



**American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Sept. 18, 2024, 11:00am-12:15pm (Central)**

Strategic Plan, Bylaws, Minutes: www.agronomy.org/about-society | [ASA Membership Dashboard](#)

President Kristen Veum called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President: Kristen Veum, USDA-ARS Columbia, MO (2024)
 President-Elect: Peter Kyveryga (2024)
 Past President: Joann Whalen, McGill University (2024)
 Ag Production Systems: Matt Yost, Utah State (Incoming-2027)
 Biometry & Statistical Computing: Asim Biswas, U of Guelph (2024)
 Climatology & Modeling: David Fleisher, USDA (Incoming-2027)
 DEI Member-at-Large: Candice Duncan, Univ. of Maryland (2026)
 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)

Land Mgmt & Conservation: Gurpal Toor, Univ. of Maryland (2024)
 Ex-Officio without Vote: ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer CropScience (2024); Program Planning Officer Jim Ippolito, Ohio State Univ. (2025); CEO Jim Cudahy

Unable to attend:

Kathy Yeater, USDA-ARS (2024)
 Editor-in-Chief David Clay, South Dakota State Univ. (2027)
 Agronomic Production Systems: Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M (2024)
 Climatology & Modeling: Jessica Torrion, Montana State (2024)

Also attending:

Susan Chapman, Special Projects Director
 Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
 Linda Dolezalek, Interim Finance & Accounting Director
 Dawn Gibas, Certifications Director
 Sanford Moore, Finance Director
 Sara Uttech, Governance Director
 Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

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- Matt Yost (sitting in for Calvin Trostle) selected the article for discussion: Growing Debates on Tenure: www.insidehighered.com/news/faculty-issues/tenure/2024/08/05/growing-trend-attacks-tenure

Facilitators to Lead Topic/Article Selection & Discussion	
February: Asim Biswas – “The Geopolitics of Agriculture and Food”	July “The Industries Plagued by the Most Uncertainty”: Peter Kyveryga
March: Jim Ippolito – Program Planning	August “Food Prices Crisis”: Gary Feyereisen
April: Valentin Picasso - Two Truths & a Lie	September Tenure Debate: Matt Yost
May: Kathy Yeater - Dirty Publications	October: Taqdeer Gill
June: Colin Campbell – “The Six Types of Working Genius”	December: Sara Uttech

- Special welcome to David Fleisher, Incoming Climatology & Modeling Board Rep. sitting in for Jessica Torrion
- ACTION Consent Agenda items approved:
 - Sept. 18, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - Aug. 27, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - ASA Stewardship and Review Committee Recommendations:
 - Agronomy in Africa Community (Global Agronomy Section) – sunset due to inactivity and lack of leadership
 - Sensor-Based Water Management Community (Climatology and Modeling Section) – sunset due to inactivity and lack of leadership
 - Fiber Crops Community (Agronomic Production Systems Section) name change to “Cotton, Hemp, Flax, and Other Fiber Crops”
- CEO Jim Cudahy Headquarters update included:
 - Website redesign rolling soft launches in November
 - CSA News and Crops & Soils moving to digital online format in 2025
 - Board Outreach PowerPoint coming soon

- Webinar update, new hire to focus on webinars
- Current Annual Meeting Registration Numbers: well ahead of last year
- Budget & Finance Committee Call on Oct. 1 to review 2025 Budget with Directors

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

1. ACTION: Motion by Nicole Fiorellino, seconded by Colin Campbell, to Approve Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment (AGE) Proposal to add two Senior Editors. Unanimous approval.
2. Publications Director Matt Wascavage provided an update, including a roundup of 2025 Editorial Appointments and Annual Meeting Publications Workshops.

A101 Nominations Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech announced the Call for Election Candidates:

www.agronomy.org/elections - *encourage colleagues to submit their interest to Section Chairs by Nov. 15, especially women and other underrepresented groups*

- President-Elect
- Section Vice Chairs: 2 candidates for each Section
- Board Representatives (3-year terms)
 - Environmental Quality Section
 - Industry (Colin Campbell eligible for re-election)
 - Early Career (within 7 years of terminal degree): [Apply online by Nov. 15](#)
 - Grad Student (as of 2026 even if graduating), 1-year-term: [Apply online by Nov. 15](#)

A092.4 ICCA Board of Directors

1. ICCA Board of Directors Meeting, Sept. 24-26, 2024 in Gainesville, FL
 - Andy Knepp, Peter Kyveryga, and several staff attending
 - ICCA Needs Assessment Survey Results & Membership Discussion on the Agenda

ACS732 Program Planning

President-Elect Peter Kyveryga Updates Annual Meeting www.acsmeetings.org:

1. [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Activities](#)
2. ASA Plenary/York Lectureship & Breakfast, Monday Nov. 11, 7:45-9:30am (ticketed)
3. ASA-CSSA-SSSA Awards Lunch, Monday Nov. 11, Noon-1:30pm (ticketed)
4. Sabor De San Antonio: An Exploration of Food, Culture, and Multi-Lingual Science, Tuesday Nov. 12, 6:00-8:20pm (ticketed)
5. ASA Coffee with the Presidents, Wednesday Nov. 13, 9:00-10:30am (exhibit hall)
6. ASA Board Meeting, Thursday Nov. 14, 7:00-8:45am (6:30am breakfast)
7. Annual Meeting Promotional Toolkit – Images and text to share on social media: www.acsmeetings.org/promotionaltoolkit

Consensus to Adjourn.