



**Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS)
Board of Directors Conference Call
May 26, 2011
(Call started at 12:30 PM CDT; ended at 1:00 PM)**

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

Nicholas B. Comerford, Chair and SSSA Past President
Francis J. Pierce, Secretary-Treasurer (2010-2011) and ASA Past President
Newell R. Kitchen, ASA President
Jeffrey J. Volenec, CSSA President-Elect
Joseph G. Lauer, CSSA Past President
Gary M. Pierzynski, SSSA President-Elect
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Unable to participate:

Maria Gallo, Vice Chair and CSSA President
Paul M. Bertsch, Past Chair, ex-officio
Kenneth A. Barbarick, ASA President-Elect
Charles W. Rice, SSSA President
Sharon A. Clay, Incoming ASA President-Elect
Mark A. Brick, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
David L. Lindbo, Incoming SSSA President-Elect

Also participating:

Bob Morris, Organizational Skills Associates, LLC
Buck Rhyme, Organizational Skills Associates, LLC
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Fran Pierce to approve the February 18, 2011 ACSESS Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Gary Pierzynski. Carried unanimously.

Board Meetings/Strategic Planning Sessions

The ACSESS Board will hold a business meeting at Headquarters the morning of August 8. The afternoon of August 8 and all day August 9 will be devoted to a strategic planning session led by Bob Morris and Buck Rhyme of Organizational Skills Associates, LLC. Following the August meeting an environmental scan will be conducted to set the stage for the next strategic planning session where priorities and goals will be determined.

Note – The Board was polled after the conference call and the following meetings were scheduled:

- October 14-15 – ACSESS Board meeting/strategic planning session just prior to the Annual Meetings in San Antonio
- December 12 – ACSESS Board conference call, 1:30 PM CST

Whistleblower Protection Policy

Following up on discussions from the February 18 Board conference call, Nick presented a proposed Whistleblower Protection Policy which has been reviewed by legal counsel.

ACTION: It was moved by Newell Kitchen to accept the Whistleblower Protection Policy as presented. Seconded by Fran Pierce. Carried unanimously.

Statement of Ethics

Nick has drafted a Statement of Ethics for ACSESS employees based on the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Statements of Ethics. The document will be reviewed in light of the Employee Handbook and presented for approval at the August 8 Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session at 1:00 PM.