

**Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS)  
Board of Directors Conference Call  
October 12, 2009  
(Call started at 10:00 AM Central Standard Time; ended at 10:45 AM)**

The meeting was called to order by Chair William Wiebold. Board participants were:

William J. Wiebold, Chair and CSSA Past President  
Paul M. Bertsch, Vice Chair and SSSA President  
Gary A. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer and SSSA Past President  
Marcus M. Alley, ASA President  
Francis J. Pierce, ASA President-Elect  
Kenneth H. Quesenberry, CSSA President  
Joseph G. Lauer, CSSA President-Elect  
Nicholas B. Comerford, SSSA President-Elect  
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer

Also present:

Newell R. Kitchen, Incoming ASA President-Elect  
Maria Gallo, Incoming CSSA President-Elect  
Charles W. Rice, Incoming SSSA President-Elect  
Fran Katz, ASA-CSSA-SSSA Chief Operations Officer  
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer  
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

**Approval of Minutes**

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve the August 3, 2009 ACSESS Board of Directors meeting minutes. Seconded by Fran Pierce. Carried unanimously.

**Headquarters Building Update**

Ellen Bergfeld announced that an accepted offer has been received for purchase of the replacement headquarters building. Per a meeting with the Fitchburg Assessor, it is anticipated that the Societies will receive tax exempt status. Wes Meixelsperger went through the numbers including the final bid, cost to move staff, new phone system, and building modifications. The Societies have 30 days to accept or reject the offer.

It was the consensus of the Board to present documentation to the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Boards of Directors via conference call, for final approval to purchase the building. It is anticipated that an announcement on purchase of the building will be made by the Pittsburgh annual meeting.

The revised Tenancy in Common Agreement will be reviewed by the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Boards of Directors at their November 5 meetings in Pittsburgh.

**Mark Logic Software**

Fran Katz presented an analysis for purchase of Mark Logic software to publish Society journals electronically. Mark Alley reported that the ASA Board is supportive of the concept. The CSSA and SSSA Boards will address it as an information item in the near future.

ACTION: It was moved by Nick Comerford to accept the proposal to move to Mark Logic as outlined in the budget provided. Seconded by Gary Peterson. Carried unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held November 2, 2009 during the annual meetings in Pittsburgh. Board members were requested to forward agenda items to Bill Wiebold.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session.

**Executive Session**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to accept the draft CEO Evaluation Procedures document that was circulated. Seconded by Fran Pierce. Carried unanimously.