



Board of Directors  
American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America,  
Crop Science Society of America, Alliance of Crop, Soil and  
Environmental Science Societies, and Agronomic Science Foundation  
Madison, Wisconsin

We have audited the combined financial statements of American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America, Crop Science Society of America, Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies, and Agronomic Science Foundation (Tri-Societies and Foundation) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2024. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit in our engagement agreement dated November 16, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## **Significant audit findings or issues**

### ***Qualitative aspects of accounting practices***

#### **Accounting policies**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Tri-Societies and Foundation are described in Note 1 to the combined financial statements.

As described in Note 1, the entity changed accounting policies related to current expected credit losses by adopting Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-13, (*Topic 326*) *Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, in 2023. There was no material impact on the entity's financial position and results of operations as a result of this adoption of this accounting standard.

We noted no transactions entered into by Tri-Societies and Foundation during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the combined financial statements in the proper period.

#### **Accounting estimates**

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no accounting estimates affecting the combined financial statements which were particularly sensitive or required substantial judgments by management.

#### **Financial statement disclosures**

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.

The combined financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

***Significant unusual transactions***

We identified no significant unusual transactions.

***Difficulties encountered in performing the audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

***Uncorrected misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management did not identify, and we did not notify them of any uncorrected combined financial statement misstatements.

***Corrected misstatements***

Management did not identify, and we did not notify them of any combined financial statement misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures.

***Disagreements with management***

For purposes of this communication, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

***Management representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the attached management representation letter dated April 15, 2024.

***Management consultations with other independent accountants***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Tri-Societies and Foundation's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

***Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to engagement as Tri-Societies and Foundation's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our engagement.

***Audits of group financial statements***

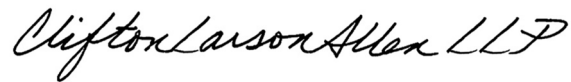
We noted no matters related to the group audit that we consider to be significant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance of the group.

**Supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole**

With respect to the combined schedules of program services (the supplementary information) accompanying the combined financial statements, on which we were engaged to report in relation to the combined financial statements as a whole, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period or the reasons for such changes, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the combined financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the combined financial statements or to the combined financial statements themselves. We have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2024.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors and management of the Tri-Societies and Foundation, is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "CliftonLarsonAllen LLP".

**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Middleton, Wisconsin  
April 15, 2024

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the combined financial statements of American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America, Crop Science Society of America, Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies, and Agronomic Science Foundation (Tri-Societies and Foundation), which comprise the combined statements of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related combined statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the combined financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to misstatements that are material. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of April 15, 2024, the following representations made to you during your audit.

#### **Financial Statements**

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement agreement dated November 16, 2023, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
2. We acknowledge and have fulfilled our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control over the receipt and recording of contributions.

5. Methods, data, and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures, including those measured at fair value, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
6. Significant estimates have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP. Significant estimates are estimates at the financial statement date that could change materially within the next year.
7. Related party relationships and transactions, including, but not limited to, accounts receivable or payable, sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
8. No events have occurred subsequent to the financial statement date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.
9. We have not identified or been notified of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.
10. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
11. Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors for sales or other charges arising on or before the financial statement date and have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
12. Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances, lines of credit, or similar arrangements have been properly disclosed.
13. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or net asset balances.
14. We have reviewed long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances have indicated that the carrying amount of assets might not be recoverable and, when necessary, have appropriately recorded the adjustment.
15. Designations of net assets, or reclassifications of net assets, have been properly authorized, approved, and reflected in the financial statements.
16. The cost allocation methods used to allocate the entity's expenses to the appropriate functional classification as program services, management and general, and fundraising are properly supported by the entity's books and records. The cost allocation methods used are rational, systematic, and consistently applied. The bases used for allocation of functional expenses are reasonable.
17. We have analyzed all lease contracts and have considered and recorded material embedded leases contained within other contracts in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

18. We have implemented ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses* (Topic 326) during the audit period. We have implemented the new accounting standard in accordance with the transition guidance prescribed in the ASU. We have sufficient and appropriate documentation supporting all estimates and judgments underlying the amounts recorded and disclosed in the financial statements.

#### **Information Provided**

1. We have provided you with:
  - a. Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records (including information obtained from within and outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers), documentation, and other matters.
  - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d. Complete minutes of the meetings of the governing board and related committees, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
2. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
3. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
4. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
5. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
  - a. Management.
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
  - c. Others when the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
6. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others.
7. We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements, or waste or abuse whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

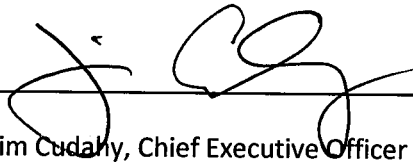
8. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments, or unasserted claims or assessments, that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
9. There are no other material liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
10. We have disclosed to you the identity of all the entity's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware, including any side agreements.
11. The entity has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets, nor has any asset been pledged as collateral, except as made known to you and disclosed in the financial statements.
12. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to Tri-Societies and Foundation; and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives. We have also complied with all restrictions on resources and all aspects of contractual and grant agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
13. We have complied with all restrictions on resources (including donor restrictions) and all aspects of contractual and grant agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance. This includes complying with donor requirements to maintain a specific asset composition necessary to satisfy their restrictions.
14. The Tri-Societies and Foundation is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize the entity's tax-exempt status, and all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.
15. Our interpretation of the laws governing restrictions on net appreciation of donor-restricted endowments is based on the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act. Consequently, all unappropriated endowment fund earnings are considered with donor restrictions until authorized by the board or the spending rate policy.
16. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the combined schedules of program services in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. If the supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditors' report thereon.

17. As part of your audit, you prepared the draft financial statements, related notes and supplementary information. We have designated an individual who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to understand and oversee your services; have made all management judgments and decisions; and have assumed all management responsibilities. We have evaluated the adequacy and results of the service. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements, related notes and supplementary information. We have also ensured that the entity's data and records are complete and received sufficient information to oversee the service.

18. In regards to the tax return preparation services performed by you, we have:

- a. Made all management judgments and decisions and assumed all management responsibilities.
- b. Designated an individual who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to understand and oversee the services.
- c. Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
- d. Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.
- e. Ensured that the entity's data and records are complete and received sufficient information to oversee the services.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Jim Cudahy, Chief Executive Officer

Title: Chief Executive Officer