

**Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS)
Board of Directors Conference Call
April 14, 2009
(Call started at 10:00 AM Central Standard Time; ended at 11:00 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
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer
Also present:
Fran Katz, ASA-CSSA-SSSA Chief Operations Officer
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve the February 6, 2009 ACSESS Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Joe Lauer. Carried unanimously.

Budget and Finance Committee

Wes Meixelsperger reported on the statement of revenues and expenses for the three months ending March 31, 2009. The budget is tracking close to 2008 and the Board expressed no areas of concern.

Policies and Procedures

1. It was the consensus of the Board that the Operations and Policy Committee, chaired by Jerry Hatfield, work with staff to update the draft Policies and Procedures Manual. When completed, the updated version will be posted to the ACSESS Board website in a printable format so Board members can print a copy if they so choose.
2. As referenced in the 2008 ACSESS Operations Plan, ACSESS will provide services for ASA, CSSA, SSSA and other member societies. Specific terms of arrangements will be covered by a Services and Supplies Agreement with each member organization. Ellen Bergfeld will draft a Services and Supplies Agreement between ACSESS and the current member Societies - ASA, CSSA, SSSA. The draft agreement will be reviewed by the Board at the August meeting or earlier, if available.

Membership in Other Societies

ASA, CSSA, and SSSA pay membership dues to several organizations and appoint Society representatives to attend meetings. The Board discussed the feasibility of appointing one individual to represent the three Societies rather than three separate representatives. The Board also discussed the amount of membership dues paid to some organizations.

It was the consensus of the Board that Bill Wiebold request the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Presidents to each appoint a small committee charged with providing a recommendation to the ACSESS Board relative to the pros and cons of continued Society membership in CAST, including the costs associated with CAST membership. The committees will be requested to file their reports in time for discussion at the August ACSESS Board meeting.

Next Conference Call

The next Board conference call will be scheduled for the week of June 8 – the Board will be polled for their availability.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session.