

**ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees /Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies
(ACSESS) Board of Directors Meeting
August 20-21, 2007
Aldo Leopold Legacy Center, Baraboo, WI**

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, Chief Executive Officer

Also present:

Kenneth H. Quesenberry, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Paul M. Bertsch, Incoming SSSA President-Elect
Calvin O. Qualset, ASF Chair (participated in a portion of the meeting)
Fran Katz, Chief Operating Officer
Michela Cobb, Director of Financial Services
Saul Winsten, Legal Counsel (joined a portion of the meeting by phone)
John Koga, Boldt Technical Services (participated in a portion of the meeting)
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Ken Moore's power point presentation provided an overview of ACSESS and helped set the stage for the meeting.

ACSESS Financial Issues

Michela Cobb presented an overview of the financial impact of ACSESS. The presentation included an estimated balance sheet example for the seven months ending July 31, 2007; an estimated 2008 budget for ACSESS; 2008 budgeted ACSESS fee allocated by direct expense and allocated equally across ASA, CSSA, and SSSA. Extensive discussion ensued involving all participants.

ACTION: It was moved by Bill Wiebold to recommend to the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Boards of Directors that \$150,000 from each Society's portfolio be transferred to ACSESS for a reserve. Seconded by Steve Fales. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Moore to cap the ACSESS reserve at 100 percent of annual operating expense with a bottom limit of 20 percent of annual operating expense. Seconded by Steve Fales. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: It was moved by Bill Wiebold that the ACSESS fee for ASA, CSSA, and SSSA be allocated by direct expense plus a management fee of \$25,000 per Society per year. Seconded by Gary Peterson. Carried unanimously.

An ACSESS implementation plan documenting transfer of assets (staff, headquarters building, etc.) and target dates will be developed.

ACSESS Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Following an in-depth review of the draft ACSESS Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, Saul Winsten joined the meeting via phone to answer several questions. Revisions to the Articles and Bylaws will be incorporated into a final version and presented to the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Boards of Directors for approval.

Election of ACSESS Officers

ACTION: It was moved by Dave Sleper to nominate Jerry Hatfield for ACSESS Chair. Seconded by Bill Wiebold.

ACTION: It was moved by Gary Peterson that nominations for ACSESS Chair cease. Seconded by Bill Wiebold. Carried unanimously.

Jerry Hatfield was elected ACSESS Chair.

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Moore to nominate Bill Wiebold for ACSESS Vice Chair. Seconded by Steve Fales.

ACTION: It was moved by Mary Collins to nominate Gary Peterson for ACSESS Vice Chair. Seconded by Dave Sleper.

ACTION: It was moved by Jerry Hatfield that nominations for ACSESS Vice Chair cease. Seconded by Rattan Lal. Carried unanimously.

Following a vote by paper ballot Bill Wiebold was elected ACSESS Vice Chair.

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Moore to nominate Gary Peterson for ACSESS Secretary-Treasurer. Seconded by Bill Wiebold.

ACTION: It was moved by Dave Sleper that nominations for ACSESS Secretary-Treasurer cease. Seconded by Bill Wiebold. Carried unanimously.

Gary Peterson was elected ACSESS Secretary-Treasurer.

Officers will begin their terms when the ACSESS Bylaws are filed or no later than January 1, 2008.

Agronomic Science Foundation

Calvin Qualset gave a power point presentation on "ASF: 40 years of service to agronomic, crop and soil sciences." Cal requested the ACSESS Board to clarify ASF's role and relationship to the tri-Societies and ACSESS.

Following an internal discussion it was the consensus of the group to convey to the ASF Board of Trustees that the Foundation serves a vital role in support of ASA, CSSA, and SSSA programs. The ACSESS Board is committed to the success of ASF and expects that ASF will, by working with ACSESS, be a visible part of the Societies by implementing innovative development programs. It is recommended that ASF develop a strategic plan that efficiently and effectively supports the missions of the three Societies.

Headquarters Building Discussions

John Koga, Senior Architect with Boldt Technical Services, gave an in-depth presentation of an architectural program for a new headquarters building. Extensive discussion ensued involving all participants. John will work with Ellen and the Building Design Team to incorporate the suggested revisions and will then develop a conceptual floor plan for review. Following approval of a floor plan pricing will be developed. Following approval of the pricing structure a marketing campaign will be launched.

Meeting adjourned.