

**Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Societies (ACSESS)**  
**Board of Directors Conference Call**  
**February 18, 2011**  
**(Call started at 1:00 PM CST; ended at 1:55 PM)**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nick Comerford. Board members present were:

Nicholas B. Comerford, Chair and SSSA Past President  
Maria Gallo, Vice Chair and CSSA President  
Paul M. Bertsch, Past Chair, ex-officio  
Francis J. Pierce, Secretary-Treasurer (2010-2011) and ASA Past President  
Newell R. Kitchen, ASA President  
Kenneth A. Barbarick, ASA President-Elect  
Jeffrey J. Volenec, CSSA President-Elect  
Charles W. Rice, SSSA President  
Gary M. Pierzynski, SSSA President-Elect  
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio  
Also present:  
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

**Approval of Minutes**

ACTION: It was moved by Fran Pierce to approve the December 21, 2010 ACSESS Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Gary Pierzynski. Carried unanimously.

**Financials**

Fran Pierce reviewed the statement of revenues and expenses and reported a net income for the twelve months ending December 31, 2010.

**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 reported on her recent meeting with an advisory group in Madison. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a conference call with the advisory group to gain a better understanding of their proposed services.

Note: The Board held a conference call with Organizational Skills Associates (OSA), LLC on March 11. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the proposed services of OSA.

**Headquarters Building Art**

The Board reviewed the most recent art work proposed for the large space as one enters the Headquarters building. Ellen will contact Jay Noller and request he reconsider the drawings submitted to the Art Committee at the annual meeting in Long Beach. In addition, she will request a further mock-up be sent to the Board.

**Committee on Naming Facilities**

Fran Pierce presented the proposed Policy and Procedures for Naming Opportunities for the Tri-Societies' Headquarters Facility drafted by the Committee on Naming Facilities.

ACTION: It was moved by Chuck Rice to approve the Policy and Procedures for Naming Opportunities for the Tri-Societies' Headquarters Facility document. Seconded by Gary Pierzynski. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: It was moved by Fran Pierce that the Policy and Procedures for Naming Opportunities for the Tri-Societies' Headquarters Facility document be effective March 1, 2011. Seconded by Ken Barbarick. Carried unanimously.

Fran Pierce will forward a copy of the final document to Headquarters.

**Whistleblower Policy**

Nick Comerford presented three examples of whistleblower policies. It was the consensus of the Board that Nick work with Maria Gallo and Paul Bertsch to adapt the National Council of Nonprofits Whistleblower Protection Policy to ACSESS. The draft will be forwarded to legal counsel and then presented to the Board on the May 26 conference call.

**Future Board Conference Calls**

The next Board conference call is scheduled for May 26 at 12:30 PM CDT.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session at 1:55 PM.