



Board of Directors Conference Call

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ACSESS Vision: *The Leader in Creating Solutions to Advance Science.*

ACSESS Mission: *Global provider of superior services to scientific societies*

ACSESS Core Values, We Believe In:

- *Transparency, inclusiveness and integrity (in everything we do)*
- *Superior service to Member Societies*
- *Excellent stewardship of members' interest*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maria Gallo. Board participants were:

Maria Gallo, Chair and CSSA Past President

Jeffrey J. Volenec, Vice Chair, CSSA President

Gary M. Pierzynski, SSSA President, Secretary-Treasurer

Newell R. Kitchen, ASA Past President

Kenneth A. Barbarick, ASA President

Charles W. Rice, SSSA Past President

Sharon A. Clay, ASA President-Elect

Mark A. Brick, CSSA President-Elect

David L. Lindbo, SSSA President-Elect

Nick Comerford, Past Chair, Ex-officio

Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, Ex-officio

Paul M. Bertsch, Ex-officio

Also participating:

Rebecca Polk, Recorder

Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer

Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications

Ian Popkewitz, IT/Operations Dept. Director

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION: It was moved by Sharon Clay to approve the call agenda for today's call as presented. Seconded by Ken Barbrick. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by David Lindbo to approve December 12, 2011 ACSESS Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Gary Pierzynski. Confirmed through discussion that Paul Bertsch's position on the Board is ex-officio. Carried unanimously.

Digital Library Update and Business Plan/Demonstration

Digital Library demonstration was given by Mark Mandelbaum. Demonstration included showing link options within author pages and metrics available. Author page edits, search functions, MyBinder, citing features and marketability were reviewed. Discussion held on the value that could be added through working with other publishers so their content can be included and possibility of App in the future. Ian indicated this could be Phase 2 or 3 of this overall system. Business Plan Power Point was reviewed. This included how overall value, pricing and discounts are being established as well as revenue projections. This will be further reviewed with B&F Committees in August.

Server Replacement Discussion/Action

Proposal for server replacement to Enterprise Virtualization summer 2012 was reviewed. This will be an ACSESS investment. It was presented why we needed to stay with hardware system vs. a “cloud” type of server that would be prohibitive and not a good fit for ACSESS. Long term the savings would come from time savings of staff/management time vs. our current server replacement schedule.

ACTION: It was moved by Newell Kitchen to accept proposed server replacement schedule as outlined. Chuck Rice seconded. Carried unanimously.

HQ Building Plans/TJK Proposal

Ellen Bergfeld reviewed our current need for space and how this plan will help address those issues. DL, Animal Science, and Educational opportunities/activities indicate we need additional room for staff. Proposal provides for build out of flooring over the warehouse and systems that are needed to support it (HVAC, restrooms, electrical, sprinklers, etc...). This proposal will be taken to ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Boards in May for their review. If approval by Boards was received in May, the schedule could be started over the summer or the week of the Annual Meeting so that the timing would be least disruptive to society activities. Costs would be billed equal to each society. It was requested that it be presented what the impact would be for each society.

Naming of Training Room at Headquarters Office

Review was given about the outstanding proposal of an endowment for naming the Training Center for Olson-Pesek. Discussion was held about possible future renaming of this facility and review of proposed policy that was understood to be pending. General discussion identified benchmarks of funding levels were still needed before approval. Group discussion concluded that a work group was needed but this would delay the Olson-Pesek proposal.

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Barbrick that we approve the Olson-Pesek endowment as proposed. Chuck Rice seconded. Discussion was held on timeline/limits. 10 year limit was discussed and if this decision would be setting a benchmark of funding without enough information. Vote was called: Ken Barbrick voted in favor. Remaining members Opposed. Motion does not carry.

ACTION: It was moved by Chuck Rice to update the policy on naming document. Newell Kitchen seconded. Jeff Volenec made a friendly amendment to get this policy completed by July 1, 2012 so the Board can act on Olson-Pesek proposal by the August call. Carried unanimously. Additional Discussion decided that proposal will be given to ACSESS Board in May or early June of final draft of proposal. Committee will include Newell Kitchen as Chair with Chuck Rice and Paul Bertsch to assist.

Additional review of prior minutes/discussions indicate that the policy had previously been voted on and accepted but the committee needed to be populated, which then occurred via email.

ACSESS 203 Committee on Facilities Naming is reviewing the proposal and anticipates making a recommendation to the ACSESS Board via email in early May for a decision/vote.

ACSESS 2012 Meetings

ASA, CSSA and SSSA B&F meetings are being planned for Aug 6-7, 2012 and it is anticipated that ACSESS Treasurer, Gary Pierzynski will participate. Proposed conference call to be set for the week after the B&F Meetings in August. Need to identify some additional times. Doodle Poll to be done for June and August 2012 calls. Possible dates are week of August 20 and June week of DC visits. To be further discussed over email.

Board Job Description and Evaluation

Sharon Clay asked that ACSESS BOD review the responsibilities document so it can be discussed on the June or August call.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn made by Mark Brick and seconded by Sharon Clay. Carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM.