

Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS)
Board of Directors Conference Call
June 9, 2009
(Call started at 1:00 PM Central Standard Time; ended at 1:45 PM)

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
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 April 14, 2009 ACSESS Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Joe Lauer. Carried unanimously.

Replacement Headquarters Building

The ASA and SSSA Boards of Directors have taken action to authorize their Executive Committees to make a decision on purchase of a replacement headquarters building that meets the needs of the Society. The CSSA Board will discuss purchase of a replacement building on their July 7, 2009 conference call.

The Board discussed two possible options for purchase of the building as presented by Ellen Bergfeld and Wes Meixelsperger:

- Joint ownership between ASA, CSSA, and SSSA – 1/3 each
- ASA ownership only – ASA rents to CSSA and SSSA

Following a thorough discussion of the possible options for purchasing the building, it was the consensus of the Board to forward documentation of the two options to the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Budget and Finance Committees with the recommendation of joint ownership with 1/3 each.

ACTION: It was moved by Mark Alley to authorize Ellen and Wes to move forward with due diligence on the proposed new headquarters building and present property. Seconded by Gary Peterson. Carried unanimously.

Ultimately the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Boards of Directors will need to take individual action on the recommendation from the ACSESS Board regarding purchase of the building. As requested by the Board, Wes will also investigate the possibility of purchasing the additional land near the building that's for sale.

August 3-5, 2009 ACSESS/Budget & Finance Committee Meetings

The Board reviewed logistics for the August ACSESS and B&F Committee meetings. Board members were requested to arrive the evening of August 2 in order to start the Board meeting the morning of August 3. The ACSESS Board and the B&F Committees will hold a joint meeting the morning of August 4. Although ACSESS Board members, other than the Presidents-Elect, are free to depart the afternoon of August 4, they are also welcome to join the B&F meetings. The B&F Committees will meet the afternoon of August 4 and the morning of August 5. Board members were encouraged to send agenda items for the ACSESS meeting to Bill Wiebold.

Board list serve

To facilitate communications between the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Boards of Directors, it was the consensus of the group that Headquarters create a list serve with the names of all three Board members.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session.