



**American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 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); ASF Vice Chair Heidi Peterson

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)
- Kathy Yeater, USDA-ARS (2024)

Also attending:

- Susan Chapman, Special Projects Director
- Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
- Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
- Linda Dolezalek, Interim Finance & Accounting Director
- Sara Uttech, Governance Director
- Matt Wascavage, Publications Director
- Suan Varghese, People & Culture Director

A003 Board of Directors

1. The meeting opened with 15 minutes of networking which included the ice breaker “two truths and a lie” by Valentin Picasso.

| Facilitators to Lead Topic/Article Selection & Discussion | |
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| February: Asim Biswas – “The Geopolitics of Agriculture & 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:
 - April 23, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - March 26, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
3. CEO Jim Cudahy provided a Headquarters Update that included:
 - Sheri Springer departure, Linda Dolezalek extends contract as Interim Director of Finance
 - Will schedule Budget & Finance Committees to have routine annual meeting with auditor
 - Website redesign progress, including feedback on user experiences from vendor 08
 - Publishing Concepts Inc. (3rd-party publisher) book
 - Workforce Development July meeting, including FFAR, NAPB, ASTA, others
 - Certification uptick with increased marketing focus
 - Summer ASA Board Meeting exercises include:
 - Outreach Presentation
 - Working on telling your story as an “elevator pitch”
 - ASA Strategic Plan: Objectives, Actions, Committee connections to strategic objectives
4. Announce: Call for Presidential Award Nominations by **May 15** due to Kristen Veum.
5. Help Promote: [ASA Virtual Sustainable Agronomy Conference](#) - free two-hour live sessions each week: July 10, 17, 24, 31 with up to 8 CEUs
6. Encourage students to participate ASF Travel Grants due **July 25**: www.agronomy.org/awards
 - [Advancing Pedology Award](#)
 - [Hans Jenny Soil Field Trip Award](#)
 - [Bridge Scholars](#) – initiate 5/6, submit 5/13
 - [Henry Lin Travel Grant](#)
 - [Caregiver Travel Award](#)
 - [Indian University Grad Student Travel Award](#)
 - [Graduate Student Travel Award](#)

7. Governance Director Sara Uttech reviewed the Hybrid Summer Board Meeting July 9-11:
RSVP on Invite: In Person? Click [Accept](#); Virtual? Click [Tentative](#); Can't Attend? Click [Decline](#)
July 9 – Arrive anytime, will likely schedule optional meet up for dinner
July 10 – All day board meeting at headquarters in Madison: 5585 Guilford Road
July 11 – Half day board meeting, plan travel home in after noon
- *Book your own travel; we book hotel direct billed (location TBD)*
 - *Travel expenses reimbursed with receipts and Travel Reimbursement Form*
 - *Agenda topics/tour ideas to Kristen Veum, Jim Cudahy, Sara Uttech*
 - *Fly to Madison, Milwaukee (Badger Bus) or O'Hare (Van Galder bus)*
8. Next Meeting Tuesday May 28, 2024, 11:00am-12:15pm and Agenda Preview:
- Discussion Assignment: May Kathy Yeater
 - Update: Decode 6
 - Update: Wiley Agreement

A211 Budget & Finance Committee

The 2023 SSSA Financials were presented by Interim Finance Director Linda Dolezalek.

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

1. ACTION: Motion by Jessica Torrion, seconded by Joann Whalen, to approve David Clay as ASA Editor-in-Chief as recommended by President Kristen Veum. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Jessica Torrion, seconded by Asim Biswas, to approve the reappointment of Silvia Pampana as Editor of Agronomy Journal for a second 3-year term beginning in January 2025 as recommended by Kathy Yeater. Unanimous approval.
3. ACTION: Motion by Joann Whalen, seconded by Gary Feyereisen, to approve the reappointment of John Taylor as Editor of Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems for a second 3-year term beginning in January 2025 as recommended by Kathy Yeater. Unanimous approval.
4. ACTION: Motion by Nicole Fiorellino, seconded by Colin Campbell, to approve a Technical Editor for Natural Sciences Education as presented. Unanimous approval.
5. Director Matt Wascavage provided a Publications Update, which included:
 - Call for Editor nominations due June 1, 2024:
 - ASA & CSSA: [The Plant Phenome Journal](#)
 - ASA & CSSA: [Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management](#)
 - ASA-CSSA-SSSA: [Agricultural & Environmental Letters](#)
 - CSSA: [Journal of Plant Registrations](#)
 - SSSA: [Editor-in-Chief](#)
 - Crops & Soils: [Regional Editors](#) (due June 15)
 - Finalizing the Wiley Agreement and will share more details in the May publications update

A213 Community Stewardship and Review Committee

1. ACTION: Motion by Valentin Picasso, seconded by Colin Campbell, to approve sunseting of the Solar Corridor Community due to inactivity and inability to keep leadership current. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Valentin Picasso, seconded by Asim Biswas, to approve moving the Wheat Initiative Agronomists Community from Global Agronomy to the Agronomic Production Systems Section for a better fit. Unanimous approval.

A101 Nominations Committee

ASA Election Results: Incoming President-Elect Wade Thomason, Oklahoma State University.

Consensus to Adjourn.