



**Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies Board of Directors Minutes  
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, 11:00am Central**

The meeting was called to order by ACSESS Chair Roch Gaussoin. Board members present:

2016 ACSESS Board of Directors

Roch Gaussoin, CSSA Past President (Chair)  
Michael Grusak, CSSA President (Vice Chair)  
Paul Fixen, ASA President  
Jessica Davis, ASA President-Elect  
Charlie Brummer, CSSA President-Elect  
Harold van Es, SSSA President  
Andrew Sharpley, SSSA President-Elect  
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, Ex-officio

Not Able to Attend:

Jean Steiner, ASA Past President (Sec-Treasurer 2016)

Carolyn Olson, SSSA Past President

Also participating:

Steve Evett, Incoming ASA President-Elect  
Mark Westgate, Incoming CSSA President-Elect  
Richard Dick, Incoming SSSA President-Elect  
Karl Anderson, Government Relations Director  
Bill Cook, Publications Director  
Susan Fisk, Public/Science Communications Director  
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO  
Ian Popkewitz, IT/Operations Director  
Sara Uttech, Governance & Membership Senior Mgr.

ACSESS003 ACSESS Board of Directors

1. ACTION: Motion by Mike Grusak, seconded by Paul Fixen to approve the Sept. 22, 2016 Agenda. Unanimous approval.
  2. ACTION: Motion by Paul Fixen, seconded by Mike Grusak to approve the Nov. 6, 2015 ACSESS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Unanimous approval.
  3. ACTION: Motion by Harold van Es, seconded by Paul Fixen to approve the ACSESS Diversity and Inclusion Statement as presented. Unanimous approval. Sara Uttech will post to the website, News Flash, and CSA News.
  4. ACSESS and the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Strategic Plans were posted and reviewed.
  5. Roch Gaussoin directed board members to contact him if interested in running for 2017 ACSESS Vice Chair/2018 ACSESS Chair and 2017-18 ACSESS Secretary-Treasurer. The election will be held at the ACSESS Board Meeting in November.
  6. Roch Gaussoin reported that the annual ACSESS CEO Evaluation/Review survey to staff and the ACSESS board will be sent on Oct. 3 with Ellen's review taking place at the ACSESS Board Meeting in November.
  7. The following are Annual Meeting ACSESS Board activities:
    - Saturday Nov. 5
      - ACSESS Food Bank Volunteering (optional, companions invited), 8:00am-Noon, Meet in Sheraton Lobby
      - ACSESS Board Meeting, 1:00-3:00pm (12:30pm lunch in room), Sheraton, Deer Valley
      - ACSESS Board Dinner (companions invited), 5:30pm, location "1130 the Restaurant" (in the Arizona Center across from Sheraton), 445 N 3rd Street #1130, Phoenix
    - Sunday Nov. 6
      - ASF/VIP reception 4:30-5:45pm, Convention Center, Pre-Function Area outside Room 121
- Other Board Meetings:
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| SSSA | Sunday Nov. 6, 8:00-10:00am, Sheraton, Deer Valley  |
| ASF  | Monday Nov. 7, 10:00am-Noon, Sheraton, Laveen B     |
| ASA  | Thursday Nov. 10, 7:00-9:00am, Sheraton, Encanto A  |
| CSSA | Thursday Nov. 10, 9:30-11:30am, Sheraton, Encanto B |

ACSESS211 ACSESS Budget and Finance

Wes provided an overview of the Audit and Management Report from Clifton Gunderson and the 2Q ACSESS Financials through June 2016. Agenda item for November will be to approve the ACSESS 2017 Budget.

ACSESS 201.1 Data Stewardship Committee

Paul Fixen provided an update on Data Stewardship. Karl Anderson shared a document, [Farm Bureau Privacy and Security Principles for Farm Data](#), as it establishes principles for ag technology providers and states that farmers own

the data. While it does not specifically address research, it does give a good outline of how farm groups are approaching data stewardship with privacy as the primary concern.

Consensus to adjourn.