science Foundation

Lee Sommers provided background information regarding the ongoing effort to clarify the working relationship between the Agronomic Science Foundation and the tri-Societies. In light of ASF's desire to remain an independent organization, it was the consensus of the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees to implement a new organizational approach to the Societies' development efforts as outlined below:

A tri-Society development office will be housed in the new supporting organization.

Development officers will continue to be funded by the tri-Societies and work for ASA, CSSA, or SSSA development efforts.

Development staff will be supervised by the Societies' Executive Vice President.

Funds donated for program support will be put into accounts in the supporting organization and moved to ASA, CSSA, or SSSA as appropriate to fund activities.

The Societies will create a new Development Advisory Committee as a means to ensure coordination of development efforts between the tri-Societies and ASF, and to provide input to the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA development efforts. Current ASF Board members will be invited to join the advisory committee.

Requests for support for ASF activities will be accomplished through ASF contacting the Societies' Executive Vice President. The Executive Vice President will assign the request to appropriate staff and ASF will be billed for direct and indirect costs for services requested, as are the three Societies.

#### A201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws

1. Action was taken at the November 2005 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Board meetings to create a new 501(c)(3) supporting organization and to empower the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees to implement the proposed structure. A name for the new supporting organization has not yet been determined. The final name will require Board approval.

Following the 2005 annual meetings, Saul Winsten, tri-Society legal counsel drafted a set of Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for the new supporting organization, which still needs to be named. It was suggested that a small group from the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees and Ellen Bergfeld work with Saul on finalizing the documents. Once finalized, the Bylaws and Articles will be submitted to the three Executive Committees for approval.

2. Lee Sommers indicated that he is working with Headquarters staff to develop a tri-Society policy manual. Although there is much work to be done, his goal is to create the template.

#### ACS237 Membership and Society Identity

Headquarters prepared a preliminary document laying out some different member dues scenarios. The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees, Headquarters staff and the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Budget and Finance Committees will conduct a careful analysis of the dues structure, particularly in light of reorganization and the new management entity.

#### A290 Headquarters - General

Due to the increased activities that ASA, CSSA, and SSSA want to become involved in, it was agreed that additional staff will be needed. Along with hiring more staff comes the need for additional office space. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to seek input from consultants regarding options for future office space.

#### ACS536 Washington Presence

Ellen Bergfeld reported that FASS (Federation of Animal Science Societies) has expressed an interest in joining ASA, CSSA, and SSSA in their Washington, DC office. She will continue to work with FASS leadership in this regard.

#### A631.5 AAAS Section O

Steve Fales briefed the Executive Committee on the possibility of the Societies cosponsoring a symposium at the AAAS meetings. He will inform the Executive Committee if and when the proposal is accepted by AAAS.

Meeting adjourned.