

# ACSESS

## Board of Directors Conference Call Minutes

Date: 8/23/12, 2:00 pm CDT 1-800-665-9175, passcode 1624846737#

<http://www.myacsess.org/committee/acsess003/>

**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

Nick Comerford, Past Chair, Ex-officio

Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, Ex-officio

Also participating:

Rebecca Polk, Recorder

Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer

Not in attendance:

David L. Lindbo, SSSA President-Elect

Paul M. Bertsch, Ex-officio

### **Approval of Agenda**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Mark Brick to approve the call agenda for today's call as presented. Seconded by Chuck Rice. Carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION-** It was moved by Sharon Clay to approve April 17, 2012 ACSESS Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Gary Pierzynski. Carried unanimously.

### **Financials/B&F Update**

Gary Pierzynski reviewed the ASA, CSSA, SSSA B&F Meetings held the first week in August. Biggest topic of discussion was the change in publications charges. General goal is to make journals more competitive and obtain revenue from Digital Library. Wes gave an overview of discussions and changes for non-member subscriptions. Gary pointed out that more DL revenue than expected so far.

Gary Pierzynski reviewed the 2013 ACSESS Budget and asked the group to review between now and annual meeting. ACSESS has run a slight profit. Changes include additional revenue from Animal Science and Frontiers. Meetings revenue from Entomology has ended. Reserves are creeping up. Group was asked to consider ideas for how to handle reserves in the future and how

large it should be. We reviewed ways to reduce reserves and reminded everyone that demands on ACSESS could change. 2012 budget is on track.

### **Board Job Description and Evaluation**

Sharon Clay reviewed documents and revisions made and clarified that ACSESS Board members would sign this document to better understand their role and responsibility coming onto the Board. Newell suggested that this document go with other ASA, CSSA, SSSA Board documents that are signed.

ACTION: It was moved by Gary Pierzynski to accept document as presented. Seconded by Newell Kitchen. Carried unanimously.

### **Innovation Work Team Update**

ACSESS products and services for scientific societies for consideration. Ken Barbarick indicated still work in progress and discussions continue in group for additional potential. Work team includes Jeff, Dave, and Ken as chair.

**HQ Building Remodel Update** – Ellen gave status update that this project is moving forward and anticipates all done by 12/15/12. Anticipating moving publications department close to the holidays. Parking was question but approval has come from the city that no additional pavement needed. We reviewed this project is within budget.

**ACSESS Board meeting in Cincinnati** – Maria-confirmed annual meeting time will be Sunday, October 21, 10am-noon; Millennium Hotel Cincinnati, Colonnade AB, Second Floor.

### **Board and Ellen Executive Session**

### **Board Only Executive Session**

Meeting Adjourned