



**American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 28, 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)  
 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)  
 Environmental Quality: Amy Shober, Univ. of Delaware (2025)  
 Finance Representative: Gary Feyereisen, USDA-ARS (2026)  
 Global Agronomy: Valentin Picasso, University of Wisconsin (2026)  
 Industry Representative: Leo Rivera, METER Group, sitting in for Colin Campbell, METER Group (2025)  
 Ex-Officio without Vote: Kathy Yeater, USDA-ARS (2024); Editor-in-Chief David Clay, South Dakota State Univ.; ASF Vice Chair Heidi Peterson, Sand County Foundation

Unable to attend:

President-Elect: Peter Kyveryga, Deere & Company (2024)  
 Past President: Joann Whalen, McGill University (2024)

CEO Jim Cudahy

Climatology & Modeling: Jessica Torrion, Montana State (2024)  
 DEI Member-at-Large: Candice Duncan, Univ. of Maryland (2026)  
 Education & Extension: Tabare Abadie, Corteva Agriscience (2026)  
 Grad Student Rep: Taqdeer Gill, University of Wisconsin (2024)  
 ICCA Representative: Andy Knepp, Corteva Agriscience (2026)  
 Land Mgmt & Conservation: Gurpal Toor, Univ. of Maryland (2024)  
 Program Planning Officer Jim Ippolito, Ohio State Univ. (2025)

Also attending:

Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director  
 Dawn Gibas, Certifications Director  
 Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Linda Dolezalek, Interim Finance & Accounting Director  
 Ian Popkewitz, IT & Operations Director  
 Sara Uttech, Governance Director  
 Matt Wascavage, Publications Director  
 Suan Varghese, People & Culture Director

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- The meeting opened with discussion of the articles selected by Kathy Yeater:
  - "Paper mills are bribing editors at scholarly journals," *Science*
  - "Indian PhD Students Protest 'Paper PerSemester' Rule," *Times Higher Education*

Facilitators to Lead Topic/Article Selection & Discussion	
February: Asim Biswas – "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

- President Kristen Veum extended a special welcome to:
  - Incoming President-Elect Wade Thomason, Oklahoma State Univ. invited, unable to attend
  - ASA Editor-in-Chief David Clay, South Dakota State Univ., replacing Kathy Yeater
  - Leo Rivera, METER Group, sitting in for Colin Campbell as Industry Representative
- ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
  - May 28, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
  - April 23, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
  - Re-appoint: Michael Gore as Editor, *The Plant Phenome Journal* (ASA-CSSA) as recommended by Kathy Yeater and CSSA Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang
  - Re-appoint: John Taylor as Editor of *Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems* from interim to first term as recommended by Kathy Yeater
  - Sunset: Learning & Communication Technologies Community in the Education & Extension Section, who voted to disband due to inactivity and inability to keep leadership
- Chief Administrative Officer Luther Smith presented a Headquarters Update that included:
  - NCFAR Update on the Farm Bill
  - Website Redesign Progress with outside consultant 08

- Summer Board Meeting Assignment: Telling Your Story & Webinar Ideas
  - CEO Jim Cudahy's two-year anniversary
  - [Membership Dashboard Preview](#) from Marketing Department (click ASA logo for ASA data)
4. Announcements to promote ASA to colleagues/students with Discussion Board posts:
- [ASA Virtual Sustainable Agronomy Conference](#) - free two-hour live sessions each week with up to 8 CEUs: July 10, 17, 24, 31
  - ASF Travel Grants due July 25: [www.agronomy.org/awards](http://www.agronomy.org/awards)
    - [Advancing Pedology Award](#)
    - [Caregiver Travel Award](#)
    - [Graduate Student Travel Award](#)
    - [Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award](#)
    - [Henry Lin Travel Grant](#)
    - [Indian University Grad Student Award](#)
5. Next Meeting Tuesday June 25, 11:00am-12:15pm (Central) & Agenda Preview:
- Discussion Assignment: June Colin Campbell
  - ASA Awards & Fellows
  - Announce: ASA Presidential Award
  - ASA Hybrid Summer Board Meeting in Madison July 9-11:
    - **RSVP on Invite: In Person? Accept; Virtual? Tentative; Can't Attend? Decline**
    - **July 9** – Arrive anytime, will schedule optional informal dinner meet up
    - **July 10** – All day board meeting at headquarters in Madison: 5585 Guilford Road
    - **July 11** – Half day board meeting until noonish, plan travel home in afternoon
      - *Book your own travel; we reserve hotel to be direct billed (location TBD)*
      - *Travel expenses reimbursed with receipts and Travel Reimbursement Form*
      - *Send Agenda topics to Kristen Veum, Jim Cudahy, Sara Uttech*
      - *Plans for a tour of the Arlington Research Station, UW-Madison*

#### A211 Budget & Finance Committee

Interim Finance Director Linda Dolezalek reviewed ASA Financials, including:

1. 2024 First Quarter ASA Financials
2. 2023 Audit Report, Management Letter, and Budget & Finance Committee Meeting with Auditor

#### ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

Director Matt Wascavage provided a Publications Update, including:

1. The Decode 6 website redesign <https://decode6.org/> will be complete in the next 6-8 weeks. The team, led by Richard Easby and Marie Johnson, is focusing on quality content rather than quantity. They are also leveraging content sponsored by Dairy Management Inc. to attract other groups in crops and farming practices. The team is targeting organizations to promote Decode 6 with their members. They are developing content for use in CEUs for certified professionals.
2. Call for Editors: Forward ideas for names by June 1 to the President listed at links below:
  - ASA & CSSA: [Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management Editor](#)
  - ASA-CSSA-SSSA: [Agricultural & Environmental Letters Editor](#)
  - CSSA: [Journal of Plant Registrations Editor](#)
  - SSSA: [Editor-in-Chief](#)
  - Crops & Soils: [Regional Editors](#), especially Northern Great Plains (due June 15)

#### ACS732 Program Planning

Update: Annual Meeting Nov. 10-13 in San Antonio, TX: [acsmeetings.org](http://acsmeetings.org)

- York Plenary Lecture Monday morning Nov. 11: Kaiyu Guan, Univ. of Illinois
- Discussion: when to hold ASA Board Meeting? Will look at availability on Sunday
- Call for SSSA Program Planning Officer: Apply by July 9 to SSSA President Michael Thompson: <https://acsess.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/csan.21267>

Consensus to Adjourn.