

**ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees (ACSESS Board) Conference Call**

**June 4, 2007**

**(Call started at 12:00 PM CDT; ended at 1:00 PM)**

The meeting was called to order by ASA President Jerry Hatfield. Participants were:

Jerry L. Hatfield, ASA President  
Kenneth J. Moore, ASA President-Elect  
David A. Sleper, ASA Past President  
Henry L. Shands, CSSA President  
William J. Wiebold, CSSA President-Elect  
Steven L. Fales, CSSA Past President  
Rattan Lal, SSSA President  
Gary A. (Pete) Peterson, SSSA President-Elect  
Mary E. Collins, SSSA Past President  
Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Vice President

Also present:

Marcus M. Alley, Incoming ASA President-Elect  
Paul M. Bertsch, Incoming SSSA President-Elect  
Saul Winsten, Legal Counsel  
Fran Katz, Chief Operating Officer  
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

A,C,S 201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws

Action was taken during the March 29, 2007 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Executive Committees Meeting to accept the name of Academy of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS) as the name of the new supporting organization. The CSSA and SSSA Boards of Directors requested that consideration be given to changing the word 'Academy' to 'Alliance'.

**ACTION:** It was moved to change the name of the new supporting organization to Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS). Seconded. Carried with two opposed.

The SSSA Board also requested development of a diagram structure for ACSESS portraying ASA, CSSA, and SSSA as equal partners with their own identity; that ACSESS documents reflect it is a supporting organization; and that an article be prepared for *CSA News* informing the membership of the status of the management entity.

Jerry Hatfield, Henry Shands, and Rattan Lal will work with Ellen Bergfeld and Saul Winsten on the draft Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to be presented to the Boards of Directors for approval.

The next meeting of the ACSESS Board is scheduled for August 19-21, 2007 at the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center in northern Wisconsin. The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Budget and Finance Committees will meet in Madison August 22-24, 2007. It was the consensus of the group to hold a town hall meeting during the Annual Meetings in New Orleans to update the membership on the new supporting organization.

A290 Headquarters

Action was taken at the April 24-25, 2007 ASA Board of Directors Meeting to proceed with initial planning for a new headquarters building with Boldt Technical Services and to follow up with a feasibility study based on conceptual plans. Jerry Hatfield, Ken Moore, Mark Alley, Ken Quesenberry, Paul Bertsch, Ellen Bergfeld, and representatives from Boldt Technical Services, will serve on the headquarters building design team.

Agronomists Without Borders

The concept of an Agronomists Without Borders program has been discussed in the past. Ken Moore, Bill Wiebold, and Pete Peterson will develop a specific proposal for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned.