

**Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS)
Board of Directors Conference Call
March 24, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Bertsch. Board members present were:

Paul M. Bertsch, Chair and SSSA Past President
Nicholas B. Comerford, Vice Chair and SSSA President
Newell R. Kitchen, ASA President-Elect (joined for Executive Session)
Marcus M. Alley, ASA Past President
Joseph G. Lauer, CSSA President
Maria Gallo, CSSA President-Elect
Kenneth H. Quesenberry, CSSA Past President
Charles W. Rice, SSSA President-Elect
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also present:

Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Joe Lauer to approve the December 17, 2009 ACSESS Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Mark Alley. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve the December 17, 2009 ASA, CSSA, SSSA Executive Committees conference call minutes. Seconded by Chuck Rice. Carried unanimously.

Headquarters Building Update

Ellen and Wes reported that remodeling is progressing on schedule and within budget. Staff will move into the new building on April 8 and 9. An open house is anticipated some time during the July ACSESS/B&F meetings. Ellen will email the Board a proposed draft schedule for the open house activities.

Financials

The ACSESS budget is the Support Services budget that was previously part of ASA. Wes reported a net income from operations for the twelve months ending December 31, 2009. It was the consensus of the Board to begin a discussion on potential major capital investments at the July ACSESS meeting.

Mark Logic Software

Ellen reported that the Mark Logic software project is progressing slightly ahead of schedule and within budget. Late June to early July is the anticipated launch date.

July ACSESS/B&F Meetings

This item was discussed in combination with the Headquarters Building Update above. Ellen will tweak the schedule for the July ACSESS/B&F meetings and email it to the Board.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session with Ellen.

Executive Session

CEO Contract

ACTION: It was moved by Chuck Rice to approve the CEO contract, with editorial changes previously provided by Nick Comerford. Seconded by Ken Quesenberry. Carried unanimously.

CEO Evaluation

ASA desires a document that will be both informative and educational for future ACSESS Board members regarding the expectations of the CEO. Paul and Ellen will revise the ACSESS CEO position description and performance evaluation based on input from ASA Performance Evaluation document and share with the ACSESS Board for approval.

Meeting adjourned to a Board only executive session.