Draft for approval at next ACSESS Board Meeting

ACSESS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, 1:00-4:00pm Minneapolis

The meeting was called to order by ACSESS Chair Jan Hopmans. Board members present:

Jan Hopmans, SSSA Past President (Chair)
Roch Gaussoin, CSSA President (Vice Chair)
Dave Mengel, ASA Past President (Sec-Treasurer)
David Baltensperger, CSSA President
Michael Grusak, CSSA President-Elect
Jean Steiner, ASA President
Carolyn Olson, SSSA President
Paul Fixen, ASA President-Elect
Harold van Es, SSSA President-Elect
Sharon Clay, Past Chair, Ex-Officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, Ex-officio

Also participating:
Jessica Davis, Incoming ASA President-Elect
Charlie Brummer, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Andrew Sharpley, Incoming SSSA President-Elect
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
Bill Cook, Publications Director
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO
Susan Fisk, Public/Science Communications Director
Ian Popkewitz, IT/Operations Director
Luther Smith, Business Relations Director
Sara Uttech, Governance & Membership Senior Mgr.

ACSESS003 ACSESS Board of Directors

1. ACTION: Motion by Paul Fixen to approve the Nov. 14, 2015 ACSESS Agenda. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by David Baltensperger to approve the Sept. 3, 2015 ACSESS Board Call minutes. Seconded by Harold van Es. Unanimous approval.
3. Jan Hopmans acknowledged our appreciation to outgoing ACSESS Past Chair Sharon Clay, outgoing ACSESS Secretary-Treasurer Dave Mengel, and CSSA Past President David Baltensperger.
4. Jan Hopmans welcomed incoming Presidents-Elect ASA Jessica Davis, CSSA Charlie Brummer, SSSA Andrew Sharpley.
5. Ellen Bergfeld and Chair-Elect Roch Gaussoin provided an updated on the 2016 ACSESS Strategic Planning, desire for ASA/CSSA/SSSA Strategic Planning collaboration:
    a. SSSA - Early March in DC in conjunction with some DC activities (CVD?)
    b. ASA/CSSA – Madison in May strategic plans
    c. ACSESS -- board meeting in July/August (in conjunction with B&F committees or not), then look at the strategic plans for the synergies and overlap.
6. Luther Smith presented a potential business concept to house the Certification program housed under ACSESS. ACTION: Motion by David Baltensperger to encourage the ACSESS executive group to look at expanding our certification offerings to outside groups. Seconded by Roch Gaussoin. Motion passes, with one dissention.
7. Sharon Clay and David Baltensperger discussed if ACSESS should explore the accreditation of university programs. Ellen Bergfeld committed to report back to the ACSESS Board the results by the next strategic planning meeting by talking to her counterparts at the Society of Range Management, others.
8. CEO Ellen Bergfeld presented an update of external client support, including Animal Science, National Association of Plant Breeders, DC Science Policy Office tenants, and opportunities with the Society of Range Management and the Weed Science Society.
9. Jan Hopmans conducted an election with the following results:
    - Mike Grusak elected as the 2016 ACSESS Vice Chair/2017 ACSESS Chair
    - Jean Steiner elected as the 2016-17 ACSESS Secretary-Treasurer

ACSESS211 ACSESS Budget and Finance

1. Wes Meixelsperger presented the 3Q 2015 ACSESS financial results, ending Sept. 30, 2015.
2. ACTION: Motion by Jean Steiner to approve the ACSESS 2016 budget. Seconded by David Baltensperger. Unanimous approval.

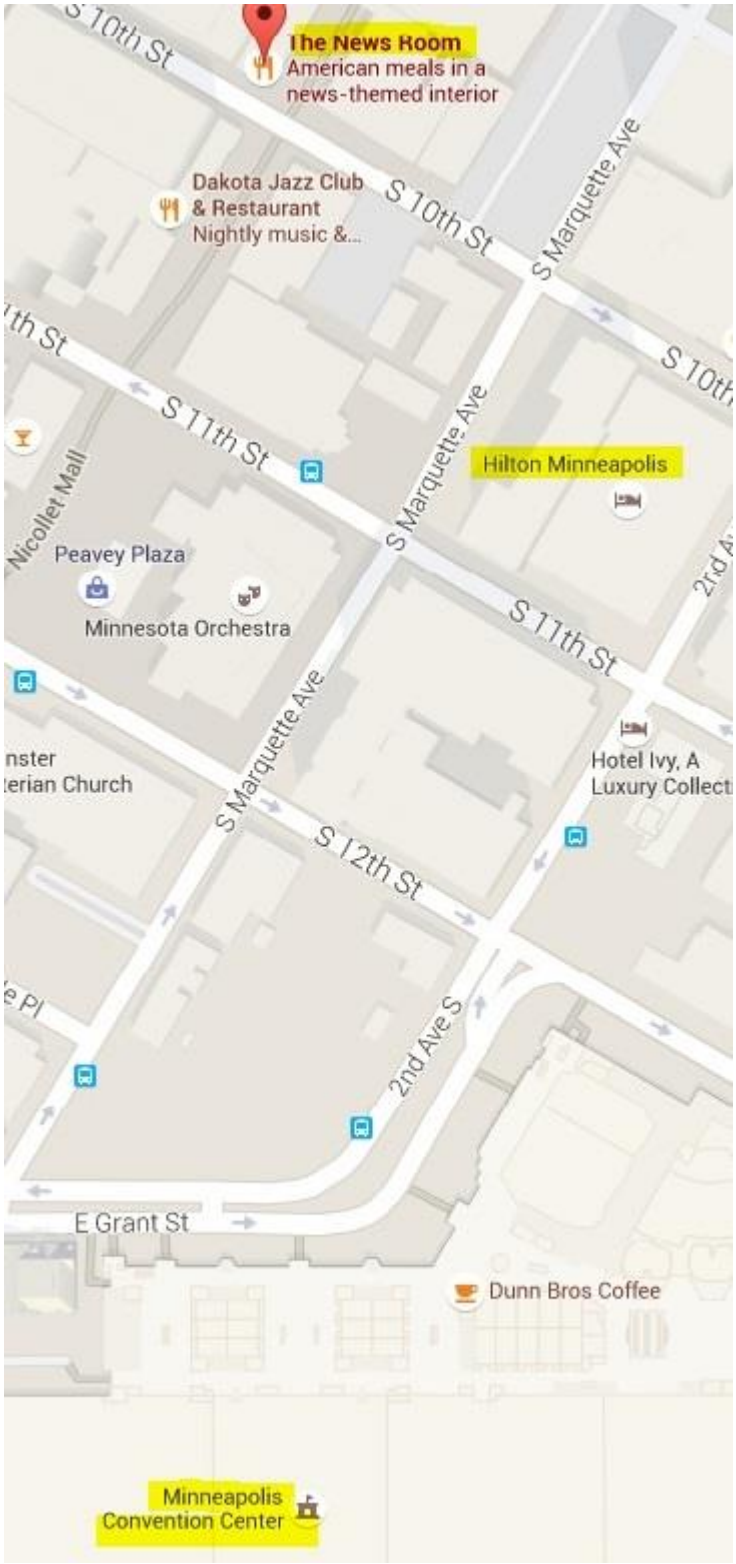
ACSESS 201.1 Data Standards Committee

ACTION. Motion by Paul Fixen to modify the ACSESS 201.1 Data Standards Committee to be the Data Stewardship Committee with the expanded committee charge and expanded committee composition as presented. Seconded by Jean Steiner. Motion passes with one abstention.

Jan Hopmans adjourned the Board to Executive Session with a CEO Update and evaluation with Ellen Bergfeld.

Jan Hopmans adjourned the Board to Executive Session without CEO Ellen Bergfeld present.

The ACSESS Board Meeting was adjourned.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