

**Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS)
Board of Directors Conference Call
February 6, 2009
(Call started at 10:00 AM Central Standard Time; ended at 10:30 AM)**

The meeting was called to order by Chair William Wiebold. Board participants were:

William J. Wiebold, Chair and CSSA Past President
Paul M. Bertsch, Vice Chair and SSSA President
Jerry L. Hatfield, Past Chair, ex-officio
Gary A. Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer and SSSA Past President
Marcus M. Alley, ASA President
Francis J. Pierce, ASA President-Elect
Kenneth J. Moore, ASA Past President
Kenneth H. Quesenberry, CSSA President
Joseph G. Lauer, CSSA President-Elect
Nicholas B. Comerford, SSSA President-Elect

Also present:

Fran Katz, ASA-CSSA-SSSA Chief Operations Officer
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Nick Comerford to approve the October 7, 2008 ACSESS Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Seconded by Mark Alley. Carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest Policy

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to adopt the Conflicts of Interest Policy. Seconded by Fran Pierce. Carried unanimously.

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

Real Estate Agreement

Legal counsel has advised that the Headquarters building not be transferred from ASA to ACSESS. As a supporting organization, ACSESS will not engage in the kinds of educational activities that ASA is engaged in, and such a transfer would likely subject the real estate to property taxation by the city of Madison.

The Board reviewed the proposed real estate agreement between ASA and ACSESS addressing the building's use, maintenance, expenses, and related matters. It was noted that the ASA Board approved the agreement, with minor editorial changes, on a February 4, 2009 conference call.

ACTION: It was moved by Fran Pierce to approve the real estate agreement, with minor editorial changes, and authorize William Wiebold and Ellen Bergfeld to sign on behalf of ACSESS. Seconded by Ken Quesenberry. Carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board that approval of the agreement is not a long-term solution and the Board will continue to discuss the matter and future ramifications to ACSESS.

ACSESS Committees

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry and seconded by Nick Comerford to approve the composition of the following committees:

Audit Committee

To be composed of the full ACSESS Board (except the three Presidents-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer) and Chaired by the ACSESS Chair. The 2009 Audit Committee will be: Mark Alley, Ken Moore, Jerry Hatfield, Ken Quesenberry, and Paul Bertsch. Chaired by Bill Wiebold.

Budget and Finance Committee

To be composed of the three Presidents-Elect, three Society B&F Chairs and Chaired by the ACSESS Secretary/Treasurer. The 2009 Budget and Finance Committee will be: Fran Pierce, Joe Lauer, Nick Comerford, Steve Petrie, Emerson Nafziger, and David Radcliffe; Chaired by Gary Peterson.

Bill Wiebold will ensure that the B&F Committee maintains continuity and doesn't turn over completely every year.

Operations and Policy Committee

The 2009 Operations and Policy Committee will be the remaining Board members not assigned to B&F - Ken Moore, Ken Quesenberry, Mark Alley, and Paul Bertsch; Chaired by ACSESS Past Chair Jerry Hatfield.

Future Conference Calls

In addition to a face-to-face meeting in August, Bill Wiebold recommends the Board meet via conference call at 10:00 AM Central Time with target dates of April 14, June 9, October 13, and in November at the annual meeting in Pittsburgh. The Board will be polled via email for the exact dates of future conference calls. Dates for the August meeting will be determined in the near future.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session.