



**American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024 11:00am-12:15pm (Central)**

President Kristen Veum called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

- President: Kristen Veum, USDA-ARS Columbia, MO (2024)
- President-Elect: Peter Kyveryga, Deere & Company (2024)
- Past President: Joann Whalen, McGill University (2024)
- Agronomic Production Systems: Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M (2024)
- Biometry & Statistical Computing: Asim Biswas, U of Guelph (2024)
- Early Career Rep.: Nicole Fiorellino, Univ. of Maryland (2025)
- Education & Extension: Tabare Abadie, Corteva Agriscience (2026)
- Finance Representative: Gary Feyereisen, USDA-ARS (2026)
- Global Agronomy: Valentin Picasso, University of Wisconsin (2026)
- Grad Student Rep: Taqdeer Gill, University of Wisconsin (2024)
- ICCA Representative: Andy Knepp, Corteva Agriscience (2026)
- Industry Representative: Colin Campbell, METER Group (2025)
- Land Mgmt & Conservation: Gurpal Toor, Univ. of Maryland (2024)
- Ex-Officio without Vote: CEO Jim Cudahy; Member Kathy Yeater,

USDA-ARS (2024); Program Planning Officer Jim Ippolito, Ohio State Univ. (2025); ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer Crop Science (2024)

Unable to attend:

- Climatology & Modeling: Jessica Torrior, Montana State (2024)
- DEI Member-at-Large: Candice Duncan, Univ. of Maryland (2026)
- Environmental Quality: Amy Shoher, Univ. of Delaware (2025)

Also attending:

- Susan Chapman, Special Projects Director
- Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
- Dawn Gibas, Certification Director
- Ian Popkewitz, IT & Operations Director
- Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
- Sheri Springer, Finance & Accounting Director
- Sara Uttech, Governance Director
- Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director
- Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

A003 Board of Directors

1. The meeting opened with 15 minutes of networking which included the discussion of the article, "The Geopolitics of Agriculture and Food," as selected by Asim Biswas.

<b>Facilitators to Lead Topic/Article Selection &amp; Discussion</b>	
February: Asim Biswas on "The Geopolitics of Agriculture and Food"	July: Peter Kyveryga
March: Jim Ippolito – Program Planning	August: Gary Feyereisen
April: Valentin Picasso	September: Calvin Trostle
May: Kathy Yeater – Dirty Publications	October: Taqdeer Gill
June: Colin Campbell	December: Sara Uttech

2. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
  - Approve Feb. 27, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
  - Approve Jan. 23, 2023 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
  - Record the vote (keep confidential): Motion carries with one opposed to renew the publishing contract with Wiley
  
3. CEO Jim Cudahy Headquarters Update:
  - Introduced Sheri Springer, Director of Finance & Accounting who started on Feb. 12, 2024
  - Announced Associate Director of Meetings Rachel Best who started Feb. 26, 2024
  - Update on ASA-Owned Washington, DC Building
  - CAO Luther Smith announced Congressional Visits Day March 4-6 with 45 people participating: members, CCAs, grad students, staff
  - ACSESS Board to Consider establishing a policy for AI Bot attending meetings.
  - Outreach: Iowa State University with Director of Special Projects Susan Chapman
    - Interest in developing a set of slides for members and staff to present about the Societies with materials to distribute
    - Dedicated visits are important
    - Classes could also be where a quick plug for ASA, scholarships, etc. could be presented

- Tabare Abadie suggested recruiting students to apply for GO Scholars and faculty to be mentors by making it more personal yet informal
4. ASA, CSSA, SSSA Awards & Scholarships: [www.agronomy.org/awards](http://www.agronomy.org/awards) - encourage colleagues and students (especially women & people of color) to participate:
    - Award Nominations close 3/12/2024 | Submissions due 3/19/2024
    - Scholarship Applications close 3/19/2024 | Submissions due 3/26/2024
    - ASA Awards Policy: board members can't participate in ASA Awards, but can in CSSA and SSSA Awards.
    - All awards (except Fellow) allow for self-nominations; you complete the award nomination and invite reference writers via the online award system
  5. Next Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday March 26, 11:00am-12:15pm, Agenda Preview:
    - Opening Topic Discussion: Jim Ippolito on Program Planning
    - Report: Congressional Visits Day March 4-6
    - Launched: ASA Elections March 4-April 4, [www.agronomy.org/elections](http://www.agronomy.org/elections)
    - Watch for Poll to select dates to hold ASA Summer Hybrid Board Meeting in Madison

#### ACS031 National Student Advisory Committee

ACTION: Motion by Gary Feyereisen, seconded by Valentin Picasso, to approve combining undergraduate committees ACS449, ACS449.3, ACS449.6, ACS449.8, ACS449.9, ACS449.11, ACS449.12, and ACS031 into the ACS031 National Student Advisory Committee to better streamlined meet the Strategic Plan objectives of workforce development and innovating our stakeholder experiences. Unanimous approval.

#### ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

1. Director of Publications Matt Wascavage distributed a February 2024 Publications Update.
2. [Call for ASA Editor-in-Chief](#) to replace Kathy Yeater. Send nominations, including self-nominations, by March 1 to Kristen Veum, [kristen.veum@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.veum@usda.gov)

#### A101 Nominations Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech reported on the 2024 ASA Elections:

1. Elections are open March 4-April 4 [www.agronomy.org/elections](http://www.agronomy.org/elections) - board members are to encourage colleagues, Community members to vote
2. ASA President-Elect Candidates:
  - John Holman, Kansas State University
  - Wade Thomason, Oklahoma State University

Consensus to Adjourn.