



**American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 26, 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)
- Climatology & Modeling: Jessica Torrior, Montana State (2024)
- Early Career Rep.: Nicole Fiorellino, Univ. of Maryland (2025)
- Education & Extension: Tabare Abadie, Corteva Agriscience (2026)
- Environmental Quality: Amy Shober, Univ. of Delaware (2025)
- 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)

Ex-Officio without Vote: CEO Jim Cudahy; ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer Crop Science (2024)

Unable to attend:

- DEI Member-at-Large: Candice Duncan, Univ. of Maryland (2026)
- Land Mgmt & Conservation: Gurpal Toor, Univ. of Maryland (2024)
- Program Planning Officer Jim Ippolito, Ohio State Univ. (2025)
- ; Member Kathy Yeater, USDA-ARS (2024);

Also attending:

- Susan Chapman, Special Projects Director
- Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
- Hana Jeske, Associate Director Marketing & Brand Strategy
- Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
- Sheri Springer, Finance & Accounting Director
- Sara Uttech, Governance Director
- Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

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1. The meeting opened with 15 minutes of networking which included the discussion of "Program Planning" by Program Planning Officer Jim Ippolito.

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

2. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
 - March 26, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - Feb. 27, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, revised

3. CEO Jim Cudahy provided a Headquarters Update that included:
 - The Societies annual audit is underway with plans to hold joint Budget & Finance Committee Call to review and ask questions of the auditor
 - CCA Update: Report of a significant increase in number of exam registrations, attributed to improved marketing and a return to window testing from continuous testing
 - Strategic Plan Outreach Objectives & Presentations:
 - Exhibited at MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources & Related Sciences) March 22 and NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) March 21-22
 - Committees: Connections to Strategic Objectives
 - Report on Congressional Visits Day March 4-6, 2024: 45 participants who were members, CCAs, and students with 63 Congressional meetings over 23 states

4. Publications Director Matt Wascavage provided an update that included:

- Four candidates were interviewed for the ASA Editor-in-Chief to replace Kathy Yeater, will have a final candidate for approval on the next call
- Editor Nominations due June 1 (self-nominations encouraged):
 - ASA & CSSA: [Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management Editor](#)
 - ASA-CSSA-SSSA: [Agricultural & Environmental Letters Editor](#)
 - CSSA: [Journal of Plant Registrations Editor](#)
 - SSSA: [Editor-in-Chief](#)

5. Marketing & Brand Strategy Associate Director Hanna Jeske provided a Marketing Update, including increases in membership and Annual Meeting attendance.

6. Governance Director Sara Uttech reported:

- Elections open. Vote through April 4: www.agronomy.org/elections
President-Elect: John Holman, Kansas State & Wade Thomason, Oklahoma State
- Finalize ASA Summer Hybrid Board Meeting in Madison:
 - Tuesday July 9: Travel Day
 - Wednesday July 10: All Day Board Meeting
 - Thursday July 11: Half Day Board Meeting, travel home after Noon
 - Call for agenda topics, field trip ideas
 - We make hotel reservations, you make travel arrangements
 - All travel expenses reimbursed with receipts (no per diems)

7. Encourage students to participate ASF Annual Meeting Travel Grants due July 25: www.agronomy.org/awards & www.soils.org/awards

- [Advancing Pedology Award](#)
- [Bridge Scholars](#) - *deadline May 13*
- [Caregiver Travel Award](#)
- [Graduate Student Travel Award](#)
- [Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award](#)
- [Henry Lin Travel Grant](#)
- [Indian University Graduate Student Travel Award](#)

8. Next Board Meeting Tuesday April 23, 11:00am-12:15pm (Central) Agenda Preview:

- Opening Discussion: Valentin Picasso
- ASA Financials
- Results: ASA Elections March 4-April 4, www.agronomy.org/elections

Consensus to Adjourn.

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