



**Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies Board of Directors Minutes  
Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, 10:00am Central**

The meeting was called to order by ACSESS Chair Mike Grusak. Board members present:

2017 ACSESS Board of Directors

Mike Grusak, CSSA Past President (Chair)  
Andrew Sharpley, SSSA President (Vice Chair)  
Jessica Davis, ASA President (Sec-Treasurer 2017-2018)  
Steve Evett, ASA President-Elect  
Mark Westgate, CSSA President-Elect  
Harold van Es, SSSA Past President  
Richard Dick, SSSA President-Elect  
Roch Gaussoin, Past ACSESS Chair, Ex-officio  
Ellen Bergfeld, CEO, Ex-officio

Not Able to Attend:

Paul Fixen, ASA Past President

Also participating:

Karl Anderson, Government Relations Director  
Bill Cook, Publications Director  
Susan Fisk, Public/Science Communications Director  
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO  
Sara Uttech, Governance & Membership Senior Mgr.

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1. ACTION: Motion by Mark Westgate, seconded by Roch Gaussoin, to approve the Aug. 28, 2017 ACSESS Board Meeting Agenda. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Steve Evett, seconded by Roch Gaussoin, to approve the Nov. 5, 2016 ACSESS Board Meeting Minutes. Unanimous approval.
3. The ACSESS CEO Evaluation will be sent as a survey to all staff and the ACSESS Board and reviewed by Mike Grusak. The CEO Review will be held as part of the October ACSESS Board Meeting during the closed session.
4. Call for Nominees for 2018 ACSESS Vice Chair/2019 ACSESS Chair. The election will be held at the October ACSESS Board Meeting: Candidate pool: Steve Evett, Mark Westgate, and Richard Dick.
5. Publications Director Bill Cook and CEO Ellen Bergfeld presented information on a web crawling tool that could be used on the Digital Library to look for causal relationships across our literature. The Societies are looking to pilot the project with soils content in conjunction with the Soil Health Institute, and then consider expanding the project to include the full Digital Library.
6. Annual Meeting ACSESS Board Activities:

Saturday Oct. 21

- 8:30-11:45am ACSESS Food Bank Volunteering with companions invited (optional), depart from Marriott
- 12:00-1:00pm ACSESS Lunch, Marriott
- 1:15-3:30pm ACSESS Board Meeting (2:15-3:30pm Closed Session for CEO Review), Marriott
- 5:00-7:30pm ACSESS Board Dinner with companions invited (presidents-elect depart early), Ulele
- 7:00-8:30pm Presidents-Elect Judge SASES President's Trophy Competition, Convention Center

Sunday Oct. 22

- ASF/VIP Reception 4:30-5:45pm, Convention Center
- Other Board Meetings:
  - SSSA Sunday Oct. 22, 10:00am-Noon Marriott
  - ASA Sunday Oct. 22, 2:00-4:00pm, Marriott
  - ASF Tuesday Oct. 24, 10:00am-Noon, Marriott
  - CSSA Thursday Oct. 26, 8:00-10:00am, Marriott

ACSESS211 ACSESS Budget and Finance

1. CFO Wes Meixelsperger presented a financial overview of ACSESS and the 2016 year-end financials.
2. ACSESS Budget & Finance Committee is made up of ACSESS Secretary-Treasurer, currently Jessica Davis for 2017-2018, and the Chair of the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Budget & Finance Committees.

The meeting was adjourned to closed executive session.