

Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS)
Board of Directors Conference Call
December 21, 2010
(Call started at 9:00 AM CST; ended at 9:15 AM)

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
Francis J. Pierce, Secretary-Treasurer and ASA President
Newell R. Kitchen, ASA President-Elect
Marcus M. Alley, ASA Past 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:

Kenneth A. Barbarick, Incoming ASA President-Elect
Jeffrey J. Volenec, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Gary M. Pierzynski, Incoming SSSA President-Elect
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Approval of Agenda

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve the conference call agenda. Seconded by Chuck Rice. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve the October 31, 2010 ACSESS Board of Directors meeting minutes. Seconded by Maria Gallo. Carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest Policy

Board members were requested to sign and return to Headquarters the Written Acceptance of Conflicts of Interest Policy for 2011.

Advisory Committee to the ACSESS Board

Action was taken at the October 31, 2010 Board meeting to appoint an Advisory Committee to the ACSESS Board. Ellen plans to meet early in 2011 with an advisory group in Madison and will update the Board on the outcome of that meeting on the January conference call.

ACSESS Strategic Plan

Action was taken at the October 31, 2010 Board meeting to develop a strategic plan for ACSESS. Paul Bertsch will initiate the process in January or February.

Headquarters Naming/Endowment Plan

Action was taken at the October 31, 2010 Board meeting to form a Committee on Naming Facilities consisting of two members from each of the Societies and the Chief Executive Officer. Fran Pierce was tasked with appointing the committee which will be requested to report to the Board by February.

Newell, Maria, and Chuck were requested to forward names for appointment to the committee.

Headquarters Building Art

The Board reviewed several actions taken at the October 31, 2010 Board meeting regarding building art.

Ellen will follow up with Jay Noller regarding his interest in doing something on consignment for the large space as one enters the Headquarters building.

The Art Committee is composed of the current ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Presidents and the Chief Executive Officer. Nick agreed to be the point person as the committee does not have a Chair.

Existing wall space is cataloged and will be prioritized by the Art Committee during the next Board meeting in Madison.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session at 9:15 AM.